

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
9th NOV 2021 AT 7.30 P.M. AT TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TAPLOW.**

Present

Chairman Cllr. Jamie Barnard	Cllr. Zoe Hatch	Gllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Cllr. Claire Price	Cllr. Val Pridmore	Cllr. George Sandy
Cllr. Louise Symons	Cllr. Karen Walsh	Cllr. Roger Worthington

Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior and 6 members of the public present

Open forum

Morgan Stevens spoke about his proposal to open a shop selling local, organic produce in the walled garden on Berry Hill. After receiving unanimous support from the Council, he will be submitting plans with hopes to open in March 2022.

Steve Warren expressed concern about the soak away located under the village green. A surveyor (providing information on school anti flooding) suspects the soak away is at the end of life, 50%full of silt and damaged by tree roots. **It was AGREED** that the Clerk will contact Thames Water for a map and survey of the soak away and drains.

Steven Clarke, Architect of Lindens spoke of the plans. Cllr. Worthington asked that we receive a plan of construction vehicle access and suggested assessing the water table on the property as part of the basement plan.

PC/121/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies received County Cllr. Paul Kelly, Cllr. Spencer Norton, Cllr. Rachel Horton-Kitchlew.

PC/122/21 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held on 5th October 2021

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

PC/123/21 Matters Arising from the previous Minutes

There were none.

PC/124/21 To update on current environmental issues

Cllr. Hatch updated on the latest Environment Group meeting and their wish to set up a regular Environment Hub in the village.

PC/125/21 To consider funding options for the St Nicolas Church initiatives of up to £250 per year, their total wish list is £575

Cllr. Sandy expressed concern on spending tax payers’ money on a donation.

Cllr. Hatch questioned which fund the money would come from.

Rev Johnson and Cllr. Worthington confirmed these activities are all inclusive and non

faith based although run by Christians and they are for community support.
Cllr. Barnard confirmed why the Community Fund was set up and suggested Rev Johnson apply through this for the money for the Council to consider at a future meeting. **It was AGREED** that the Clerk will send the information to Rev Johnson.

PC/126/21 To consider sound proofing in the Perkins Room

It was AGREED that the soundproofing tiles and adhesive will be ordered (£264 for a box of 8 tiles and £21.36 for adhesive) for Miv to install. The Clerk is to investigate the option of painting the same colour as the ceiling.

PC/127/21 To update and consider traffic issues on Marsh Lane, Taplow

It was AGREED that the Clerk will speak to the Local Area Technician for permission to install Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) in Marsh Lane, Boundary Road, Berry Hill and Cliveden Road. If these locations are agreed, **it was AGREED** that the Clerk will apply for funding through the Community Board for the signs.

PC/128/21 To discuss options for Boundary Road footpath clearance

Cllr. Barnard expressed concern over the state of a section of the Boundary road footpath between the quarry gate and Station Road.

Cllr. Sandy attended a Capital Highways meeting and raised concerns over the local footpaths.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician and Rights of Way Team regarding this, Cliveden Road and Old Priory Gardens footpaths.

PC/129/21 To consider the increase for hall cleaning

The increase from £24 to £30 **was AGREED**, proposed Cllr. Sandy, seconded Cllr. Hatch.

PC/130/21 To discuss the replacement of dog bins in River Road

This action was agreed in a previous meeting. **It was AGREED** that the Clerk will follow up with Adrian Leslie and Elizabeth Lee.

PC/131/21 To discuss printer storage for the Playgroup

The Playgroup asked for a small area in the hall cupboard to store their printer, **this was AGREED.**

PC/132/21 To consider options for the rat/mice problem around the Playgroup storage sheds

It was AGREED that if the Playgroup perceives there to be a problem and wishes to carry out treatment, we would approve this at their expense with the recommendation that non toxic bait is used for safety. The Clerk will inform Playgroup.

PC/133/21 Planning

133.1 Cllr. Worthington updated that the plans for Victoria Cottage were refused but this has not yet been reflected on the planning website.

It was **AGREED** Cllr. Worthington should write to the Buckinghamshire Cabinet Planner regarding concerns over the requirement for “**Statutory Declarations**”.

Cllr. Symons expressed concerns over the light pollution from a neighboring property.

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The following decisions have been made:

PL/21/3798/NMA Taplow Boatyard many amendments	ACCEPTED
PL/21/3471/SA 8 Stockwells extension	ACCEPTED
PL/21/3277/PNE Rosemerrion Marsh Lane extension	REFUSED
PL/21/2659/SA 1 Arch Cottage Amerden Lane windows	REFUSED
PL/21/2434/CONDA Mill Lane condition	ACCEPTED (part)
PL/21/1785/FA Victoria Cottage High St rear extension ??	
PL/21/3587/TP Berry Hill Court tree work	ACCEPTED
PL/21/2656/FA Green Springs Marsh lane	ACCEPTED

The following have decisions pending:

PL/20/0970/FA Wee Cottage extension	
PL/20/4271/FA Old Stocks Ellington Rd extension	APPEALED
PL/21/0752/HB Hill House - basement work	
PL/21/0930/CONDA Odds Farm condition	
PL/21/1778/FA Summercroft River Road change garage	
PL/21/2756/CONDA The Old Boathouse conditions	
PL/21/2634/FA Acorn Cottage Marsh Lane extension	
PL/21/3211/CONDA The Old Boathouse condition	
PL/21/3007/HB Taplow Court lift installation	
PL/21/3748/PNE 8 Stockwells extension	
PL/21/3518/FA Cranford House change of use	
PL/21/3669/OA Downlands Barn demolition / rebuild	COMMITTEE

The following are new applications for which no objections are foreseen

PL/21/4154/CONDA Mill Lane pub conditions
PL/21/4089/PNE The Bothy River Road extension
PL/21/3965/SA Horse harness Cottage Amerden Lane dormer
PL/21/3909/CONDA Taplow House Hotel basement work
PL/21/3878/HB Elmbank Hill Farm Road, repairs, changes

Applications for discussion

PL/21/3766/FA The Lindens Hill Farm Rd – replace
PL/21/4182/SA Baggotts Cottage Boundary Road porch etc.

133.3 Berry Hill footbridge – **It was AGREED** that the Clerk should write to Keith Dolan to ask about the plan for the bridge removal and our concerns over it’s current state as it is becoming more twisted and unsafe.

PC/134/21 Finance -To agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook

Expenditure in the cashbook circulated to Councillors before the meeting **was approved**. **It was AGREED** that bank authorisations should be requested twice monthly by the Clerk and a copy of the cashbook should be sent with the request to confirm the payments.
Cllr. Walsh.

PC/120/21 Any other business/ agenda items for the next meeting on 25th January 2022.

It was confirmed by the Clerk that the village green Christmas tree will be delivered on 30th November.

The barn – it was confirmed by Cllr. Barnard and Cllr. Price that the barn is unsafe for use and unless there is financial benefit, it will remain as it is with the Parish Council fulfilling duty of care to make repairs as necessary.

The meeting ended at 8.42pm