

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. VIA THE ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

Present

Cllr. Jamie Barnard (Chairman) Cllr. Claire Price
Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Val Pridmore
Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Spencer Norton
Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan Cllr. C. A Silver
Cllr. George Sandy
Mrs. Holder (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

Open forum

The Chairman noted that Zoe Hatch and Rachel Horton- Kitchlew were in attendance and congratulated them on being councillors elect for the new Council to be formed in May.

Mr. Anand Giani explained that he and his wife were moving into the area having purchased Stonecrop. They were in the process of having architect’s designs drawn up and wished to be sensitive to the Council’s needs. The Chairman welcomed them to the Village and thanked them for having taken steps already to improve the appearance of the entrance gate. He explained that concerns had arisen over the proposed size of the development but also about large vehicles – particularly construction vehicles – using the new entrance on Rectory Road; given the need for residents of Hill House to park opposite the entrance.

PC/44/21 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Louise Symons.

PC/45/21 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of 9th March

Cllr. Sandy commented that he believed the minutes at item 40.3 were wrong to say that the bridge over the station was installed in 1984. To his knowledge a bridge had been installed when the station was built in 1878. The minutes **were otherwise approved.**

PC/46/21 Matters Arising from the previous minutes

The Clerk confirmed that there had been no response to the Council to the letter sent to the owners of Little Karoo Farm. Cllr. Norton noted that a chalet bungalow had since been added to the list of structures in the field. Cllr. Sandy confirmed he had written to the enforcement team at Bucks Council about the activities at the Farm.

PC/47/21 To discuss issues relating to the Barn Roof

Cllr. Sandy said he was disappointed that GR Hunter had been unwilling to quote given the volume of work they had on. Cllr. Silver had arranged for a contractor known to her to attend and was awaiting a quote. The Clerk had arranged for another contractor to attend on 6th May and the Chairman agreed to meet with them on site. Cllr. Price noted that

although the barn roof may need replacing in the long term, she believed that a short term solution would be best whereby a 'catching' structure was put in place to stop tiles falling to the ground from the roof.

PC/48/21 To consider hosting events on the Green

48.1 The Council had been approached by a firm wishing to run an open air cinema on the Green. Mrs. Hatch noted that this had been raised before and the decision taken not to allow ticketed events. **It was agreed** that ticketed commercial events should not be allowed but that local non-commercial events would be acceptable.

48.2 The Clerk reported that Playgroup had asked if they could hold an event to mark their 45th Anniversary on 31st July. **It was agreed** this would be acceptable with access to the Hall free of charge. The Chairman noted there were some stalls in the Barn which Playgroup could use. The Clerk was instructed to advise Playgroup that no bouncy play equipment could be used and that this permission could not be deemed to constitute permission for future events.

PC/49/21 To consider more litter bins in the area around Station Road

The Clerk had circulated a request from a resident to install up to five more litter bins in these areas. Unfortunately the resident was not in attendance. The Clerk was asked to postpone this item to a future meeting and to ask the resident if they could prioritise which would be the first bin they would like installed.

PC/50/21 To consider taking part in the Great British spring clean

Cllr. Worthington explained that the Hitcham and Taplow Society were running this locally and wished to use the Hall and car park during the first weekend in June. The Hall might be used for briefings, refreshments and toilet facilities and the car park used to store collected litter pending collection by Bucks Council. **This was agreed.**

PC/51/21 To consider and agree issues relating to the following ongoing items:-

51.1 environmental initiatives – there were no new initiatives. The Chairman noted that the Forest School had been running well. There had been no communication from Summerleaze concerning the gravel site. Cllr. Sandy reported that he had attended a meeting regarding anti-social behaviour around the Jubilee River but had been disappointed that no solution could be found.

51.2 to review re-opening the Village Hall – the Clerk noted that some children's activities had restarted but that the agreed rules would stay in place for the time being.

51.3 to consider issues relating to the draft Burnham & Taplow Parking – no progress.

51.4 to consider speeding issues in Taplow Village – Cllr. Silver reported they were still in the process of data collection and analysis.

PC/52/21 Planning

Cllr. Worthington reported that:-

52.1 The following decisions have been made:

PL/21/0889/KA	The Thatched Cottage tree works	APPROVED
PL/21/0855/KA	High Street tree work	APPROVED
PL/21/0860/KA	Rectory Road tree work	APPROVED
PL/21/0516/CONDA	Challens Chick farm -Condition for barn	APPROVED
PL/21/0454/KA	Pine Lodge River Road tree work	APPROVED
PL/21/0435/TP	SGL tree work	APPROVED
PL/21/0269/TP	Elmbank Hill Farm Road tree work	APPROVED
PL/21/0151/TP	Cedar Chase tree work	APPROVED
PL/20/4189/VRC	Shell garage condition	APPROVED
PL/20/4175/CONDA	Silchester Manor condition	APPROVED
PL/20/3262/CONDA	Silchester Manor conditions	APPROVED
21/00188/FULL	Thames Riviera Hotel	APPROVED

52.2 The following have decisions pending:

PL/20/0970/FA	Wee Cottage extension
PL/20/4271/FA	Old Stocks Ellington Rd extension
PL/20/4068/PAHAS	Green Springs Marsh Lane.
PL/20/3960/FA	Larchwood House Heathfield Road rebuild
PL/21/0105/EU	Meca Riding Centre occupancy restriction
PL/20/4364/FA	Cornerways River Road new house
PL/20/4463/FA	5 Ellington - new house
PL/21/0752/HB	Hill House - basement work
PL/21/0703/ADJ	Out of Area (RBWM) redevelop Magnet Centre ~439 houses
PL/21/0638/FA	Hitcham Lodge extension
PL/21/0611/VRC	Hitcham Lodge condition on greenhouse
PL/21/0628/FA	Elibank Court extension, dormer windows
PL/21/0599/FA	Chestnuts River Road home office over garage
PL/21/0462/HBSA	Taplow Court platform lift.

52.3 The following are new applications for which no objections will be made

PL/21/1267/KA	Briarbank Ellington Rd tree work
PL/21/1178/FA	Lamont House replacement of outhouses
PL/21/1065/TP	Cedar Chase tree work
PL/21/0930/CONDA	Odds Farm condition
PL/21/1101/TP	The Thatched Cottage tree work
PL/21/0889/KA	The Thatched Cottage tree work
PL/21/0815/SA	Two Bridges River Road extension
PL/21/1170/FA	Lamont House River Road replacement dwelling
PL/21/1202/FA	Wellbank Cottage, Rectory Road - single storey infill
PL/21/1564/KA	Elmbank, Hill Farm Road - Removal of small trees

PC/53/21 Finance

53.1 Expenditure in the cashbook circulated to Councillors before the meeting **was approved.**

53.2 The decision to obtain a new bin for Approach Road near the station **was ratified.**

53.3 The appointment of Mr. B. Dancer as the internal auditor for 2020/21 **was approved.**

PC/54/21 Any other business

- 54.1 The Chairman thanked Cllr. Sandy for standing firm on the need for compensation for filming in the Village. £2,200 had been received and everything had gone well.
- 54.2 Cllr. Pridmore raised a resident's concern that the junction onto Berry Hill from Rectory Road was dangerous. She queried if it should be changed to a 'stop junction' rather than a 'give way junction'. The Clerk would pass this on the Bucks Council.
- 54.3 Cllr. Worthington reported that the Hitcham and Taplow Society were looking into the remnants of old footpaths to see if evidence could be amassed to support an application to add them to the definitive map. Andrew Findlay had circulated some maps showing the putative paths and comments were invited. Cllr. Sandy recommended that Joy Marshall would be very knowledgeable on these matters.
- 54.4 The Clerk confirmed she had made no progress with Bucks Council on enforcement action relating to Stockwells. Cllr. Sandy confirmed he had been unable to make progress either but would continue to pursue.
- 54.5 The Clerk noted that - unless the Government changed the law - meetings from May would have to be in person and could no longer be held remotely. Given a new Council was coming on board she proposed altering the order of the scheduled meetings so that the Annual Parish Meeting took place at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Council meeting at 8pm. This was approved. She added that owing to covid rules there was a limit to the number of residents who could attend in person and she would be asking residents to book a seat through her. If more applied to come than there were seats available then steps could be taken to consider remote access for the others nearer the time.
- 54.6 It was noted that there appeared to be a lamppost with no head on the corner of Wellbank and Rectory Road. The Clerk would check with the Council's contractors and have it removed if it served no purpose.
- 54.7 The Chairman was sad to report that he had received notice of the Clerk's intention to retire as soon as reasonably possible and by 31st July ideally. However the Clerk was willing to be flexible on her leaving date and would assist fully in finding and handing over to a new Clerk. As it might be harder to find the right person to undertake the smaller but more specialist role of Responsible Financial Officer she was willing to continue in this capacity if required until a suitable candidate came forward. Cllr. Sandy expressed his regret that the Clerk was stepping down noting that she had been a 'fabulous' Clerk!
- 54.8 The Chairman noted that Cllr. Sandy and Mrs. Hatch were both up for election in the forthcoming Bucks Council elections and wished them both well.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.