

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 20th May 2024 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Rupert Sellers
Charlie Greeves
Sue Thornton

Andrew Findlay
Mike Turner
Roger Worthington

Apologies:

Robert Hanbury
Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Jonathan Specktor
Jacqueline Turner
Graham Valentine

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 £1835.13 and £8523.85.

We have two new members, making 231 total. All otherwise up to date.

Roger will check on a possible payment misunderstanding with Gibson from Wellfield and see why Zoe Hatch and David Long have not renewed.

5) NEWSLETTER

Andrew was congratulated on an excellent layout despite being very busy and the articles were well regarded. Roger will meet with Cat to layout the Autumn issue. Everyone was requested to think of/write articles with availability for September.

6) PLANNING

Few new applications of significance. The objection to the Feathers application on Common Land grounds may be heard in June by the Planning Committee. The gates on the land in Hitcham Lane were refused but have been appealed.

The Jubilee footbridge re-instatement has begun. Mike / Jacqueline will take some photos.

7) VGP READINESS

Alexander Devine has confirmed their take-up of the Raffle. Roger will check status.

There was debate over the Ox-roast purchase. Prices were thought to have risen significantly and also worries over a suitable supplier and delivery. Prices as high as £12 per kilo were mentioned vs £5.95 last year. Rupert, Charlie and Andrew would chase various suppliers to resolve by end of week if possible. It was confirmed that the meat could be delivered Friday to Taplow Court with liaison through Sue. It would need a big estate car early on the Saturday to collect. Ticket pricing had already been agreed but will be reviewed for next year in light of what we have to pay this year.

Mike will initiate checking the serving for the veggie/vegan foods.

Rupert confirmed that the serving rota was good via Cat. It was agreed that the servers could have a glass of Prosecco in appreciation.

Roger brought the A3 posters to the meeting. It was agreed that those going to secure locations - Village

Hall etc. could be put up now but those on more fly-posting type sites should only go up two weeks before the event. A debriefing meet would be held shortly after the event to digest lessons.

8) AOB

The status of the Neighbourhood Plan had been raised at the Parish Council. Progress is very dependent on finding manpower to work on it. Dorney Parish are progressing one as they have a very particular need for a design code. Completion of this would be waited on to see if it might form the basis for ours.

Meeting closed at 9 pm. Next meeting 16th September Larkspur

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