

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12th APRIL 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE PERKINS ROOM TAPLOW VILLAGE CENTRE HIGH STREET TAPLOW SL6 0EX

Present

Cllr. George Sandy (Chairman) Cllr. Jamie Barnard
Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Louise Symons
Cllr. John Kennedy Cllr. Zoe Hatch
Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Mrs. K H Holder – clerk
Emma Billingham from the Maidenhead Advertiser.
The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Open forum

PC/25/16 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Toby Greeves, Cllr. Val Pridmore, Cllr. John Bamberg and Cllr. Yannick Le Touze.

PC/26/16 To confirm the Minutes of the meetings of 26th January and 29th February 2016

These were **approved** and signed by the Chairman.

PC/27/16 Matters Arising

27.1 The Chairman advised that Mrs. Horton had not yet signed the assignment document but he hoped she would do so shortly.

27.2 The Chairman reported that the work to the heating in the Reading Room had been completed but owing to a misunderstanding in the original quote work had not proceeded with the heating system in the Perkins Room. The Clerk was asked to obtain a new quote for the Perkins Room system for a new timer with battery back up.

27.3 The Chairman reported that the defibrillator had now been installed outside the Oak and Saw. The Clerk advised that she was still waiting to secure training dates. She was nervous about booking the Perkins room for training as the choir next door might make it too noisy. Councillors present felt that noise should not be an issue.

27.4 Cllr. Hatch confirmed that the seven new streetlights had been installed on Approach Road although one lamphead was still outstanding.

27.5 The Chairman advised that he was waiting for confirmation from County Cllr. Dhillon as to his ability to attend a meeting to discuss highways issues.

27.6 The Chairman advised that the Speeding working party had met and were in the process of making representations to BCC.

27.7 The Chairman reported that the names put forward for the new roads on the Mill Lane site development had met with some success and in particular the developers and SBDC had agreed to Laychequers Meadow and Rutland Close. The Council was satisfied there had been a useful dialogue leading to a reasonable result. Mr. Smales was thanked for his contribution to the debate.

27.8 Cllr. Hatch outlined plans for the Clean for the Queen event this Sunday. She advised that a small corner of the car park would need to be cordoned off for the bins to be left there for collection on Monday. The Chairman asked volunteers to take care with

any bags dumped in the road as recently dumped bags had contained toxic organic waste.

27.9 Cllr. Worthington outlined plans for the Beacon event and agreed timings.

27.10 The Clerk reported that the three new litter bins had been ordered and sites agreed for their installation. This was likely to take place within the next week or so.

PC/28/16 To measure support in principle to twin with a suitable village abroad

Following debate **it was agreed** not to pursue this proposal for the time being.

PC/29/16 To consider proposals to make changes to the website to improve communications with residents

Following debate **it was agreed:-**

29.1 to proceed to set up an automatic subscription link on the website for residents to ask to be on an email list. It was noted that there would still be a need to leaflet residents to promote this option which could be debated at a future meeting.

29.2 to move the website to a new website developed by Cllr Hatch. A quote had been received from our website manager to implement changes to make the site more mobile friendly. Although the quote was reasonable Cllr. Hatch had spent considerable time building a whole new website using wordpress and free templates (which she had circulated for comment prior to the meeting) and which subject only to the website manager transferring the domain name could go live immediately. Cllr. Hatch would maintain it free of charge but it would continue to operate with only the Clerk editing content and in full control. The Clerk was asked to contact the website manager to ask for the domain name to be redirected to the test site and to transfer ownership of it from himself to the Council and to terminate his contract going forward. He would not be asked to reimburse monies for this year's maintenance contract given the work he had done to date. Cllr. Barnard thanked Cllr. Hatch for the work she had done to date.

PC/30/16 Planning

Cllr. Worthington reported:-

30.1 The application relating to Green Springs Marsh Lane had been rejected

30.2 Berkeley Homes had made applications to be relieved of some conditions but it was impossible to get details of these without going to Denham as they weren't on the SBDC website. The Chairman said he would ask SBDC to contact Berkeley Homes to provide the Parish Council with the details.

30.3 The Council had objected to the application by the Feathers for another sign. The Chairman reminded councillors that the curtilage of the pub was actually common land.

30.4 The Council had submitted the application to designate Taplow Parish as a Neighbourhood Area and had agreed that the first consultation period should run from 9th May with a view to approval on 4th July.

30.5 He was aware that residents were getting up a petition against the closure of Mill Lane but it was agreed that the Council should not take a position on this at this stage.

PC/31/16 To receive reports from outside bodies

There were none.

PC/32/16 Finance

Expenditure shown in the cashbook circulated prior to the meeting was **approved** for payment.

PC/33/16 Any other business

33.1 Cllr. Symons reported that boxes of Halal meat had been dumped in the village. She had obtained details of the original supplier printed on the boxes and asked the Clerk to liaise with Trading standards about who may have been supplied with such meat locally. It was worth suggesting to them to investigate whether it may have come from the Car Boot Sale.

33.2 Cllr. Barnard noted that a washing machine had been dumped in Station Road in the last week. The Clerk was asked to notify SBDC.

33.2 Cllr. Barnard outlined plans for the race to Church/Go kart event on 2nd May which was part of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations sponsored by TVAP.

33.3 The Clerk was asked to check why the MVAS hadn't been working at its Boundary Road location recently.

33.4 The Chairman noted that Cllr. Pridmore had been keen to help with website issues and Cllr. Barnard added that a gallery of photos might be a good addition.

The meeting ended at 8.40pm.