

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 13th November 2023 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Roger Worthington (chair)
Jacqueline Turner
Mike Turner
Robert Hanbury
Rupert Sellers

Andrew Findlay
Sue Thornton
Robert Harrap
Cat Howard

Apologies:

Charlie Greeves
Jonathan Specktor
Graham Valentine
Eva Lipman

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the October meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £9328.61 and £487.54. Mike will pass the end of year accounts to Xavier for audit. Roger will add the unaudited accounts to the AGM notice to members. Robert Hanbury suggested that a figure for the profit/loss on the VGP should be added, which was agreed. Investigation would be made for moving the bulk of the current account to a better interest earning account. As this would be the last year that Xavier would audit the accounts the Presidents address should thank him for his service. (Note RH to add). A new auditor is needed.

5) TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Mike said that the transfer to the new system had gone slower than he had hoped due to other pressures but it was progressing well. Subject to a satisfactory report at the next meeting the Technology Review item could be dropped from the agenda. Mike was thanked again for a great effort.

6) NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter had been well received and distribution / subs collection mostly complete. Sue queried if anyone knew if 4 Orkney Court was ill as there had been no responses. Suggestions for later issues were that we should allow for there being many newcomers so locations, events and people should be clearly identified. The back page should be kept as a special page but better identified. Andrew, Roger and Cat would coordinate the handover of the editorship to Cat.

7) PLANNING

The referral to the Planning Committee of a test case application at Cliveden Stud did not succeed in persuading the council to adopt an overall plan for the site. Applications will be judged as stand alone items. Another case involving the main house on the site is due to be heard by an inspector on the 21st of this month.

It is clear that there is a wave of applications coming to convert equine properties to residential across the whole of south Buckinghamshire.

An objection to the expansion of 5 Ellington Road is on hold until residents complete discussions with the developer.

8) AGM ARRANGEMENTS

General discussion on tasks allocations as Roger will be absent and Eva may also not be able to attend. It was agreed that Robert Hanbury would act as MC and read the Presidents address if Eva was absent. Rupert would read the Chairmans Speech. Mike would look after Ann Darracott, Andrew would take minutes. Roger would deliver the Village Hall key to Jacqueline. Sue confirmed she would supply SGI cups etc. in arrangement with Jacqueline. Charlie and Jacqueline will manage the refreshments. Mike confirmed he had arranged for a screen so the Society one would not be needed.

9) AOB

A list of suggested committee dates was added for checking.

January 15th, February 19th, March 18th, April 15th, (TuT?) May 20th, June 22nd VGP, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, AGM January 2025?

Robert Hanbury asked who maintains the War memorial as there is moss encroaching. Roger would speak to Tony Bridge.

Mike asked if there is an HTS logo as the membership system has provision for one. It was suggested that we could run a competition for one, subject to some technical requirements to ensure it would copy and print correctly, or perhaps ask Lyra Browning who designs the event notices we have been using in the last few issues.

Next meeting: Wednesday 6th December 8pm Village Hall

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