

# HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

## Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 15th January 2024 7.30pm

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)  
Charlie Greeves  
Andrew Findlay

Roger Worthington  
Jacqueline Turner  
Mike Turner

#### Apologies:

Jonathan Specktor  
Graham Valentine  
Sue Thornton  
Robert Hanbury  
Robert Harrap  
Rupert Sellers  
Cat Howard

#### 1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

#### 2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the November meeting were agreed and signed.

#### 3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

#### 4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £2373.61 & £7,494.67. The bulk of money is now in the savings type account that pays some interest. Attempts to find a higher interest rate paying account elsewhere have failed so far due to the status of the Society. Mike confirmed that we have a new auditor thanks to Cat. Present membership in the new system is 231, representing 293 people. Some discussion as to whether it has been higher in the past but is certainly shrinking as a percentage of the Taplow population due to its rapid growth. It was agreed that Andrew would revise /update the recruitment flyer with a view to starting a recruitment drive.

#### 5) TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

The new membership system is fully up and running and the payment technology also. Mike said he had spent considerable effort in improving the quality of the data also. Mike will schedule a training session on the use of the system, particularly targeted at Andrew, Roger and Eva, with a view also that some of Andrew's earlier systems may no longer be needed. The Technology Review can now be dropped as a regular agenda item. An update of the Society web site and hosting base will be done by Andrew when he can fit it in. Due to the present systems installation quirks on AWS this is a little complicated.

#### 6) NEWSLETTER

Roger will arrange a meeting with Cat and Andrew to establish working methods. It was noted that Cat will have problems attending meetings until May as her husband is working away.

#### 7) PLANNING

The appeal over the main house at Cliveden Stud was rejected. Enforcement has been requested to get the car breakers business off the Huntswood Lane development site. The number of equine to residential applications continues to grow. The Parish Council has raised with County as to whether this loss of rural industry is of any concern.

#### 8) CELTIC CROSS UPDATE

Roger has submitted a funding request to the Beeches Community Board for £1500 to complete the

funding. Meeting due in early February. The Parish Council has offered £1000 with the Society making up the balance of the ££2933.20 estimate from Cliveden Conservation. In the event of the final figure changing somewhat it was agreed that the Society would cover this.

**9) 2024 SCHEDULING**

Jacqueline agreed to run the Tidy Up Taplow litter pick on 16<sup>th</sup> March from 10-12am. Roger will book the Village Hall.

With the move of the accounting year to end at calendar year end, the 2024 AGM will be moved to a date in 2025, to be agreed later in the year. Better weather / lighter evenings will hopefully help with attendance.

**10) AOB**

At Jonathan's request, parking issues around the station were discussed. TfL have been very responsive and have cleared up and white lined the south car park to make more spaces available (and discourage opportunist parking by the station yard businesses). It appears that the County is not treating the problem with any urgency. Roger would check if George Sandy has any update and then we should look at writing to the local press to gain some visibility.

Meeting closed at 9pm. Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> February Larkspur

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