

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Thursday January 15th, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Roger Worthington
Mike Turner
Jacqueline Turner
Andrew Findlay
Jane Curry
Rupert Sellers

Apologies

Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Sue Thornton
Jonathan Spektor
Charlie Greeves
Eva Lipman

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 17/11/2025 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 £3233.56 in the Community account. £0 in cash.

Draft accounts presented – NB 2023/4 figures are for 14 months so some numbers for this year look odd due to a few things coming in monthly or annually, but overall our bank balance has increased. Mike will have Perry Ashwood look over the accounts before the AGM.

5) OLD PRIORY GARDENS (OPG)

Saty Joshi has received two proposals for remedial work and suggestions for ongoing maintenance. Discussion at Taplow Parish Council (TPC) this Tuesday (20/2/26) at 19:30. Feeling of the meeting is that OPG is a place for Taplow people not a wider-target “destination”. OPG is owned by County but leased to TPC at a peppercorn rent. TPC liable for maintenance – trees, invasive plants (knotweed & hogweed), etc. Quote from ArbAware for ~ £32K largely for tree work and pond refurbishment. Braywick thought to have a Forest School – we might consult. Jacqueline will try and attend TPC meeting on Tuesday to meet Saty Joshi. Cliveden have offered a ranger for a day to assess what is actually in OPG – not happened yet.

6) NEWSLETTER

People happy with paper weights and cover now.
Roger and Cat are gathering a number of articles for the Spring edition.

7) TIDY UP TAPLOW (TuT)

Great British Spring Clean is 13-29 March. Jacqueline suggests Sat 21/3 or Sunday 22/3 for TuT – Sunday 22nd is probably better to avoid clashes with other activities. 10:00 – 12:00 then tea, coffee and cakes afterwards in the Village Hall. Jacqueline to book Perkins Room for 9:00 – 13:00. Jane to add to

diary when booked and send reminder to membership. Check carefully on rubbish removal as it sat around for ages last year.

8) **PLANNING**

General planning still seems rather quiet!

a) Updates

- (i) Land by Skyfall – gates and access approved but the track is rejected.
- (ii) Joes Folly at Amerden Lake - ground surface water drainage into lake application has been revised and significantly improved but the water still goes into the lake.

b) New applications

- (i) Ye Meads down Marsh Lane – smallholding. Doesn't look like a big problem.
- (ii) Taplow Cricket Club nets – probably doesn't need planning permission but Drew being extra cautious.

c) Cliveden

- (i) Lots of activity, some of it effectively re-applying after refusals and appeals.
- (ii) General concern that activities are taking place behind hedges and high gates

d) Hitcham Farm – pre-planning report submitted to Council. Clear assumption that Council will look favourably and take it out of greenbelt. Roger suggests no green belt decisions should be taken before Local Plan published – mid 2027? Technically it is Burnham's problem. HTS will work with TPC who are liaising with Burnham Parish Council.

e) Martin Maund is keen to have a Neighbourhood Plan for Taplow. It would need to dovetail with Local Plan. Not sure of the value of a Neighbourhood Plan in the context of Taplow.

f) TPC considering hiring a drone facility to gather evidence for planning input.

g) Andrew suggested researching earth resources satellite data – not silly expensive, he thinks.

9) **AOB**

- i) Taplow PC logo may have been decided – raise at TPC meeting on Tuesday.
- ii) An invitation will be sent to HTS members later in year to invite everyone to Cedar Chase's 60th birthday celebration on September 6th. Article in Spring newsletter.
- iii) County Council are encouraging local Councils to create a "Little Free Library" – a small "box" for local book exchanges. Phone box in Taplow? . Burnham Library no longer open full-time.
- iv) Graveyard overflow is on TPC agenda for Tuesday.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting.

Next meeting Thursday February 12th at 7:30 at Larkspur.

2026 dates:

Thursday March 19

(AGM Wednesday April 15th)

Thursday May 14th

Thursday June 11th

(VGP Saturday June 20th)

Thursday June 25th (VGP wrapup)

Thursday September 17th

Thursday October 15th

Thursday November 19th

All on the HTS "Taplow Diary" web page.

SIGNED:.....

Planning report December 2025 / January 2026

Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/25/5343/FA	New cricket nets at the club
PL/25/5269/FA	Ye Meads rebuild of sheep barn
PL/25/5186/FA	2 Ellington Gardens work at rear

– objections to be considered.

PL/25/6745/CONDA Joes Folly drainage into lake amended. Improved but still goes to Lake

Decisions of interest

PL/25/4411/CONDA	Joes Folly drainage into lake	REJECTED
PL/23/3881/EU	Land by Skyfall gates appeal	PART ALLOWED
The part relating to the gates and access to the site is allowed, the part relating to the internal track is rejected.		
PL/23/3758/FA	Land by Skyfall stables	ALLOWED WITH CONDITIONS

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED
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Appeals

Enforcement

Part 2 -- Planning report December 2025 / January 2026 – Cliveden Stud (Michael Barnes)

Recent applications of Interest

PL/25/6684/PIP	Cliveden Stud demolish barn 1 house
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Recent Decisions of Interest

PL/25/2509/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-4 houses	Conditional
PL/25/2034/FA	Single dwelling house opposite Paddock Bungalow	REFUSED
NOTE: this application PL/25/2034/FA is the same as previous application PL/23/3483/FA, which was refused and went to appeal - Appeal APP/X0415/W/24/3350611 was dismissed on 16 th April 2025.		

PL/25/1971/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-3 houses	Conditional
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Past Decisions of Interest

PL/25/1970/PIP	Cliveden Stud – 1 to 3 new dwellings	Conditional
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings Cliveden Stud Cottages	REFUSED
ES/24/00002/COU	Huntswood Lane South (American Barn) APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	Appeal Dismissed
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings	REFUSED
PL/25/0756/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	Conditional
PL/25/0235/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	REFUSED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/2206/FA	Conversion of the main Stud House into two.	Unknown status
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Cliveden Stud House removal Section 12 covenant	Unknown status
PL/25/1456/FA	Post Barn Cliveden Road	Refused

Appeals

APP/N0410/C/24/3349257 & APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	American Barn	Appeal Dismissed
APP/N0410/C/24/3345342	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/C/25/3364961	Green Barn – removal of hardstanding	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/X/24/3349768	Lawful use of the land as a caravan site.	Appeal Dismissed

Enforcement

ES/24/00128/COU	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World
ES/24/00457/COU	Green Barn – removal of hardstanding
ES/24/00002/COU	American Barn – cease and desist current use of land

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