

# HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Committee Meeting

Larkspur, Mill Lane

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 8pm

MINUTES

## Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)  
Roger Worthington  
Cat Howard  
Charlie Greeves  
Andrew Findlay  
Jacqueline Turner  
Rupert Sellers  
Mike Turner  
Robert Hanbury  
Jonathan Specktor

## Apologies:

Graham Valentine  
Robert Harrap  
Sue Thornton

## Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April were approved

## Treasurer's Report

Current account stands at £8861.82

Deposit account stands at £485.23

Mike has abandoned attempts to use PayPal and Zettle: they put too many barriers in the way of unregistered associations like HTS. SumUp and Stripe look like better options.

Membership subscriptions are up-to-date apart from two people.

The new membership form has sections A and B. Please discard any older versions that you may hold, and encourage people to use option A where possible (i.e. they set up the standing order using online banking).

Mill Lane is forming a Residents Management Company. This should be up and running with a board drawn from residents in the next few months. They are interested in doing a group membership arrangement with HTS. This was discussed by the committee and felt to be a good idea from both sides.

## Technology Review

We are now signed up with MemberMojo at £75/year. Mike is working on the data load and hopes to go live shortly.

## Newsletter

The Spring 2023 issue was distributed on 29<sup>th</sup> April. There were contributions from 7 committee members, which could be a record – thanks everyone!

ALL: please collect or take photos of village events like the Coronation Party, the VGP etc. Include lots of recognisable people. As the local newspaper people used to say: *Faces sell papers!*

**ALL: Please search for / write more articles.** Next issue deadline is September.

## Celtic Cross

Roger is working on the Bucks Community Board to provide the remaining £1500 needed for the repair and restoration work.

## Planning

The unexplained activity in the field west of Skyfall is not associated with Little Karoo Farm. A large fenced parking area has recently been built along with other structures claimed to be for equine purposes. The Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement Officer has issued a notice requiring a retrospective planning application to be submitted within 4 weeks.

Amerden Caravan Park is trying to leverage an obscure provision of a compulsory purchase order that was issued as part of the M4 widening project to build an unspecified number of permanent residential units.

The Environment Agency has got fed up with the number of drownings in the Jubilee River and have banned all swimming (though apparently not paddleboarding). They are also talking about changing its name to something less appealing (Jubilee Ditch anyone?) though it is not clear how any of that will make a difference.

## VGP

The count-down has begun.

- Rupert will send details of beef, saus and burgers to Andrew who will arrange the order with Burrowes in Burnham.
- Rupert and Cat will organise the various rotas
- Rupert and Charlie will go to Costco a day or so ahead of the event.
- Poster distribution and siting was discussed. Some people took posters. Rupert will put up most of the rest.
- We will donate £75 to the football club that provides the first aid cover.

- Andrew will send PDF copies of the poster and flyer to everyone, to be passed on to any publication that might be relevant for publicity.
- Andrew will write a briefing document for the fire-tenders / spit-turners.
- Charlie will take some cool-boxes to Burrowes in Burnham at 2pm on the day to collect the burgers and bangers.
- The Eventbrite ticket sales site is now open. 10 members tickets and 8 non-members tickets have been sold so far.
- Please let Mike know of any bills to be paid or cash that will be required for the event in good time, as he will be away until a few days before it.
- If there is surplus food we will offer second-helping tokens at £3 each. This means that the ticket desk will need at least £100 in £1 coin and possibly £200 in £5 notes.

## Next Meetings

There will be a VGP debrief meeting at Larkspur on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Details will be circulated by email.

HTS Committee Meetings will move half an hour earlier, to 19:30. Dates are:

18<sup>th</sup> September

16<sup>th</sup> October

13<sup>th</sup> November

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Andrew Findlay