

# HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

## Executive Committee Meeting Upper Bumbles Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021 8.00pm

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)  
Robert Hanbury  
Jacqueline Turner

Roger Worthington  
Andrew Findlay

#### Apologies:

Nigel Smales  
Jonathan Speckt  
Charlie Greeves  
Robert Harrap

#### 1) ATTENDANCE

As above

#### 2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 2021 minutes were agreed (with an edit to correct the date of the AGM) and signed.

#### 3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

Roger advised the m

#### 4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Hanbury confirmed bank balances as: £9097.77 and £484.15. Roger signed as a required signature to add Eva to the signatures on the accounts. New auditor needed.

#### 5) NEWSLETTER

Roger and Andrew have been exchanging drafts. Substantially complete as 12 pages. Andrew will make one more pass and forward to Roger while Roger is away. Should be agreed before end month. Roger will copy database to prepare distribution and any collection items list.

#### 6) PLANNING

##### Updates

The resubmission of an objection to the Victoria Cottage application as a sworn Statutory Declaration has altered the officer recommendation to "refuse". This has serious implications for the conduct of case hearings that needs following up.

##### New

Taplow House Hotel has made yet another application for a spa in the basement. Difficulties arise from it being a listed building.

The pub scheduled for Mill Lane is gathering pace with applications to amend / approve various conditions.

7 Stockwells has made a modified application for an extension after the previous one was refused. An application has been made to demolish Downlands Barn (having received permission to convert to residential). This must be an abuse of the conversion legislation if permitted. It has been called to the Planning Committee.

An application has been made to convert equine premises off Hunts Lane to residential. It makes a distinction between agricultural sites and equine sites, with permission being available for equine sites but not agricultural ones. This distinction seems to have been ignored for the earlier permission granted at Downlands Barn.

##### Other items

Roger listened to a Zoom from the chief planner of the new "Levelling up, Housing and

Communities” department, hoping for an update on the Michael Gove world but it was confined to the Design Codes that Local Councils can now write

**7) VGP**

Check that Rupert has in fact got the band etc. scheduled. Eva will enquire further into cost and availability of an entertainer for the VGP. General thought needed as to whether this is the best strategy both for the VGP and use of the Mammoth money.

**8) END ZOOM SUBSCRIPTION?**

It was agreed to end this forthwith – can always be resumed quickly if needed.

**9) AGM READINESS**

Roger confirmed that the Hall was booked. No speaker yet found. Roger will circulate agenda for approval before sending to members (by November 12<sup>th</sup> latest).

**10) AOB**

**Meeting closed at 9pm.**      Next committee meeting: November 15<sup>th</sup> 8pm. Upper Bumbles

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