

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 20th March 2017 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Rupert Sellers (chair)
Bob Hanbury
Robert Harrap
Nigel Smales

Charlie Greeves
Zoe Hatch
Louise Symons
Roger Worthington

Apologies:

Al Hill
Miv Wayland-Smith
Eva Lipman

• MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February meeting were agreed.

• TREASURER'S REPORT

£57 received as subscriptions. Current balance just over £3k. To progress on-line banking, Bob has now received a debit card and is awaiting forms to complete on-line access.

It was formally agreed that Bob was authorised to set up a third party facility to provide direct debit capability for subscriptions.

Insurance is coming up for renewal at £230. It is thought necessary primarily to cover the VGP. Bob would check to see if a more competitive quote was available.

It was discussed as to whether the Society needed a “war chest” to support professional advice that might be needed for some future planning enquiry/appeal. No decision but the matter should be revisited.

• NEWSLETTER

Nigel confirmed that it is mostly on schedule. Robert Harrap confirmed that his article would come shortly. Discussion but no decision on the extent that the changes in Taplow Parish Council would be reported on, as much had been covered on-line. The Newsletter could just point to the web.

Copy dead-lines are end March with transfer to Andrew by April 11th. (Holiday considerations).

Recruitment:

After extensive discussion it was decided that a four page recruitment/value proposition insert would be produced for the November issue, (approximate additional cost £45 for the current run size of 250) there not being sufficient time to do a good job for the May issue, nor would there be enough newcomers at Mill Lane or Institute Road to justify for the May issue.

In the interim Roger will write a value proposition to go on the web site to include:

History, activities, contributions and current threats, especially Heathrow expansion. RWBM aviation forum minutes should be checked.

• PLANNING

The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire has been distributed by the Parish Council. The Society should make a response. Nigel would lead this after the Newsletter work clears. We can write directly to taplownp@gmail.com

The first residents have moved in to the Mill Lane and Institute Road developments.

It was agreed that an objection would be made on the Abbots Wood application (17/00340/FUL) as it was thought that an illuminated drive was not suitable in a Green Belt woodland.

- **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Zoe had set up a banner front page to promote the Easter Egg Hunt and was now waiting on the establishment of on-line banking to add DD subscription capability to the website.

The web and the Newsletter need to be kept in harmony and to refer to each other consistently.

- **VILLAGE GREEN PARTY**

Roger had obtained the temporary event licence £21 and forwarded detail to the treasurer. He has also requested first aid support from St Johns Ambulance but is waiting response.

- **EASTER EGG HUNT**

19 tickets sold so far. Publicity at the school had been a little slow, so more response expected shortly. Ticket prices on the day would be raised to £3.50 child and £4.50 adult. Remember to have a float of 50ps.

- **AOB**

Louise raised concerns about the fencing along the Jubilee by Berkeley Homes and their failure to replant trees that they had removed. She would draft a letter to Berkeley for this.

Nigel raised the concern with the Environment Agency who have closed the Jubilee Car Park for the duration of works. They need to be kept aware of the need to re-open.

Roger raised and it was agreed that a member email should be sent. Content at least the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, Easter Egg Hunt reminder and a reminder of the current set of threats (Heathrow etc) and the CPRE campaign (see below)

On Eva's behalf the campaign to get councillors to sign a Green Belt protection pledge (a campaign from the Council for the preservation of rural England) should be promoted by us.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

Next HTS Committee Meeting: 24th April.