

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 17th February 2025 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present:

Roger Worthington
Mike Turner
Sue Thornton
Charlie Greeves

Rupert Sellers

Jacqueline Turner

Apologies:

Eva Lipman
Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Jonathan Spector
Andrew Findlay
Robert Hanbury

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the January meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £9,000 in the new Charity Bank notice account and £2026.62 in the Community account. Mike advised that as agreed the bulk of monies have been moved to the new account and the Barclays Premium account has been closed.

5) MOVE WEB SERVER

Due to some long-running problems with his internet access Mike said he had made no progress but expected to restart soon.

6) NEWSLETTER

Roger said he would starting on this soon and any articles would be gratefully received. Mike passed over a draft of the Rowing Club article on Thames water purity.

7) PLANNING

Roger tabled a report on current status.

PL/25/0235/PIP is yet another Cliveden Stud application seeking to build 5 new houses. It is a reduced version of a similar one for 9 houses that was refused.

The problem with footpath 13 is progressing. Roger is working with Dawn Davies (Ramblers) and we are in correspondence with ROW and sourcing photos of the previous state of the path.

8) TAPLOW NEW TOWN

The government has a Task Force charged with producing a short list of New Town sites this year. One submission includes Taplow.

<https://ukdayone.org/briefings/new-towns-for-a-new-generation>

The i Newspaper led on this and then visited Taplow for a follow-up. They interviewed Karen Walsh (TPC chair) and Roger (in his capacity as TPC councillor AND HTS chair).

<https://inews.co.uk/news/historic-village-could-become-new-town-locals-arent-convicted-3532126>

Our MP has led with a Green Belt protest. Taplow, Dorney and Burnham council are co-ordinating any

responses. Martin Tett (BC leader) has advised that any housing number that might be agreed would be in addition to the already advised housing numbers for Bucks.

We consider that in addition to a Green Belt objection there are many practical problems that need to be raised that may be a stronger defence as the government can override the Green Belt objection just by taking a decision.

It was decided that a first list of such problems would be made and circulated to members so that have something to respond with for any further press interviews. Roger would circulate a draft to the committee.

9) AGM READINESS

Roger will write to committee members asking if they will stand for nomination again and draft an agenda. Sue confirmed that SGI would provide 50 sets of crockery. As she will be away she will make other delivery arrangements.

10) TuT

Jacqueline said the Risk assessment had been submitted to TPC. RE-organisation at BC level meant supply of bags and rubbish collection had moved from Amersham. Mike was looking to prepare a sort of ticket for the event to include easy joining of HTS and notice of VGP etc.

11) AOB

Roger advised that the work by TPC to resolve the Approach Road parking problems should complete this evening with the completion of the double yellow lines painting.

When we write to members with information it would be sensible to suggest that they link it into various Taplow Whatsapp groups for a wider dissemination.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Next meeting 17th March 7:30 Larkspur

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Planning report February 2025

New applications of interest

PL/25/0235/PIP	5 houses Cliveden Stud
PL/24/3863/FA	Barge Farm extensions
PL/25/0378/AGN	Larchwood House barn for deer farming

Decisions of interest

PL/23/2617/TP	Tree fell at Wellbank Cottage	APPEAL ALLOWED
PL/24/3190/EU	Odds Farm retrospective	APPROVED
PL/24/3849/PNC	Downlands Barn conversion to Storage	APPROVED
PL/24/0391/EU	Cliveden Stud House exemption	APPEAL ALLOWED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Cliveden Stud House covenant	COMMENTED
PL/24/2275/FA	Ye Meads retrospective	

Appeals

PL/24/1603/FA	Cranford House Coach House Conditions appealed
PL/23/3881/EU	Land by Skyfall gates - disbelief
PL/23/3758/FA	Land by Skyfall stables – biodiversity
PL/23/3483/FA	Paddock bungalow Huntswood Lane
PL/24/0776/EU	Existing use as a caravan site
PL/24/2968/FA	New house Wooburn Common Road

Enforcements

ES/24/00002/COU	Huntswood Lane North Barn APP/N0410/C/24/3343577
ES/24/00128/COU	Huntswood Lane South van dump APP/N0410/C/24/3349257
ES/24/00457/COU	Cliveden Stud SL6 0HU vehicle storage