

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 17th September 2018 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

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

Robert Hanbury
Miv Wayland-Smith
Robert Harrap
Jacqueline Turner
(Jonathan Specktor)

Apologies:

Al Hill
Louise Symons

1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May meeting were agreed and signed

2) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances as at 2nd September:

Current £5,289.77, Premium £1,041.62, Cash £86.00

Allocations: War memorial fund £560.00 (£1,922 raised less £1,362 passed to TPC)

Linc's bequest £481.62 (£1,577.62 less £1,096.00 paid for the bench)

Robert raised strong concerns over the way that the committee had decided to make its own donation to the war memorial restoration fund. He felt that this was sufficiently irregular to make this a resigning matter for himself. However, by unanimous appeal from the rest of the committee he agreed to stay in post. It was agreed that any future decision to make any donation must be formally reviewed and agreed in advance of the commitment itself.

The list of donors is attached.

Roger noted that he was now directly paying the Amazon costs of the web site support (approx. £12 per month) and would claim them quarterly.

3) NEWSLETTER

Nigel reported that he had full content on schedule for the autumn issue. As previously noted it would have a major feature on the first world war anniversary, based around the list of fallen on the war memorial. For once he hoped that there would not be an obituary.

4) PLANNING

Updates since May meeting:

- a) The Challens Chicks residency application was approved over our objection
- b) The egg Homes application to redevelop the Old Boathouse site was withdrawn. The owner – Heather Lindsey – is now selling the site to Gage Properties.
- c) The application to build a gastropub on Mill Lane has been withdrawn. This is thought to be due to the site still being in the Green Belt currently
- d) The care Home application on the Roots site is still outstanding but opinion is that this may also be withdrawn for the same reason.
- e) The new footbridge at the station has been approved and Network rail are also undertaking major renovation of the Brunel Bridge.
- f) National Trust intend a major rebuild of the Orangery at Cliveden due to its poor state.

New applications

PL/18/2280 at Cranford House Boundary Road. The proposal to convert the Coach House to a full residence was discussed with concerns for parking and possible over development but no decision was made to object.

PL/18/3048 31 Buffins. A simple application to permit parking on the front garden. Parking in Buffins is very difficult as it was not allowed for in the original design. Never the less very few houses have converted their gardens. Mass conversion will significantly change the character of the estate. It is difficult for SBDC to reject such applications and there is no residents association to take an overall view. The Society would write to request that any such permissions should mandate the installation of porous surfaces.

The Quarry

Extraction is expected to finish this year, with restoration in spring 2019. Summerlease appear to be open to suggestions for any future use of the land other than reverting to a hay crop. Suggestions from the meeting included re-siting Taplow United FC and developing footpaths. If we can refine these suggestions we should put them forward.

5) **VGP**

It was agreed that the event would be on Saturday 22nd June.

6) **EASTER EGG HUNT**

No progress in absence of Charlie.

7) **WAR MEMORIAL**

Following the decision by TPC to offer £2,000 towards the quoted costs of £3,362, the Society ran an appeal to raise the remaining £1,362. This was successful (but see Treasurer's item above). Progress has been complicated by the apparent need to obtain a "Faculty approval" from the Oxford diocese. Phil Taylor (church warden) has now obtained this and Roger will meet with him and Adrian Powell (the stone mason) on Thursday to initiate action. There is some surplus money in the appeal and this will be held over, initially to cover any "untowards" on the restoration. After this, work on the Hitcham memorial and a possible plaque to commemorate local second world war deaths might be considered.

8) **AGM**

Roger confirmed that the Village Hall is booked for 7th December. The suggestion from Nigel for a speaker was adopted. This is a film of the organisation of Harry and Meghan's wedding, presented by the senior organiser of the event, who would then run a Q&A session with one or more other colleagues.

9) **AOB**

Jacqueline had been pursuing a litter cleaning program based around a "Green Clean" machine – a sort of reverse vending machine but this would have to be deferred to the spring. She also drew attention to a Windsor Fringe set of events at www.windsorfringe.co.uk

Andrew raised the need for some new trestle table. He thought the best solution would be to build them out of T&G floorboards. Should be built slightly smaller than the current ones to make it easier to get in and out of the church crypt. 21mm boards supported on three trestles should be about right and we would need five at about £110-£115 each. He was authorised to proceed on that basis up to £600.

Nigel drew attention to the Cliveden Literary Festival 29-30 September.

Roger raised two matters of committee membership.

He had received a note from Miv advising that he was standing down from the committee with immediate effect and would also stand down from VGP duties. The committee recorded its thanks for his ten years of service. Eva would write to express this appreciation.

He had also asked Jonathan Spektor to attend the meeting as he had expressed interest in helping. He was unanimously welcomed and co-opted onto the committee.

Meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Next HTS Committee Meeting: October 15th

SIGNED:.....

War Memorial
Appeal

S Philips	£25
Dr Leftley	£50
Sheila Peroni	£100
Nigel Smales	£500
Oak & Saw	£20
Miss M J Cooper	£20
SK Thornley	£200
Worthington	£25
Louise A Symons	£100
Mrs J M Beaves	£20
Bridget Henderson	£50
C Gillies	£25
Mr & Mrs J Sizer	£10
Mary Meikle & Roy J	£75
David Long	£50
Jacqueline Turner	£5
Brenda Kennedy	£5
Crispin Turner	£20
Alex Shephard	£5
Eva Lipman	£20
Bruce Whitelaw	£10
R Hanbury	£27
Dean & Biddlecombe	£10
Taplow Football club	£50
THRGA	£250
HTS	£250
	£1,922
Paid to TPC	£1,362
Surplus	£560