



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TAPLOW PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 12th MAY 2026
6.30 P.M. @ TAPLOW VILLAGE HALL.**

Present

Chairman Cllr. Karen Walsh Cllr. Gerry O’Riordan Cllr. Graham Jones Cllr. Hugo Page
Cllr. Jen Thomson Cllr. Louise Symons Cllr. Lunel van Zijl Cllr. Michael Barnes
Cllr. Roger Worthington Cllr. Saty Joshi
County Councillor Cole Caesar
Clerk - Ms. Ruth Senior and 2 members of the public

Open forum

Matthew McClelland, Hill Farm Road resident came to ask about the drone policy asking for the following points to be clarified: What is the Council trying to achieve? Do we have legal power? What is the legal basis for collecting personal data? What safeguarding is in place if personal data is collected? Mr McClelland was informed that the whole drone process is under review and more will follow later in the agenda.

Marsh Lane resident raised concerns over the lorries arriving and parking on land at Marshmead which is having a huge impact on traffic and pedestrian safety. Cllr. Worthington confirmed that we have objected to this activity but will follow up with the latest evidence.

PC/31/26 To elect a new Chairman and complete a declaration of office

Karen Walsh was proposed by Cllr. Worthington, seconded Cllr. Joshi.

PC/32/26 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. Val Pridmore and County Cllr. Kirsten Ashman.

PC/33/26 To elect a Vice Chairman

Cllr. Worthington was proposed by Cllr. Karen Walsh, seconded Cllr. Symons

PC/34/26 Declaration of office signed by each Councillor

The Clerk confirmed that we already have these following last year’s elections and most recent co-option.

PC/35/26 To elect a Finance Chairman

Cllr. Jennifer Thomson was proposed by Cllr. Walsh, seconded Cllr. Worthington.

PC/36/26 To appoint Councillors as representatives to the following groups:

SBALC –	Cllr. Symons and Cllr. Worthington
Old Priory Gardens (OPG) –	Cllr. Symons and Cllr. Joshi
Hall Management –	Cllr. Thomson, Cllr. Pridmore, Cllr. Walsh and Cllr. Worthington
Data Protection Officer –	Cllr. Page
Environment & Bio-diversity –	Cllr. Joshi, Cllr. van Zijl and Cllr. Jones
Planning –	Cllr. Worthington, Cllr. van Zijl and Cllr. Barnes
Neighbourhood Plan –	Cllr. van Zijl, Cllr. Worthington, Cllr. Barnes and Cllr. Walsh

PC/37/26 To confirm the minutes of the Meetings held 10th March 2026

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

PC/38/26 Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

PC/39/26 To review Constitutional Documents

The Clerk confirmed a minor change to the asset register following the new laptop purchase and the introduction of the new IT policy, Drone Policy and Privacy Notice.

PC/40/26 To receive the Clerk Report

PC/22/26 Consider AI – this was previously agreed and will be purchased when it is needed.

PC/23/26 Website content and improvements – general updates and improvements have been taking place. Could make better use of this to create a forum to communicate with residents.

Council **agreed** to set up a business whats-app group.

PC/41/26 To update on the Neighbourhood and Local Plans

Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. Walsh updated Council on the extensive work being undertaken to engage with a NP consultant. Three quotes have been received for developing the NP, ranging from £24K-£40K, when all three have been analysed, full Council can decide which consultant to use, the hope is this decision will be made swiftly.

The plan will take up to 2 years to develop and will involve monthly meetings to keep the project moving however the consultants have quoted us for doing as much of the work as possible themselves.

We have secured an anonymous donation from a local land owner of £20K and agreed the rest should be covered by CIL before using the general fund.

The Council will need further help in developing the plan, this can be Councillors or residents.

Local Plan – Cllr. Worthington and Cllr. Barnes updated on the work with Burnham Parish Council using ONH consultants which is broadly identifying infrastructure and how to object/support planning applications. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) change of greenbelt to greybelt is a big concern moving forward. We are expecting the LP draft in July however the NPPF could delay the final LP.

PC/42/26 To update on the Taplow Station parking project

As yet there is no scheduled date from the contractor however they are aware that the current restrictions are due to end in July so should have the work completed by then. Cllr. Van Zijl raised the question of the Parish Council receiving some of the paid parking funds however the agreement from Bucks Council to do the work was dependent on them making their money back through paid parking/permits.

PC/43/26 To consider options for Old Priory Gardens

Cllr. Joshi was thanked for the hard work in getting the remedial work completed and further thanks went to the volunteers and THRGa for the work on the open day.

Cllr. Joshi is meeting with a Cliveden Ranger to discuss further options.

The tree survey quote from R Watts is being considered as part of this year's budget.

PC/44/26 To update on drone use

The Council recently received correspondence from a resident raising concerns regarding the legality of the Drone policy. The Council takes all such concerns seriously and as a precautionary measure has decided to seek legal advice to ensure that the policy fully meet all relevant legal requirements. The Council's Data Protection Impact Statement is also being revised to ensure it remains fully aligned with any amendments made to the policy. In the meantime, the Council will suspend all drone operations until the matter has been fully resolved.

PC/45/26 To consider developing and implementing an annual action plan

This was recommended by the Clerk to make current and ongoing projects more transparent and assign all Councillors to certain actions to ensure a more even distribution of the Councillor workload. This will be a working document discussed at the Parish Council meetings. Cllr. Thomson has produced a draft plan to be circulated and amended for further discussion at the July meeting.

PC/46/26 To consider options for a Taplow phone for the Clerk to share with Dorney PC

It was agreed that the Clerk can investigate a dual sim phone with a sim for approximately £5 per month to use as the business phone for utilities and other contacts.

PC/47/26 To discuss footpaths, bridleways and pavements, including the devolved services plan

Cllr. Van Zijl confirmed there has been a clear up of footpaths recently which has made a big impact however we could look at better ways to monitor this as the footpath warden only walks the routes once a year. **It was agreed** we should continue with Clarke's on the rights of way clearing with payment to us from Bucks to cover some of this.

Cllr. Worthington confirmed that despite the Enforcement Team contacting the resident in Ellington Gardens, there has been no response and no work done on footpath 13 as yet.

PC/48/26 Planning - Planning report Cllr. Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/26/03178/EU	Downlands Barn B8 storage	
PL/26/01674/VRC	Resident objections to substation process	COMMENTED
PL/26/01050/FA	Huntswood golf revisions	
PL/26/03518/EU	Loft approval Ellington Gardens	
PL/26/03395/CONDA		

	Condition approval land at Ye Meads	
PL/26/03789/FA	Johnsons Coppice retrospective	COMMENTED
	We supported resident complaint	

Decisions of interest

PL/26/01250/AGN	Shipping containers Hill Farm Road	REFUSED
	Claimed as agricultural	
PL/26/00410/FA	Marsh Lane garage refused on GB and scale grounds	REFUSED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/6795/EU	Lawful use of Dorney Rise Workers Cottage (See next entry)	
PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED

Appeals

Enforcement

PL/24/1726/EU	Possible unlawful extensions Marshmead	COMMENTED
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PC/49/26 To update on Cliveden Stud activity - Cliveden Stud Planning Report – Cllr. Barnes

Recent Applications of Interest

PL/26/01919/FA	Demolition of stables and 3 dwellings and erection of 8 dwellings	Registered
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Recent Decisions of Interest

None

Recent Enforcement Notices

None

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/1456/FA	Post Barn Cliveden Road erection 1 house	REFUSED
PL/25/2546/FA	Land at Red Horse Equestrian Centre Spray Booths	REFUSED
PL/25/6684/PIP	Demolition of barn and erection of 1 house	Awaiting Decision
PL/25/2206/FA	Conversion of the main Stud House into two	Unknown status
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Cliveden Stud House removal Section 12 covenant	Unknown status

Past Decisions of Interest

PL/24/2211/FA	Red Horse Equestrian Centre Hunts Lane 2 houses	REFUSED (October 2024)
PL/23/3336/FA	Red Horse Equestrian Centre Hunts Lane 2 houses	Conditional (April 2024)
PL/25/2509/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-4 houses	Conditional
PL/25/2034/FA	Single dwelling house opposite Paddock Bungalow	REFUSED

NOTE: this application PL/25/2034/FA is the same as previous application PL/23/3483/FA, which was refused and went to appeal - Appeal APP/X0415/W/24/3350611 was dismissed on 16th April 2025.

PL/25/1971/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-3 houses	Conditional
PL/25/1970/PIP	Cliveden Stud – 1 to 3 new houses	Conditional
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings Cliveden Stud Cottages	REFUSED
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings	REFUSED

PL/25/0756/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	Conditional
PL/25/0235/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	REFUSED
PL/21/3263/FA	Single dwelling at American Barn	Appeal Allowed
Appeals		
APP/N0410/C/24/3345342	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World	Appeal Withdrawn
APP/N0410/C/25/3364961	Green Barn – Removal of hardstanding	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/C/25/3361547	Green Barn – Unauthorised change of Use	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/X/24/3349768	Lawful use of the land as a caravan site.	Appeal Dismissed
APP/N0410/C/24/3349257 & APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	American Barn	Appeal Dismissed

Ongoing Enforcement

ES/24/00128/COU	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World – Unauthorised change of use
ES/24/00457/COU	Green Barn – Removal of hardstanding
ES/24/00457/COU	Green Barn – Unauthorised change of use Car Repairs
ES/25/00098/NAPP	Red Horse Equestrian Centre – Unauthorised change of use
ES/25/00878/COU	Hill Farm Road alleged laying of hardstanding extension of illegal vehicle operations.

Other News

The Bucks Compliance Team is now pursuing the landowner of the Cliveden Stud to clear the site at the American Barn and return the land to its original state – these are now criminal proceedings, but legal action is confirmed as a last resort. Bucks Council are seeking costs for the appeal which was withdrawn at Paddock Barn / Car Repair World – action is ongoing.

PC/50/26 Finance

50.1 to agree/ratify expenditure in the cashbook - The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting, was **agreed** by Council and signed by the Finance Chair.

50.2 to receive and approve the 2025-2026 accounts and return for submission to PKF Littlejohn – this was **agreed**.

PC/51/26 Agenda items for the next meeting on 7th July 2026

Whats app business account
Drones
Website
Clerk phone
Bank interest allocation
Neighbourhood and Local plan
OPG
Little Karroo Farm visit
Annual action plan
Feathers Pub

The meeting ended at 9.14pm

Signed (Chair) _____ Date_____