

# HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

## Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 8.00pm

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Roger Worthington(chair)     Robert Hanbury  
Nigel Smales                     Louise Symons  
Jonathan Specktor             Jacqueline Turner  
Rupert Sellers

#### Apologies:

Al Hill  
Robert Harrap  
Charlie Greeves  
Eva Lipman

**Al Hill** has resigned from the committee due to pressures of other commitments. He is, however, happy to continue to lead the VGP operation. He was thanked for his contribution over the years and willingness to continue support for the VGP.

#### 1) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October meeting were agreed and signed

Roger advised that BCC had withdrawn offers of devolved services due to the Unitary Council decision.

#### 2) TREASURER'S REPORT

The War Memorial funds have been fully spent. Balances are Current £5297.14, Premium £482.30.

Progress was being made on upgrading the £5 SO members to £7.

#### 3) NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter had been delivered to members on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Remembrance Day. Nigel was particularly congratulated on the enormous research effort for the details of the fallen of Taplow and managing the tight time frame for the bridge opening and other last minutes events. The issue had been very well received.

#### 4) PLANNING

##### UPDATES

**Cliveden Stud** The three application have all been refused on the grounds that the applicant had failed to demonstrate that there is no demand for Stud facilities in the area. An excellent, if long delayed, decision but is doubtful that this is the last we will hear.

**Kingsdown, Marsh Lane** The swimming pool buildings have been approved.

**Gage Properties** held an exhibition of their proposals for the Old Boathouse site. Not much more information than in their earlier presentation to us. Roger would write to Gage with a view that we have concerns for access to the moorings, for associated parking provision and that it would be desirable for them to liaise with Berkeley Homes over the plans for the adjacent chandlery. Assessment would have been easier if Gag had offered samples of building materials at the exhibition. As the application for the pub from Hall and Woodhouse is also imminent we should consider writing to a wider audience appealing for SBDC to take a more holistic view of the separate applications.

##### NEW

**Buffins** The off street parking application for No 31 has been resubmitted

**Challens Chicks** An application for a large barn for a quail egg business on the Marsh lane site. Needs further investigation to see if there are grounds to object.

**Huntswood Golf Club** Apparently the club house has been operating unlawfully for many years. Application made to rectify.

**Amerden Caravan site** Application to approve use by touring caravans all year round.

The Local Plan for SBDC/CDC is expected to be published in the spring and a Regulation 19 consultation will follow (i.e. objections only on formal grounds).

**5) EASTER EGG HUNT**

No action

**6) WAR MEMORIAL**

The restoration work was completed in time for Remembrance Day. The re-carved inscription will follow shortly. The Hitcham memorial has been cleaned. There is a big ivy covered tree very close to the memorial that might need checking for safety.

**7) AGM**

Nigel confirmed that the speaker arrangement was all in good shape. Louise and Pauline Worthington would manage catering layout and serving. Roger would check with Charlie and Pauline over provision of snacks.

**8) BRIDGE NAME**

BH are holding public consultation for a name for the new footbridge. Committee view is that it should be "Taplow Bridge". Justification well summarised by Martin Knight email. HTS will write to BH with this view and also circulate to members to encourage them also to write.

**9) MEETING DATES 2019**

The dates for 2019 meetings were agreed (attached)

**10) AOB**

The need for a wider spread of responsibilities within the committee was discussed. We have no chairman and Roger in particular is covering too many tasks. All were requested to see how they could help.

Need for VGP responsibility person

Marketing for VGP and EEH

Web site communications / Facebook

Planning

**Meeting closed at 9:00pm.**

Next HTS Meeting: AGM 7<sup>th</sup> December Village Hall 8pm.

SIGNED:.....

## HTS dates 2019

JANUARY	Committee	14th
FEBRUARY	Committee	18th
MARCH	Committee	18th
APRIL	Committee	15th
APRIL	EEH	22nd
MAY	Committee	20th
JUNE	VGP	22nd
SEPTEMBER	Committee	16th
OCTOBER	Committee	21st
NOVEMBER	Committee	18th
DECEMBER	AGM	6th