

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Upper Bumbles Monday 15th November 2021 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Robert Hanbury
Jacqueline Turner
Fred Russell

Roger Worthington
Andrew Findlay
Charlie Greeves
Rupert Sellers

Apologies:

Nigel Smales
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 2021 minutes were agreed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Hanbury confirmed bank balances as: £8921.77 and £484.15. He presented the annual accounts (attached) and was pleased to say that they were audited, as he had found a new honorary auditor (Mr Plumley of Elibank).

The problem of adding Eva's name to the bank account rumbles on. Barclays lost part of Robert's address! which obviously led to a delay. They rang Roger to get the full details. They then wrote to Robert saying that Roger's signature did not match (in spite of the fact that the process was only running because he had given them the necessary info). Robert handed Roger a form which he had to complete but it was virtually illegible.

5) NEWSLETTER

The twelve page issue had been completed and distributed. It had a wider range of photographers than usual. Roger thanked Andrew for the extra work he had to carry. Roger said that he had set up a new file on the Google Cloud in readiness for any drafts and articles but did not wish to be the editor going forward. He suggested that HTS might run an advert on Taplow Nextdoor, in particular looking for an editor. His draft was approved (attached).

The list of complementary copies was reviewed and agreed:

Rural Life at University of Reading

MP Joy Morrissey

Burnham Library

Maidenhead Advertiser

Maidenhead Heritage Centre

Maidenhead library

St Nicolas School

TPC

SGI

Paul Kelly – ward councillor but not a member.

Contributors who are not members will also receive a copy.

6) PLANNING

A brand new house has been approved at Green Springs, Marsh Lane. It replaces a very modest

bungalow and has basement garaging.

Lindens on the corner of Rectory and Hill Farm Roads has applied to replace it. Seems a good design but there are concerns for access during the construction phase and the water table needs checking given the state of much of Rectory Road.

BUA are starting work on the removal of the broken Jubilee River bridge. Hopefully we will get a photographic record for the Newsletter (Andrew, Jacqueline?)

TPC are checking sites on Marsh Lane, Cliveden, Rectory and Hill Farm Roads for approved sites to install MVAS speed monitors.

7) REMEMBRANCE DAY

Fred Russell was thanked for laying the HTS wreath, being given pride of place as the first wreath to be laid. Roger said that he had met Adrian Powell at the ceremony and he had confirmed that the extra names would be added to the memorial in good time for next year's ceremony. Will need to check whether the Faculty from the church needs renewing.

8) VGP

Rupert said that the 18th June was confirmed with the band. It was agreed that the Mammoth money would not be spent on an entertainer but the cost of new bunting, some lighting and the purchase of a gazebo would be investigated (Roger/Rupert).

9) AGM

Robert Harrap has agreed that SGI will provide a talk at the AGM "Conservation and Restoration at Taplow Court" and was thanked in his absence. Charlie and Jacqueline will support the catering – budget for around 30 people. SGI will be asked if they can supply the crockery etc. Eva, Roger and Robert will present the reports and Roger will print off copies for the audience. Roger will recover the screen from Nigel. Due to lingering Covid worries Eva said that she would not be hosting her usual gathering after the meeting.

10) AOB

Committee Meeting dates for 2022 were agreed. There will be no meeting in February – too many clashes with half terms and St Valentines day.

Jan 17, Mar 14, Apr 11, May 16, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov14, Dec 9 (AGM).

Fred raised a concern about over-parking in Ellington Road due to there being too many resident cars. Leads to dangerous parking at the Bath Road end and on the corner with River Road. Unclear what can actually be done. Local emails have been circulated. Suggestion of putting cones at the Bath Road end to see what the reaction might be. Double yellow lines??

There was discussion about whether there is a brazier for use as a beacon. Jacqueline showed a photo of an example in Windsor but Andrew pointed out that it was electric. SGI would be asked what they might have available. (This is in anticipation of the possible Platinum celebration for the Queen).

Meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next committee meeting: January 17th 8pm. Upper Bumbles

SIGNED:.....

HTS Year end report 2020-2021

	2020- 2021	2019- 2020
Subscriptions	2127.99	2002.00
Village Green Party	0.00	0.00
Easter egg hunt	0.00	0.00
Air pollution monitor	0.00	150.00
Other income	800.04	11.61
WWII	0.00	890.00
Total income	2928.03	3053.61
Expenditure		
Newsletter & Postage	733.95	656.00
Village Green Party	0.00	100.00
Insurance	204.61	204.61
Wreath (2)	0.00	40.00
Village Hall hire	0.00	0.00
Web site, Domain & Zoom	260.73	210.00
Hi-vis jackets	300.96	0.00
Subscriptions	65.00	65.00
Sundry	150.00	180.00
Costs not yet paid		
Last year's costs "not yet paid"		
Total expenditure	1715.25	1455.61
Excess of income over expenditure	1212.78	1598.00
Opening balances	8617.14	6481.14
Surplus	1212.78	1598.00
Add costs incurred but not yet paid - newsletter	290.00	328.00
Add costs incurred but not yet paid - website		210.00
Deduct prior year costs not yet paid	-538.00	
Sum	9581.92	8617.14
War Memorial Fund	890.00	890.00
Other Bank balances	8691.92	7727.14
	9581.92	8617.14
Bank balances Current	9097.77	8133.03
Premium	484.15	484.11
Total	9,581.92	8,617.14
Total income	2928.03	3053.61

NEXTDOOR Taplow item

For those who live in and care for Taplow, read on.

The Hitcham and Taplow Society has worked for the wellbeing of Taplow for over 60 years. It is in constant need of new energy as our population changes and grows. We have a good membership of some 250 households but we are looking for enthusiastic individuals for our committee. You can see what we have done at:

www.taplowsociety.org.uk

If you have an interest in the history of Taplow, its current community life, or its future development, please get in touch.

In particular we are looking for a commissioning editor for the newsletter. Experience not needed – plenty of support.

<https://www.taplowsociety.org.uk/newsletter-back-issues/>

Roger Worthington, Secretary HTS

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