

Hitcham and Taplow Society

(DRAFT)

Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting

Taplow Village Hall
Wednesday 15^h April 2026 at 8pm

Welcome

Eva welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked them to sign the attendee list.

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

16 members were present, plus 3 guests.

Apologies were received from: Robert & Gillie Hanbury.

No proxies were received.

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed.
Proposed by Nigel Smales, seconded by Rupert Sellers.

President's Address

Delivered by Eva Lipman.

Eva thanked the many people involved in running the Hitcham and Taplow Society (HTS). See copy attached.

Chairman's Report

Delivered by Roger Worthington.

Roger reported on the plethora of planning issues that HTS is monitoring and responding to. He encouraged others to come forward and join the HTS team and especially thanked Robert Hanbury for his service to HTS over 40 years. See copy attached.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Delivered by Mike Turner.

Mike reported that the accounts were in good health and the membership remains stable at around 230 households. See copy attached.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Elections

Roger Worthington said that Eva was prepared to act as President for another year. This was formally proposed by Nigel Smales and seconded by John Twyde. Accepted unanimously.

Eva then suggested that each of the remaining nominations be voted for en-bloc as there no other contenders; proposed by Nigel Smales, seconded by Jonathan Specktor. The volunteers were elected unopposed.

- Chairman - Roger Worthington
- Secretary – Jane Curry
- Treasurer – Mike Turner
- Committee – Andrew Findlay, Charlotte Greeves, Robert Harrap, Cat Howard, Rupert Sellers, Jonathan Specktor, Sue Thornton and Jacqueline Turner.

Perry Ashwood is willing to continue inspection of our financial accounts.

AOB

There was no other business.

Close

Formal business closed at 20:26.

Refreshments

Thank you to Jacqueline Turner, Sue Thornton and SGI for organising the refreshments.

Talk

Dr Helen Read who was recently awarded an MBE for pioneering the conservation practices of ancient and veteran trees and wood pasture management, described some of her work as Conservation Officer at Burnham Beeches. An excellent talk (including participatory tree yoga) with many questions afterwards.

Eva Lipman thanked Helen for her fascinating talk and a hearty round of applause ensued.

Signed by:

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