

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 15th April 2024 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Rupert Sellers
Charlie Greeves
Roger Worthington
Jonathan Spector

Andrew Findlay
Mike Turner
Jacqueline Turner
Graham Valentine
Sue Thornton

Apologies:

Robert Hanbury
Cat Howard
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the April meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £1740.99 and £8532.85. The moves of money to the interest bearing account has earned us £29! Mike has switched to a new ticket selling agency as cheaper than Eventbrite - People's Fundraiser.

5) NEWSLETTER

Andrew is working on completion of the layout. Hope is to have it distributed at / before the bank holiday. Agreed to include a VGP flyer (A5) in the issue and to print a number of A3 posters. Colour to be tuned by Andrew to be distinct for each year. The flyer would include mention of the raffle. It will also say tickets now available.

6) PLANNING

A fairly quiet month for significant actions, with a number of critical sites long outstanding. Although the Old Boathouse moorings application has been resubmitted there is no resolution of the serious parking problems that will ensue that appear to be ignored by Highways. Jonathan also raised concerns over worsening parking in Ellington and River Roads, especially at the junctions that give visibility concerns as well as blocking larger council vehicles. Yellow lines at the corners?

7) VGP READINESS

It was agreed to offer the raffle to Alexander Devine. Roger would follow up. Sue would check with Cliff at SGI for firewood supply. Costs, particularly of the Ox Roast were discussed with concern that prices have risen dramatically. However tickets were agreed as last year at £6 in advance for members, £8 for non-members and £10 on the day allcomers. Seconds at £3. The source for the meat was of concern as our current butcher appears to have left the business in charge of an apprentice. Rupert will research alternate suppliers. Delivery also of concern from certain suppliers. Sue would check if SGI fridges could store the meat overnight. Rupert will work with Cat to develop the rotas.

8) CELTIC CROSS UPDATE

Cliveden Conservation have collected the Cross pieces to start work. Applications are in with the Oxford diocese (vis Tony Bridge) and Historic England which we need before work can start on site.

9) AOB

The footbridge rebuild starts 7th May. Parking around the Mill Lane bridge will be unavailable as that is where the work will be based.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm. Next meeting 16th September Larkspur

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