

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting
Larkspur Mill Lane
Monday September 15th, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Roger Worthington
Mike Turner
Jacqueline Turner
Andrew Findlay
Jane Curry
Rupert Sellers
Sue Thornton
Eva Lipman

Apologies

Charlie Greeves
Jonathan Specktor
Cat Howard
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 19/5/2025 meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £9045.27 in the Charity Bank notice account and £2917.85 in the Community account. £0 in cash. Membership is 222; 291 including household members.

5) RATIFICATION OF CHURCH CONTRIBUTION

Jonathan raised, by email, that two committee members suggested raising the contribution from £750 to £1000 but £750 was donated without further consultation. Meeting agreed this was OK. It looks like work has started on the asbestos in the church.

Jonathan also asked if the Committee would entertain the use of whatsapp for instance, which allows polling, to be used in a limited manner should something like this arise again? Suggestion was discussed and agreed to stick with email for such discussions.

6) MOVE WEB SERVER

Mike is waiting on availability of Andrew to start the transfer.

7) NEWSLETTER

Items for next newsletter well in progress; production target is to be completed mid-October. Cedar Chase would like to submit an article for Spring 2026 to celebrate their 60th birthday.

8) PRINTING REVIEW

The last issue seems to have generally been well received. Andrew used a different printer this time. Comment is that at least the cover paper weight should be heavier – as per earlier issues. Andrew said

150, 170 and 250g available. Try 170g for all pages.

9) **VGP**

See VGP minutes of 24th June.

Some discussion about ideal numbers (we had 336 this year). Probably need 275 to be viable. Don't want to publicise to attract people from far and wide.

Spring newsletter to emphasise that 2026 will be the 40th anniversary; also appeal for more helpers, especially younger volunteers.

Anne Sandford from River Road was present but didn't know she was on duty as first-aider. RW to discuss next year with her.

TVAP very happy with their part in the event.

10) **PLANNING**

a) **Updates**

Enforcements have been served on the van dump / vehicle storage at Cliveden Stud to be cleared up in 7 months from 02/09/2025.

b) **New applications**

2 at Cliveden Stud including retrospective application for a spray booth at Red Horse Centre. Hermitage applying for second house in grounds. Was stymied by large Wellingtonia tree in the way, which has suddenly died. Need to ask tree officer if it was a natural death.

c) **Local Plan**

No update. Lots of green belt likely to turn into grey belt. 95,000 houses are Bucks allocation.

d) The barn by Buffins **has** got planning permission.

e) Stonecrop (corner of Rectory Road) – AF to check planning application against what is going up. Post Meeting Update (PMU): AF says “the thing I thought was a big single garage is actually a very imposing entrance hall!”

f) Status of Ellington Road footpath – between numbers 5 and 6, neither of which have been sold yet. Exceedingly narrow path. Rights of Way team on Council have taken it up. 3 months since latest update. Double fence could be reduced to one.

g) No planning application exists on the Boundary Road allotments.

h) £40K in parish budget from Bishop Centre + £12K from CIL.

11) **TAPLOW NEW TOWN**

Publication of Task Force document for new towns now likely to be December to announce 12 sites.

12) **AGM**

a) Speaker – RW to ask Jonathan for suggestions. Nigel has 2 more talks. RW will look for the speaker who did “state of the River” talk. Environment Agency – JT to approach contact; otherwise RW could write cold letter to Environment Agency. Museum of English Rural Life (MERL) contact – RW? ST to contact Helen at Burnham Beeches? Should we drop the speaker altogether?

b) Date – Wed April 15 2026? School term dates for Easter are 27/3 – 13/4/2026. JC to check with Village Hall. for Reading Room (large room) availability.

13) **AOB**

River Road policing of boat moorings – progress! There will be a Ringo-like system with enforcement.

Taplow PC has no logo! Have had a consultant produce 2 contenders.

14) Next meeting currently 20/10 but JT & MT away. Re-arranged to 13/10 at 7:30 at Larkspur.

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Planning report August September 2025

New applications of interest – objections to be considered.

PL/25/2280/FA	Hermitage second house in grounds
PL/25/2034/FA	1 house opposite Paddock Bungalow Metal Barn
PL/25/2546/FA	Red Horse Centre to be workshop spray booth

Decisions of interest

PL/24/2968/FA	New house Wooburn Common Road	APPEAL REFUSED
PL/24/1603/FA	Cranford House Coach House Conditions	APPEAL REFUSED
PL/25/1970/PIP	Cliveden Stud 3 replace houses	APPROVED
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings Cliveden Stud Cottages	REFUSED
ES/24/00002/COU	Huntswood Lane North Barn APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	REFUSED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Cliveden Stud House covenant	COMMENTED
PL/25/1456/FA	Post barn to house Cliveden Stud	COMMENTED
PL/25/2509/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-4 houses	
PL/25/1971/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-3 houses	

Appeals

PL/23/3881/EU	Land by Skyfall gates - disbelief
PL/23/3758/FA	Land by Skyfall stables – biodiversity
PL/24/0776/EU	Existing use as a caravan site

Enforcement

ES/24/00128/COU	Huntswood Lane South van dump APP/N0410/C/24/3349257
ES/24/00457/COU	Cliveden Stud SL6 OHU vehicle storage APP/N0410/C/25/3364961

In the context of these enforcements and appeals the police have made arrests on suspicion of stolen vehicles relating to these sites.