HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 16th January 2017 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:		Apologies:
Eva Lipman (chair)	Charlie Greeves	Karl Lawrence
Roger Worthington	Rupert Sellers	Fred Russell
Alastair Hill	Zoe Hatch	Tony Hickman
Miv Wayland-Smith		Robert Harrap
Louise Symons		Nigel Smales
Bob Hanbury		

A letter from Sheila Peroni was read out responding to the Society's condolences. (Attached)

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £2760.49 (current) and £1575.76. Subscription revenues were £101 in November and £214.10 in December.

3. **NEWSLETTER**

No update

4. PLANNING

Mill Lane

We objected to the request by BH for relief from the conditions defining the management of the common. It contained no definition beyond a five year point. They have also applied to build a show apartment adjacent to the sales office but committee did not think an objection was needed.

Various applications

The Royal Borough has submitted a draft local plan. We raised an objection as the plan is to build 14,000+ houses with no infrastructure development for roads. The load placed on the A4 (together with the Smart expansion of the M4) would make the Taplow section of the A4 intolerable.

Thames Riviera Hotel applied for conversion and extension to apartments. We objected on the grounds that the Taplow facing façade was totally out of character. The same standards that were applied to the BH buildings by the Maidenhead Bridge should be applied. We also made suggestions for traffic flow improvements at the bridge roundabout.

Cycleway

The proposal has been withdrawn for re-assessment.

Neighbourhood Plan. Roger would circulate the questionnaire for any comment. This should be kept confidential at this stage.

5. TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Following concerns raised outside the meetings, the proposed working party to look at payment methods should be expanded to include Nigel. It should ensure that the whole subscription processes should be included.

Some further concerns over degree and form of member interaction would be discussed with Nigel also.

There are a number of informal email lists in Taplow that might usefully be connected to in promoting the Society web site enhancements.

6. VILLAGE GREEN PARTY

Alastair confirmed that the date (24th June), the band, the Village Centre were all booked. Rather than immediately book St Johns Ambulance, Roger would talk with Nigel and Cliff from Taplow Court about the possibility of using volunteers only.

7. EASTER EGG HUNT

Charlie confirmed that the hunt would go ahead (17th April). A need was identified to recruit newer young children. Suggestion that Claire Price be spoken to as having good links with St Nicolas School.

8. AOB

Eva reported that the provision of a bench in the Old Priory Gardens as a Lincoln Lee memorial was proceeding, costing were awaited and the installation would be managed through THRGA. **Committee recruitment**. Miv and Charlie had possible candidates from unrepresented parts of Taplow and would follow up.

Committee minutes. Agreed that these should be posted to the web. Meeting closed at 9:10pm.

Meeting dates:

February 20th March 20th

April 17th Easter Egg Hunt

April 24th May 15th

June 24th VGP

September 18th October 16th November 20th

December 8th AGM

