

I'm staying



■ Taylor is talked round after telling *The Midweek* yesterday he was thinking of quitting the Chairboys

■ Club comes up with a budget that persuades the ex-England boss to stay

WANDERERS boss Peter Taylor vowed to stay at Adams Park last night after 11th hour discussions with managing director Steve Hayes talked him out of resigning.

The one-time England boss was set to quit just two months after guiding *The Chairboys* to their first promotion in 15 years after a row over budgets.

Taylor had been taken to the brink by the lack of any budget plans for next season as a boardroom power struggle got in the way of his planning for next season in League One.

He was unhappy with the size of

his original budget and seven weeks after winning promotion he was frustrated he hadn't been able to secure a finalised one. The budget plans took a back seat to events in the boardroom where multi-millionaire owner Hayes is bidding to win full control of the club.

The situation came to a head yesterday morning with Taylor telling the *Midweek* that he would be quitting today if the situation was not resolved by then.

That provoked a day of make-or-break phone calls with Hayes which finally resulted in the club coming up with a budget that has

persuaded Taylor to stay.

Taylor told *Midweek* last night: "I am happy to say that we are getting on with it."

"I think it is a sensible budget for Wycombe. Everyone would say that they want more but to me it's acceptable."

"Steve has done what he can and it's up to me to respond to it."

"For me it gives us a chance. It's not ideal but we will have to get on with it."

Hayes is relieved to be keeping Taylor, who along with Crystal Palace's Neil Warnock holds the record for securing the most profes-

sional domestic promotions (five).

He said: "I never wanted him to go. I've enjoyed working with him immensely."

"There's been no falling out but there was a reason why I couldn't give him a budget."

"I've pushed it as far as I can under the constraints and pressure of a lot of people to keep the costs down."

"We think we can still be competitive in this league. The budget is not as big as some of the teams but it's a lot more than the budget Scunthorpe United got up on last season."

But the issue has been damaging to Wanderers and it remains to be seen whether it will be damaging to Hayes' takeover plans.

Taylor has already seen three transfer targets slip through his fingers because he was not in a position to negotiate and lost skipper Dave McCracken to MK Dons.

Taylor said: "If I had been in a position to bring in the people I was trying to I believe we could have kept him. I have been frustrated that all my efforts of getting these people lined up have been a waste of time."

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