

TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF TAPLOW PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.30 P.M. @ TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL.

Present

Chairman Cllr. Karen Walsh

Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan

Cllr. Hugo Page

Cllr. Jennifer Thomson

Cllr. Louise Symons

Cllr. Lunel van Zijl

Cllr. Roger Worthington

Cllr. Saty Joshi

Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior

6 members of the public

Open forum

RBWM resident and member of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, Ewan Larcombe expressed concerns over the Jubilee footbridges following the collapse of the Ashford Land bridge in Dorney. The Berry Hill bridge which was replaced last year but only the middle section, the two ends are the original wooden ends which are now rotting. Buckinghamshire Council have already been contacted by the Clerk asking for inspection reports and action on replacing rotten boards which will be followed up.

The Council was questioned on what can be done regarding the section of pavement on Boundary Road which is not useable during bad weather. The problem has been logged on Fix My Street many times and remedial work has been undertaken but this only lasts until the next period of bad weather. As explained, Taplow Parish Council do not have the funds available for work that Buckinghamshire Council are responsible for but we will continue to support the request for a long term fix by writing to Buckinghamshire Council requesting that this work is undertaken and the Clerk will continue to monitor the problem with reports being closed on Fix My Street without being actioned.

It was also advised that other residents should also log the issue, more action may be taken if multiple complaints are received.

A sign has reportedly been erected near the Oak & Saw pub regarding a 5G mast, the Council have not been informed about this and will investigate.

Resident George Sandy asked about the rumoured sale of the land surrounding Poplar Farm. This is not something that the Parish Council has been made aware of with regards to planning requests but will monitor. The land on Boundary Road, opposite Rectory Road (church yard extension) was also raised however there is currently no update on this.

PC/65/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Val Pridmore

PC/66/25 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held 8th July 2025

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

PC/67/25 Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

PC/68/25 To receive the Clerk Report

The Clerk circulated the report prior to the meeting with only 2 points, thanks to everyone for the smooth switch over to .gov.uk emails and presenting the new logo ideas which will be discussed as part of the meeting agenda.

PC/69/25 To update on the co-option of 2 Councillors to the vacant positions

Cllr. Walsh proposed and Cllr. Worthington seconded – Michael Barnes joining Taplow Parish Council in one of the vacant positions, following his application and recent work on Cliveden Stud. **This was agreed** by a majority vote.

We have had 3 further applications since and will arrange interviews for these before the next Council meeting to fill the final position.

PC/70/25 To discuss Taplow Parish Council's funds

The Clerk prepared a break down of the 6 funds and their intended purpose:

General Fund –	Operating fund used for budgeting, staff salaries, bills, day to day activities and CIL
Building Reserve –	For essential building works, earmarked in 2019 for roof repairs/work
Brooking Fund –	Specifically designated for the Village Green Christmas tree
Gladys Jones Fund –	Environmental projects and green initiatives
Community Grant –	Grant fund for community groups via formal application process
Land Securities –	Permanent or long standing value to the community

It was agreed that we will develop a policy on CIL spending and this spend will be reported on separately from the General Fund.

PC/71/25 To update on the Taplow Station parking project

We have been informed by Buckinghamshire Council that the statutory consultation will happen soon, the dates are to be confirmed. **It was agreed** the Clerk will write to the team to ask for the go ahead asap.

PC/72/25 To discuss the ongoing issues at Cliveden Stud

There have been 2 appeals rejected for planning on the field where the cars etc are kept and they have been given 7 months by Buckinghamshire Enforcement to clear the site and restore it.

There has been a serious ongoing problem with continuous burning of materials which has been affecting the whole village but especially residents at Cliveden Gages and Orkney Court. Buckinghamshire Council, Buckinghamshire Environmental Health Team and the Environment Agency are working together to try and stop this.

It was agreed that we will keep in contact with all involved and request support from our County Councillors.

The possibility of residents taking private legal action was raised which will also be investigated.

PC/73/25 To update on the River Road moorings

We have finally had confirmation from Peter Brazier, the Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, that a solution has been found to stop illegal moorings. The app 'MiPermit' will be implemented which is currently being used for similar purposes around the UK.

PC/74/25 To discuss Old Priory Gardens issues including Maintenance

Sadly over recent years, the Old Priory Gardens have started to become over grown. This is a beautiful area open to the public but safety is the priority and we would like to clear the pathways and cutback overgrowth to make it more appealing and useable.

It was agreed that THRGa will be contacted for advice and help on future work and welcome any volunteers to come forward to offer their time and will also be engaging with the National Trust and other users of the OPG for help. Cllr. Joshi has volunteered to get this project started.

PC/75/25 To consider the new TPC logo options

Marvel Creative Design presented 7 very interesting and appealing logo options, the majority voted for options 1 and 2 but with some minor changes to be made.

It was also suggested we get residents views before deciding on a final option.

PC/76/25 To discuss footpaths, bridleways and pavements

Cllr. Van-Zijl was thanked for creating such a comprehensive introduction to a possible new project for the Parish Council. This report was circulated prior to the meeting.

It was agreed that the first focus will be on pavements and a Working Party will be set up with Cllr. Van-Zijl and Cllr. Thomson engaging with other local groups and businesses with the support of the Clerk. The Working Party can then report back to the full Council.

PC/77/25 To discuss the ongoing mural problems

When the initial repair work took place on the salt damaged areas of the mural, we were told that the salt may continue to penetrate and cause further damage, which it now has. **It was agreed** the Clerk will contact the people who did the repairs to ask; how long the damage could continue and could we cover the area with Perspex to stop the damage being touched?

PC/78/25 To update on Fix My Street Bucks including tickets being closed or disappearing

At the recent Clerks Forum, the Fix My Street team were questioned on a few areas, one being tickets being closed without the work being done. The response was that quite often the ticket is closed when the job is allocated to the department who will undertake the work.

There are a number of areas that the FMS team are working on with regards to the system, **it was agreed** the Clerk will ask questions on closing tickets, how you can contact the team if tickets are closed or work not done and getting a better response or answers.

PC/79/25 To update on environmental issues and biodiversity

No update/changes for this meeting.

PC/80/25 Planning

Cllr. Worthington issued the following report:

Planning report August, September 2025

New applications of interest – objections to be considered.

PL/25/2280/FA	Hermitage second house in grounds
PL/25/2034/FA	1 house opposite Paddock Bungalow Metal Barn
PL/25/2546/FA	Red Horse Centre to be workshop spray booth

Decisions of interest

PL/24/2968/FA	New house Wooburn Common Road	APPEAL REFUSED
PL/24/1603/FA	Cranford House Coach House Conditions	APPEAL REFUSED
PL/25/1970/PIP	Cliveden Stud 3 replace houses	APPROVED
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings Cliveden Stud Cottages	REFUSED
ES/24/00002/COU	Huntswood Lane North Barn APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	REFUSED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Cliveden Stud House covenant	COMMENTED
PL/25/1456/FA	Post barn to house Cliveden Stud	COMMENTED
PL/25/2509/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-4 houses	
PL/25/1971/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-3 houses	

Appeals

PL/23/3881/EU	Land by Skyfall gates - disbelief
PL/23/3758/FA	Land by Skyfall stables – biodiversity
PL/24/0776/EU	Existing use as a caravan site

Enforcement

ES/24/00128/COU Huntswood Lane South van dump
APP/N0410/C/24/3349257
ES/24/00457/COU Cliveden Stud SL6 0HU vehicle storage
APP/N0410/C/25/3364961

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

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Worthington gave an overview of the Neighbourhood Plan which was started in 2016.

Prior to the meeting, Cllr. Van-Zijl circulated information on how we could look at progressing the plan. It was agreed that we should wait until the Local Plan has been completed but in the mean time **it was agreed** we could:

Gather more evidence which may now be more relevant and revisit the old information
Contact the developers of the Local Plan and ask to be more involved
Ask for resident feedback for the Local Plan
Speak with other parishes on their Neighbourhood Plans
Generally understand more about the Local Plan and how it will impact on Taplow

Cllr van-Zijl volunteered to look more into the project with the support of Cllr. Worthington.

PC/81/25 Finance

81.1 to agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting, agreed by Council and signed by the Finance Chair.

81.2 budget planning

Cllr. Thomson gave an overview of the current finances, the main note being the hall hire is slightly down on predicted income. This is mainly due to the am-dram groups not having shows this year but they are now back and hall hire will pick up this term.

Councillors voted prior to the meeting on the request to donate to the Church heating and asbestos removal project which was **agreed** as the Church do not have a direct funding source or anyone else responsible for repairs. Without this work, the Church would not have heating throughout winter meaning all the local groups that use the building would not be able to run.

The question of which fund this would come from was raised and Cllr. Page **agreed** to confirm if the CIL money could be used following the Clerk's positive conversations with the Bucks CIL team. If unable to use CIL it was agreed by majority vote that we could donate from the Land Securities fund.

PC/82/25 Agenda items for the next meeting on 11th November 2025

Old Priory Garden maintenance
Replacement alarm system
Footpaths, bridleways and pavements
Mural repair
Fix My Street problems
New Councillor position
Budget and projects

The meeting ended at 9.46pm

Signed (Chair) _____ Date _____