

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th MAY 2025 AT 7.30 P.M. @ TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL.

Present

Chairman Cllr. Karen Walsh

Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan

Cllr. Hugo Page

Cllr. Louise Symons

Cllr. Lunel van Zijl

Cllr. Roger Worthington

Cllr. Saty Joshi

County Cllr. Kirsten Ashman

Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior

4 members of the public

Open forum

River Road moorings – It was confirmed that Maidenhead Rowing Club would be interested in helping out with charging for moorings along River Road to combat the issue of illegal mooring. This information has been passed to the County Councillors who will raise again at the next Buckinghamshire meeting. This will also be put to the new Deputy Chief Executive Directorate once appointed.

Wellbank residents have been unsuccessfully trying to contact Highways with regards to the road surface and parking problems. The fix my street reference numbers will be provided to the Clerk to follow up.

The issue of the St Nicolas Church graveyard being full and the question of the land opposite the end of Rectory Road which was apparently left to them as an extension to the site was raised. The Clerk is finding information from Land Registry and Cllr. Page information on the will of Mr Skimming.

PC/30/25 To elect a new Chairman and complete a declaration of office

Karen Walsh stood – proposed Cllr. Worthington, seconded Cllr. Joshi.

PC/31/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Jennifer Thomson and Cllr. Val Pridmore

PC/32/25 To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr. Worthington proposed by Cllr. Karen Walsh, seconded Cllr. Page

PC/33/25 Declaration of office signed by each Councillor

This was undertaken with the exceptions of Cllr. Pridmore, Cllr van Zijl and Cllr. Thomson, this will take place separately to the meeting and witnessed by the Clerk.

PC/34/25 To elect a Finance Chairman

Cllr. Jennifer Thomson was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded Cllr. van Zijl

PC/35/25 To confirm Councillors and welcome new Councillors following the Elections

Cllr. Walsh confirmed all the returning Councillors and welcomed Cllr. Page to Taplow Parish Council.

PC/36/25 To appoint Councillors as representatives to the following groups:

SBALC – Cllr. Symons and Cllr. Worthington

Old Priory Gardens (OPG) – Cllr. Symons

Hall Management – Cllr. Thomson, Cllr. Pridmore, Cllr. Walsh and Cllr. Worthington

Data Protection Officer – Cllr. Page

Environment & Bio-diversity – Cllr. Joshi and Cllr. van Zijl

Planning – Cllr. Worthington and Cllr. van Zijl

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. van Zijl, Cllr. Joshi and Cllr. Worthington

PC/37/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

PC/38/25 To review Constitutional Documents

Apart from minor changes to the asset register to show the purchase of the new laptop following the office flood, all documents remained the same.

PC/39/25 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held 13th May 2025

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

PC/40/25 To agree the meeting dates for 2025 & 2026

These were agreed and are available on the website and village hall noticeboard.

PC/41/25 To receive the Clerk Report

The Clerk circulated the update on previous minute actions and progress prior to the meeting with only one update to PC/23/25, Direct 365 have been instructed to carry out the fire risk assessment on the village hall.

PC/42/25 To update on parking problems – particularly around Taplow Station

John Pateman at Buckinghamshire Council has confirmed that the budget for the works has been agreed and we will now make contact to start the permanent solutions to the parking problems asap as the temporary order only has 13 months remaining.

PC/43/25 To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan

It was agreed that we should proceed with completing the Neighbourhood plan. Cllr. Van Zijl will lead this along with Cllr. Joshi with input from Cllr. Worthington. The Clerk will also introduce the Dorney members who have worked on their plan to the group and other Parishes will be contacted for research purposes.

PC/44/25 To update on the 'Taplow New Town' proposal

Cllr. Walsh thanked Cllr. Worthington and Bill Dax for their hard work on preparing the objection to the Taplow New Town suggestion which has now been submitted to the Task Force and can be viewed in full on the Taplow Parish Council website.

PC/45/25 To update on Cliveden Stud and Huntswood Lane

After a successful police investigation into stolen vehicles on the site, arrests have been made and further investigations continue. There are no updates on enforcements or stop notices.

PC/46/25 To discuss the River Road moorings

This was discussed in full under the Public Forum.

PC/47/25 To discuss footpaths and rights of way

Following complaints from residents on the footpaths and pavements around Taplow, **it was agreed** that this will be an ongoing project lead by Cllr. Van Zijl and the Clerk. Pauline Howes from the Chiltern Society is the Taplow representative for footpaths and will be contacted for more information.

It was agreed that we will ask for public comment through the newsletter and website.

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Network Rail regarding the overgrown verges on Approach Road.

PC/48/25 To update on environmental issues and biodiversity

Cllr. Joshi is continuing to explore options for us to improve biodiversity and environmental aspects within the Parish. Possible ideas involve planting on the green and becoming more involved with village events.

PC/49/25 Planning

Cllr. Worthington issued the following report:

Planning report April - May 2025

New applications of interest

Consultation on out of area application (RBWM 25/01099/OUT) for redevelopment of the Nicholson centre. Concerns over shortage of parking facilities.

Decisions of interest

PL/25/0516/FA Wellbank Cottage extension APPROVED

PL/24/3863/FA Barge Farm extensions APPROVED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA Old Boathouse site moorings

PL/24/1149/MDLA Cliveden Stud House covenant

PL/24/2275/FA Ye Meads retrospective

Appeals

PL/24/1603/FA Cranford House Coach House Conditions appealed

PL/23/3881/EU Land by Skyfall gates

PL/23/3758/FA Land by Skyfall stables

PL/23/3483/FA Paddock bungalow Huntswood Lane

PL/24/0776/EU Existing use as a caravan site

PL/24/2968/FA New house Wooburn Common Road

Enforcements

ES/24/00002/COU Huntswood Lane North Barn

APP/N0410/C/24/3343577

ES/24/00128/COU Huntswood Lane South van dump

APP/N0410/C/24/3349257

ES/24/00457/COU Cliveden Stud SL6 0HU vehicle storage

In the context of these enforcements and appeals the police have made arrests on suspicion of stolen vehicles relating to these sites.

Cllr. Worthington will investigate the building of the agricultural building to the north of Buffins complies with the planning permission.

PC/50/25 Finance

50.1 to agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook – expenditure in the cashbook circulated to Councillors before the meeting **was approved**.

50.2 to receive and approve the 2024/25 accounts and return – the Internal Auditor and Clerk have prepared the AGAR for submission to the External Auditor with no comments – **approved**.

PC/51/25 Agenda items for the next meeting on 8th July 2025

Land opposite Rectory Road

The meeting ended at 7.38pm

Signed (Chair) _____ Date _____