

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 25th JAN 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. AT TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TAPLOW.

Present

Chairman Cllr. Jamie Barnard Cllr. Claire Price Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Louise Symons Cllr. Val Pridmore
Cllr. Rachel Horton-Kitchlew Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Spencer Norton
County Cllr. George Sandy
Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior and 3 members of the public present

Open forum

Alex Coney, Stonecrop Architect reported that the planning application has now been submitted. Concerns were raised over access to the site for construction vehicles, they are fully expecting conditions on size of vehicles and times of access to be a part of the planning conditions.

PC/01/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Zoe Hatch

PC/02/22 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held on 9th November 2021

These were approved with no amendments required and signed by the Chairman.

PC/03/22 Matters arising from the previous Minutes

There were none.

PC/04/22 To discuss the resignation of Cllr. George Sandy and the co-option of a new Councillor

After 29 years as a Parish Councillor, Cllr. Sandy is stepping down but will still remain a County Councillor so this is not a goodbye. The Chairman expressed his well wishes and thanks.

Cllr. Sandy’s is currently one of the banking signatories and also on the Hall Management Committee, **it was agreed** that Cllr. Barnard will be the new banking signatory, proposed Cllr. Barnard, seconded Cllr. Price (the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements) and Cllr. Norton will be on the Hall Management Committee, proposed Cllr. Price, seconded Cllr. Pridmore.

The Notice of Vacancy for a new Councillor went up on Tuesday 25th Jan 2022 and will remain open for 14 working days (last day for applications 11th Feb 2022). Please contact the Clerk taplow.pc@googlemail.com for an application form.

It was agreed that should there be more than one applicant, the co-option vote will take place at the meeting on 15th Feb 2022 by anonymous written vote.

PC/05/22 To update on current environmental issues

Cllr. Horton-Kitchlew reported that there is a surplus of seeds from the Bee Squared initiative, these will be distributed to previous enquirers, possibly St. Nics School and some planting around trees on the village green. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will put Cllr. Horton-Kitchlew in touch with Mike Clarke to discuss mowing around the trees.

PC/06/22 To consider funding options for the St Nicolas Church initiatives of up to £250 per year, their total wish list is £575

It is understood that the church has applied to the Community Board for funding.

PC/07/22 To update and consider traffic issues on Marsh Lane, Taplow

An application has been made to the Community Board for funding for four Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) after the locations at Marsh Lane, Boundary Road, Cliveden Road and Berry Hill were approved by the Local Area Technician.

PC/08/22 To consider pointing of granite sets around the village

It was agreed that Cllr. Sandy will raise this at County level with regards to High St, Rectory Road and the corner of Rectory and Hill Farm roads. The option of higher granite sets or posts was suggested as an option to stop vehicles mounting the kerb.

PC/09/22 To discuss the village white gates on Marsh Lane

Cllr. O’Riordan circulated a photo of the current damaged gate. **It was agreed** that as this is still in useable condition, the Clerk will seek a report of the condition and repair costs.

PC/10/22 To discuss parking issues on Cliveden Road and Hill Farm Road

There have been reports that over the last two weekends the parking issues at the sides of the roads surrounding the Cliveden Woodlands car park has worsened. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Pridmore will talk to Robert Miles at Cliveden regarding the problem.

It was suggested that people may be parking there and walking into the Cliveden grounds to avoid charges.

Cllr. Worthington suggested that Cliveden could possibly try re-applying for planning permission to extend the current car park.

PC/11/22 Planning

11.1 Cllr. Worthington has written to the Cabinet Member for Planning regarding Statutory Declarations but has not yet received a response.

Buckinghamshire has a new process for unlisted buildings of interest to be noted, Unlisted Heritage Assets, Cllr. Worthington has asked that the Hermitage is considered for this.

11.2

The following decisions have been made:

PL/21/4272/CONDA Boathouse condition

REFUSED

PL/21/4154/CONDA Boathouse condition

APPROVED

PL/21/2756/CONDA	The Old Boathouse conditions	ACCEPTED
PL/21/4182/SA	Baggotts Cottage extension	APPROVED
PL/21/4089/PNE	The Bothy River Road extension	REFUSED
PL/21/3965/SA	Horse Harness Cottage extension	APPROVED
PL/21/3909/CONDA	Taplow House Hotel conservatory	APPROVED
PL/21/3766/FA	The Lindens Rectory Road replace	APPROVED
PL/21/3748/PNE	8 Stockwells extension	REFUSED
PL/21/3007/HB	Taplow Court lift	APPROVED
PL/21/2634/FA	Acorn Cottage Marsh Lane extension	APPROVED
PL/21/1785/FA	Victoria Cottage extension	REFUSED
PL/21/1778/FA	Summercroft River Road garage	APPROVED
PL/20/4271/FA	Old Stocks Ellington Rd extension	REFUSED
PL/21/4561/TP	Redwood Lodge Mill Lane tree work	REFUSED

The following have decisions pending:

PL/20/0970/FA	Wee Cottage extension	
PL/21/0752/HB	Hill House - basement work	
PL/21/0930/CONDA	Odds Farm condition	
PL/21/3211/CONDA	The Old Boathouse condition	
PL/21/3518/FA	Cranford House change of use	
PL/21/3669/OA	Downlands Barn demolition / rebuild	
PL/21/3878/HB	Elmbank Hill Farm Road, repairs, changes	
PL/21/4333/FA	Rectory Farm garden room	
PL/21/4872/TP	Taplow Court tree work	
PL/21/4756/CONDA	5 Ellington Gardens condition	
PL/21/4587/FA	Upper Lodge Berry Hill extensions	
PL/21/4455/HB	Cliveden Conservatory new roof	
PL/21/4258/VRC	Old Boathouse conditions	
PL/21/4856/PNE	Lamont House River Road extension	
PL/21/4853/SA	Lamont House River Road extension	
PL/21/4874/PAHAS	Lamont House River Road extension	
PL/21/4555/FA	Huntswood Golf Club rebuild outbuildings	
PL/21/4063/FA	Waterville River Road extensions	
PL/21/4776/FA	Stonecrop Saxon gardens new build	
PL/22/0166/PNE	The Bothy River Road extension	
PL/22/0161/PNE	8 Stockwells extension	
PL/22/0028/FA	Rowing Club River Road balcony extension	
PL/22/0106/FA	Hunters Moon Marsh Lane extension	
PL/21/3263/FA	Hunstwood Lane demolish and rebuild	REFERRED

Applications for discussion

PL/21/4588/FA Rosemerrion Marsh Lane extension.

The two storey extension looms over next door.

Might be more neighbourly if the pool were located next to the path rather than on the neighbours side. Looks to be pushing the 50% growth

11.3 Berry Hill footbridge – The removal of the old bridge is complete. We have not yet seen plans for the replacement which is expected to be in place by August.

PC/12/22 Finance -To agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook

12.1 Expenditure in the cashbook circulated to Councillors before the meeting **was approved. It was agreed** that the Clerk will check deposit dates for the Close Bros. account.

12.2 Cllr. Price summarised the Finance Committee meeting held prior to this Parish Council meeting.

This time last year the meeting was held on zoom due to Covid restrictions and we were anticipating a bad year financially but have been pleasantly surprised and are in a healthy place with reserves higher than expected. Hall hire is back up to pre-covid levels and there was other, unexpected income from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

There are some planned works for the hall for the next financial year including, replacement of internal doors and repairs to the mural following water damage on the outside of the wall.

Based on the increased levels of reserves and given rising household costs, the proposal to Council was that there is no need to increase the precept this year. **It was agreed** that the precept will remain the same as last year on tax base calculations, at £38,562.72.

PC/13/22 Any other business/ agenda items for the next meeting on 15th February 2022.

Cllr. Sandy raised concerns from residents over the speed problems at the junction of Cliveden Road and Taplow Common Road. **It was agreed** as this is a matter of urgency due to the possible dangerous outcomes, the Clerk will write to Cllr. Sandy to raise this at County level, this will be added to the February agenda to ratify.

Antisocial behaviour was raised, in particular a few incidents which have occurred recently. This will be added to the February agenda, PCSO Angela O'Connell will be invited to attend.

Painting the windows and doors of the barn will be added to the February agenda for discussion.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm