

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 18th November 2024 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Roger Worthington(chair) Jacqueline Turner
Rupert Sellers Mike Turner
Andrew Findlay Sue Thornton
Jonathan Spector

Apologies:

Charlie Greeves
Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Robert Hanbury
Graham Valentine
Eva Lipman

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the September meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £1369.44 and £9587.73. Cash £495 with treasurer. Mike advised that he had found a bank "Charity Bank" that the Society could deposit funds with at higher interest rates at 40 and 100 day notice. He proposed that we should open a 40 day account currently at 3.11%. Transactions are only by post but shouldn't be a problem for a notice account. This was unanimously agreed.

5) MOVE WEB SERVER

Mike advised that he had found a suitable server host for the Society web site. It is "Fasthost". Migration is free. Year one subscription is £57. Payment only by credit card but that is the same as the current AWS service. It was agreed that he should proceed. Andrew would check that the archived original site content would be correctly taken across.

6) NEWSLETTER

Roger said that the issue had been well received. He would check with Mike as to currently late payers with a view to knocking on doors. Mike said that he was still fine-tuning how reminders are sent only to those needing one.

Articles for the next issue needed!

7) PLANNING

Taplow till has 8 outstanding appeals all essentially from Cliveden Stud.

Interestingly Odds Farm has realised it is only approved as a rare breeds site and has put in a retrospective for approval for its current Adventure Farm business. The Hermitage application is finally approved, securing the future of the main house. The conversion of Joes Folly kennels to 16 houses has been approved but the latest Cliveden Stud application for a house on a meadow has been withdrawn.

8) AGM DATE AND SPEAKER

Wednesday April 9th was agreed. Jonathan thought he might have a speaker from a local house of significant importance and would follow up. Roger would check Hall availability.

9) MEETING DATES 2025

The attached list of dates was agreed with TuT date being set for Saturday March 22nd

10) CELTIC CROSS

Roger said that the Cross repair had now been completed successfully. Cliveden Conservation did comment that the stone was very soft and fragile.

11) AOB

Jonathan raised concerns over the long delays in repairing broadband internet faults this past summer in Ellington / River Roads. Openreach attendance was unreasonably delayed, in part, by having to wait on permit approvals from the County for permission to excavate. Ward Councillor George Sandy was asked that he put forth to Bucks County that broadband (critical telecommunications infrastructure) permits be given similar urgency to that of other utility emergencies.

[In follow-up, George said that the reply from the County was that Openreach has statutory rights and therefore not required to request permits for roadworks, despite what their workers were telling us.]

Thames water quality and EA monitoring. Quality has been deteriorating recently (e.g. the July Boulter's to Bray swim had to be cancelled. The Rowing Club does a daily test and is considering extending its range of tests. Might make an article for the NL.

Roger confirmed that he would be stepping down as Secretary at the AGM.

Meeting closed at 8.00 pm. Next meeting 20th January 7:30 Larkspur

SIGNED:.....

HTS Committee dates for 2025

January 20th

February 17th

March 17th

March 22nd Tidy up Taplow

April 9th AGM

May 19th

June 21st VGP

September 15th

October 20th

November 17th

Planning report November 2024

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA Old Boathouse site moorings
PL/24/1149/MDLA Cliveden Stud House covenant
PL/24/1726/EU Marshmead Marsh Lane
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

New

PL/24/3190/EU Odds Farm retrospective approval as an Adventure Park
Was only approved as a rare breeds farm

Decisions of interest

PL/24/2799/FA New house in meadow off Cliveden Rd SL6 0HL
WITHDRAWN
PL/24/2412/VRC Marshmead Marsh Lane WITHDRAWN
PL/23/1309/FA Joes Folly kennels to houses
PL/23/2975/FA Hermitage extensions End of 20 years of application

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
PL/23/3483/FA Paddock bungalow Huntswood Lane

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