

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JUNE 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. AT TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, TAPLOW.

Present

Vice Chairman Cllr. Dr Alan Sinclair Cllr. Claire Price Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan
Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Louise Symons Cllr. Roger Worthington

Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior and 1 member of the public present

Open forum

Sarah Grimsdick (St Nics Playgroup Treasurer) asked for confirmation of the Playgroup’s extended opening hours (Monday and Friday afternoons) from September.

PC/65/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from; Cllr. Jamie Barnard, Cllr. Rachel Horton-Kitchlew, Cllr. Spencer Norton, Cllr. Val Pridmore, Cllr. Zoe Hatch

PC/66/22 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held 14th May 2022

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

PC/67/22 Matters arising from the previous Minutes

It was agreed that the Playgroup’s extended hours will begin in September and will be reviewed after 1 school year.

Cllr. Horton-Kitchlew circulated an email prior to the meeting to advise that she had spoken with Mike Clarke who confirmed that no weedkiller is used in the Parish except the car park on the cracked concrete.

The Clerk confirmed that we are no longer taking a hall hire deposit fee which will be reviewed in 6 months.

PC/68/22 To update on Environment Initiatives

Cllr. Hatch circulated an email prior to the meeting to confirm that the Community Board have received our application for funding for an Eco Audit, the Community Board Manager had positive feedback from the Bucks Lead on Climate Change who is fully supportive of our proposal and our service provider, so we await a formal decision.

PC/69/22 To consider ‘Welcome to Taplow’ signs

It was proposed Cllr. Price and seconded Cllr. O’Riordan to purchase ‘Welcome to Taplow, please drive carefully’ signs for the white gates around the village at a cost of £79.44 +VAT per sign. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will drive the area to confirm numbers and locations.

PC/70/22 To consider options for the blocked drains under the Village Green

Proposed Cllr. Worthington seconded Cllr. Price that we should have the accessible drains cleared to prevent further damage at a cost of £550+VAT. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will contact Weathered Group to go ahead.

PC/71/22 To consider strategic pathway clearance for troublesome areas

The main two problem areas seem to be Hill Farm Road and Approach Road, both of which are not controlled by the Parish Council.

Hill Farm Road – this was reported via Fix My Street on February 2022 as advised by Buckinghamshire Council. The report is still open and chased regularly by the Clerk. There was agreement that the overgrown hedges do have the benefit of slowing traffic at that point which is a positive.

Approach Road – this vegetation is the responsibility of Network Rail who sent a group of volunteers last summer to clear the path. The Clerk confirmed that a request has been made to Network Rail that the path is cleared as soon as possible. The Clerk will continue to follow this up.

PC/72/22 To consider internal door replacement quotes

We have received 2 quotes for the internal doors to be replaced. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will ask Samson Developments for the specification of the veneer doors as the longevity was questioned and also for an additional quote for solid doors.

PC/73/22 To agree increased price of noticeboard perspex replacement

This was originally agreed in October 2019 however the price has increased to £380. **It was agreed** that the Clerk shall instruct Henley Glazing to replace the perspex. Proposed Cllr. Worthington seconded Cllr. Walsh.

PC/74/22 To agree streetlighting colour for replacement bulbs

BLEighElectrical gave 3 options of lighting colour which were discussed.

It was agreed that for residential areas the bulbs should be replaced with the yellow light however with regards to areas such as Station and Approach Road, the decision will be deferred until later in the year when the areas can be inspected in the dark to see what light is needed.

PC/75/22 To discuss the options for replacing hall chairs

The Clerk presented the options for new chairs for the hall however **it was agreed** that we will keep the old chairs for now until they significantly reduce in number due to breakages. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will ask the hall cleaner for a quote to thoroughly deep clean the current chairs in the summer holidays.

PC/76/22 Planning

76.1 It was agreed, proposed Cllr. Worthington seconded Cllr. O’Riordan, that Cllr. Worthington should write to Buckinghamshire planning with two concerns;
Reminder of station land for car parking redevelopment
Local plan containing out of date information from 2014

76.2

The following decisions have been made:

PL/22/1735/KA	1 River Court tree work	APPROVED
PL/22/1308/CONDA	Challens Chick Farm condition	APPROVED
PL/22/1266/CONDA	Taplow Boathouse condition	APPROVED
PL/22/1274/KA	April Cottage tree work	APPROVED
PL/22/1075/RM	mobile phone mast at Shell garage	APPROVED
PL/22/0967/SA	Lamont House River Road extension	APPROVED
PL/21/4555/FA	Huntswood Golf Club rebuild outbuildings	APPROVED
PL/21/0752/HB	Hill House - basement work	WITHDRAWN
17/02254/FUL	Sheepcote Manor garage	WITHDRAWN

The following have decisions pending:

PL/20/0970/FA	Wee Cottage extension	
PL/21/4258/VRC	Old Boathouse conditions	
PL/21/3263/FA	Hunstwood Lane demolish and rebuild	REFERRED
PL/21/4559/AV	Mill Lane pub signage	OBJECTION

New applications – no concerns anticipated:

PL/22/1808/PNE	Waterville River Road extension
PL/22/1805/FA	Upper Lodge Berry Hill extension
PL/22/1753/SA	5 Leychequers Meadow extension
PL/22/1652/SA	Stonecrop 3 Saxon Gardens garage
PL/22/1392/FA	Springfield Stables Mill Lane conversion

For review:

PL/22/1446/FA	7 Saxon Gardens extension	
PL/22/1402/FA	Marshmead Marsh Lane retrospective for shed replacement	COMMENTED
PL/22/1540/FA	Rosemerrion Marsh Lane extension.	

76.3 Berry Hill footbridge – No further update

PC/77/22 Finance

77.1 to agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook.

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

77.2 update on current financial position.

Cllr. Price confirmed that we are in a very good position financially due to the hall hire being back to pre-pandemic levels and receiving money from the Community Infrastructure Levy last year.

It was agreed that we will start to look at improvement initiatives for the hall and across the village to spend some of the reserve funds and possibly increase the Buildings fund before the next budget.

PC/78/22 AOB/agenda items for the next meeting on 12th July 2022

Cllr. Symons requested investigating leasing an area of land from Buckinghamshire Council to provide a 'play/recreational' area for local young people similar to the Stomping Ground in Burnham.

The meeting ended at 8.53pm