

# HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

## Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 16th September 2024 7.30pm

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Andrew Findlay (chair)  
Rupert Sellers  
Charlie Greeves  
Robert Hanbury

Jacqueline Turner  
Mike Turner  
Roger Worthington  
Sue Thornton

#### **Apologies:**

Jonathan Specktor  
Cat Howard  
Robert Harrap  
Graham Valentine  
Eva Lipman

#### **1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

As above

#### **2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the May meeting were agreed and signed.

#### **3) MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

#### **4) TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are £2050.79 and £8555.73. There is also £495 held in cash from the VGP that was agreed would be kept on hand. The membermojo system has been sending renewal reminders automatically. This has unfortunately caused members who pay by standing order to pay again! So this has been switched off and delinquent payer reminders will be done manually.

#### **5) NEWSLETTER**

Roger is meeting with Cat on Wednesday to hopefully complete content and deliver to Andrew by end of week. He is away for some days and busy but will keep us updated.

#### **6) PLANNING**

Roger filed his report to TPC as an update. Concerns are the continued abuse of meadowland and the ignoring of Enforcement orders and appealing everything as a delaying tactic.

The Parish Council has approved a plan to negotiate with BC over the station parking problems. Roger will be meeting BC officials to clarify details and set up for a consultation to be run by TPC.

#### **7) VGP REPORT**

Generally regarded as a good success. The butcher problems were resolved and the procedure using the Taplow Court fridges overnight worked well and Sue was asked to convey our thanks. Target weight should be around 55kg to avoid waste (317 tickets sold) and fewer better sausages should be ordered. The vegan options should be spelt out more clearly and perhaps detailed on the ticket. The fire should be fenced off on safety grounds. Cliff Alderton (Taplow Court) would punch some holes in the barbecue oil drums to give a better draft. Mike advised that switching away from Eventbrite for ticket sales had saved around £150.

#### **8) CELTIC CROSS**

Roger reported that we have finally received approval from the Oxford Diocese to proceed with the restoration. Only nine months after we applied for it. Thanks to Tony Bridge for sheer persistence.

**9) AOB**

- a) Roger advised that he and Martin Maund had written a response to a Government consultation on the proposed changes to the NPPF. Our comments principally centred on better definition of the Grey Belt strategy, criticism of the reduction of the powers of local authority over housing and a general scepticism over the plans for provision of social housing. The response would be submitted from The Taplow Neighbourhood Plan Working Party awaiting only TPC clearance. The report will be circulated to committee.
  
- b) Roger advised that he needed to cut back some of his workloads and would like to find a new secretary for the committee. Outline job description is attached and the workload is greatly reduced from a few years ago.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next meeting 21st October Larkspur

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## Planning report September 2024

### Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA Old Boathouse site moorings  
PL/23/1309/FA Joes Folly kennels to houses  
PL/23/2975/FA Hermitage extensions  
PL/24/1149/MDLA Cliveden Stud House covenant  
PL/24/1726/EU Marshmead Marsh Lane

#### New

PL/24/2412/VRC Marshmead Marsh Lane  
Difficulties for objections as earlier planning decisions do not appear to have been enforced.  
PL/24/1603/FA Cranford House Coach House  
Previous version rejected on appeal. New version tries to tune around appeal grounds  
PL/24/2275/FA Ye Meads retrospective  
letter from residents alleging unlawful occupation to George Sandy  
PL/24/2741/UA Regulation 5 notification  
broadband installation but identified as a lighting pole

### Decisions of interest

PL/23/1577/FA Feathers extensions  
Approved with informatives relating to the Common Land. TPC then wrote requiring them to resite their ANPR cameras.

PL/24/0776/EU Existing use as caravan site  
Decided as “Council failed to determine”

### Appeals

PL/24/0391/EU Cliveden Stud House exemption  
PL/23/3619/FA Cliveden Stud Cottages 2 houses  
– GB, bats, B Beeches zone, design  
PL/23/0225/EU Cliveden Stud House exemption  
PL/23/3881/EU Land by Skyfall gates - disbelief  
PL/23/3758/FA Land by Skyfall stables – biodiversity

### Enforcements

ES/24/00002/COU Huntswood Lane North Barn  
APP/N0410/C/24/3343577  
ES/24/00128/COU Huntswood Lane South van dump  
APP/N0410/C/24/3349257

## **HTS Secretary Job outline September 2024**

### **Minimum**

Prepare / agree meetings agenda with Chairman , take minutes, circulate, upload to web

Agenda for AGM and collate reports from president, chair, secretary, organise the meeting, book the hall.

Ensure committee finds a speaker.

A third signature on the bank account.

Respond to incoming email /phone calls to the Society. The secretary and enquiries email addresses would be directed to your email. Don't necessarily need to do any work in making responses as this can be passed to the best person. Publish your access details on the website (or agree to move this to chairman).

Be the signature on planning objections. Do not need to write objections but as Roger writes TPC objections any HTS comments should be under another name.

General liaison with chairman over all activities.

### **Optional (presently done by Roger but don't have to be done by secretary)**

General overview responsibility for the HTS web. Liaise with Andrew to install new releases of Wordpress.

Load dates into the web diary (HTS, TPC, SGI, church etc., Carols)

Liaise with VGP captain and treasurer for organisation e.g. ensure Village Hall booked.