

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 14th May 2018 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Nigel Smales
Roger Worthington
Rupert Sellers
Andrew Findlay

Robert Hanbury
Louise Symons
Robert Harrap
(Jacqueline Turner)

Apologies:

Al Hill
Miv Wayland-Smith
Charlie Greeves

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed and signed

- **CONSIDER CO-OPTION OF Jacqueline Turner**

Jacqueline was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for her efforts in successfully recruiting our first members from the new Mill Lane developments. In a unanimous vote she was co-opted to the committee.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are: £3752 and £1576, with some £80 held in cash.

Some remaining subscriptions were handed over. There was some confusion as to a house swap between two members – Roger would email Robert with the details.

Miv's subscription was outstanding but would be deducted from his costs for the installation of the Lincoln Lee bench.

- **NEWSLETTER**

Delivery was complete. There had been many comments of appreciation for the quality and interest in the Newsletter and Nigel was thanked for this. Extra copies had been very useful so far in attracting new members from Mill Lane and this approach would continue.

Recruitment

Using extra copies of the Newsletter was successful on Mill Lane and some 7 new members were recruited. Need to repeat in some form along Institute Road, probably at a weekend.

- **PLANNING**

A number of outstanding applications were summarised to bring Jacqueline up to date.

The Lindens application was rejected as requiring a full planning application.

The 1 Stockwells application was withdrawn.

The debate over one or two Unitary Authorities continues but the choice may actually be between one or keeping the status quo.

SBDC have made no reply to the TPC letter asking for clarity on station parking. The Care Home developers state that both Planning officers and policy makers have said that there is no need for more parking.

- **VGP**

Roger will be placing an order for wristbands, approximately £25.

In his absence, Al had made an expenditure request for VGP equipment: 2 pairs of trestles from Screwfix at £25 a pair. A gazebo at £187.

The trestle purchase was approved but there were queries on the gazebo as to size and quality.

Purchase was approved in principle but Andrew would discuss this, together with the provision of

new table tops as they are used /needed for other events in the village.

Comment was also made that the iron stakes used to anchor the bunting along the edge of the Green are end of life and replacement should be planned.

- **WAR MEMORIAL**

A funding decision by TPC will be made at the May AGM. If that decision requires additional funding from the public, this would be discussed at the Parish Annual Meeting immediately following the TPC meeting.

- **AOB**

Nigel reported that he was to meet with Alain Roux on the 23rd about photographs being made available for the new restaurant.

Roger advised that he would be on BBC 3 Counties Local Radio in the morning to discuss the effect in Taplow of Meghan Markle staying at Cliveden the night before her marriage.

AGM speaker. Suggestions included a British Museum specialist who had given an in depth talk on Tappaes Mound recently; a speaker from the Museum of English Rural Life in Reading; someone from the time when Taplow Court was used by Plessey.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Next HTS Committee Meeting: September 17th

The meeting is expected to take place in the Berry Room, not the basement

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