

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 15th January 2018 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Louise Symons
Rupert Sellers
Roger Worthington

Bob Hanbury
Charlie Greeves
Nigel Smales

Apologies:

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed and signed
The minutes of the AGM were reviewed and thought satisfactory.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are: Community £3473.29, Deposit £1576.04. £197 was received in January for subscriptions and a number of invoices paid.

The final bill (for concrete foundations) for the Lee memorial bench is awaited.

The problem of Standing Orders not being set up by the banks was discussed. The result is that we believe a sub has been paid but we don't see the failure until a year later when it does not renew. The procedure for chasing up due subs would be dealt with by each of the identified "deliverers" working through their list of assigned members directly with Robert. Roger would ask Jane Curry for an up to date list of residents in Cedar Chase who pay by block subscription.

Robert had received the report from our internal auditor, Claire Price. Numbers on the annual report did not need adjusting but comments were noted for changes to practice for future reporting.

- **NEWSLETTER**

Planning is well advanced for the spring issue.

The problem of determining who the Newsletter should carry obituaries for was discussed. Procedure should be that the editor will check with the committee to decide and also who should be approached outside the committee to contribute or author.

Nigel has scanned many of the earlier Newsletters for inclusion on our web site but waiting on Zoe to either complete or to empower him to do so.

Eva would pen a short article on the completion of the bench installation.

The production / inclusion of a recruiting insert was further discussed. Roger and Nigel would come to the next meeting with detailed proposals.

- **PLANNING**

Cliveden Stud

Awaiting SBDC decision (After the meeting it was communicated that the owners were actively marketing one of the properties and advertising for commercial business users, in direct contradiction to the covenants). This is from the extensive campaign led by the Nortons

SBDC Homeless housing

Roger gave a short update on the plan by SBDC to erect some temporary accommodation in Burnham adjacent to the old sewage works on the A4 opposite Tesco using pre-fab container units to house homeless families.

Silchester House

The application to demolish Silchester House to build 10 apartments and a new nursery was

reviewed and a protest agreed. Key points are: Preservation of the historic value of the building, oppose the bringing forward of the building line, correcting traffic statements made, Green Belt grounds. Also an additional concern that the roadway proposed through to the rear of the site looks like a precursor to build house round the corner on land also owned by the applicant. Nigel would complete this and circulate.

Challens Chicks

The application for temporary accommodation would be opposed. The owner is essentially looking to build a long term business and any application should be treated on that basis. The need also had not been properly proven. The site is seen as suffering endless planning creep with much ignoring of permissions in the process.

Institute Road flooding

The completion of the Rural Exception site housing has resulted in all of the drains failing and the road flooding. Road will be closed at end January for rectification.

- **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Roger would contact Zoe to get updates on a number of outstanding technology items.

- **STATION FOOTBRIDGE**

It now appears far from certain that the footbridge will return despite earlier assurances, long predicted by more cynical members. A letter should be constructed to make the case for return. The handling of the recent allocation of Blue Badge spaces confirms the concerns. The associated need for more parking facilities was discussed but the answer is not clear. Also noted that nobody has seen more than three cycles parked at the station.

- **AOB**

Roger commented that the Parish Council appeared minded to look at more positive contribution to Taplow life than has been the case.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Next HTS Committee Meeting: February 19th

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