

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 16th October 2017 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Louise Symons
Rupert Sellers
Nigel Smales

Bob Hanbury
Miv Wayland-Smith
Roger Worthington

Apologies:

Robert Harrap
Charlie Greeves
Zoe Hatch
Al Hill

• MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September meeting were agreed. It was noted that Martin Knight has agreed to talk at the AGM.

The sad death of Karl Lawrence that day was announced.

• TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances at 4th September were: Community £3253.04, deposit £1575.76

A cheque to the British Legion for the HTS wreath (£18) was handed to Roger for Fred Russell to pay over.

Robert advised that he was carrying a float of cash – interest rate are so low and we use cash for the VGP. He would in future advise on how much this is. He would draft a reminder email for overdue subscribers prior to delivery of the newsletter so that deliverers can follow up if need be. Deliverer codes are missing for some members. Roger and Nigel would update as part of the delivery process.

• NEWSLETTER

Andrew remains very busy. Effective latest deadline is 27th October for delivery 1st week November.

Remaining concerns now are:

What we should add concerning Karl's passing.

Delays to the bridge installation mean that this is still not finalised.

The FOI concerning the A4 Cycleway has been submitted by TPC but no acknowledgement yet.

• PLANNING

No new application have been submitted.

Rupert gave an update on the situation at 5 Ellington Gardens. The meeting with the developer took place and they have said they are intending to apply to build two house on the site rather than the one presently permitted.

There are yellow lines now on Mill Lane up by the Jubilee. Unclear has to whether there will also be lines along the whole of Mill Lane. Suggested that the Parish Council be asked to clarify with Berkeley Homes / SBDC.

• OPG BENCH

The inscription has a typing error. The supplier is to rectify.

• TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

No update in the absence of Zoe due to illness,

• AGM SCREEN

Purchase of a screen for use at the AGM was suggested. New price £160 for a 2000 x 2000. Miv would look on eBay for alternatives. The discussion widened into the idea of there being

“Community Assets”. Various groups might own things – screen, tables, etc. but there would be some sort of wider availability of these. It should be pursued further.

Further to the AGM readiness, the AGM notice flyer would be revised to include the constitutional amendment item and the amendment itself fitted onto the page – Attached for comment

- **PUBLICITY / RECRUITMENT**

Not pursued further but the survey from Civic Voice was noted as some of the questions should be considered in framing our promotions in the spring.

- **AOB**

Eva tabled the report from ANTAS, (now held by Roger) which includes entries from many societies (including HTS). Our participation is thought to be of value in support for wider issues of concern and also for information on what other societies are doing and experiencing.

<http://www.antas.org.uk/>

The status of war memorials was raised. There is no action planned for the Hitcham memorial. The Taplow memorial is being progressed by TPC. A report on works required has been view by the War memorial Trust. They have rejected some proposals, defines others as being maintenance and so not covered. Roger (as a TPC councillor) is progressing get costs for the proposed works to see if a grant would be feasible. There was a general sentiment that individual subscriptions would be forthcoming if funding became an issue.

Eva advised that she will be away for the November meeting so an alternative chair will be needed.

Robert passed to Nigel some early membership lists and the original planning of the VGP. Speeding outside his house was of concern. Nigel would check Burnham as to whether he might use the Taplow Sentinel device to monitor this.

Miv advised that Cliveden National Trust were looking at improving links with the Taplow community and would like to make a presentation of their plans. Not clear if just to TPC or HTS or open forum. Miv would follow up and Roger would check with TPC.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

Next HTS Committee Meeting: 20th November

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58th Annual General Meeting 8th December 2017 at 8pm The Village Hall

NOTICE AND AGENDA

1. Welcome to the meeting
2. Attendance and apologies for absence
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2016 AGM
4. President's address
5. Chairman's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Elections:
 - a. President: Eva Lipman has indicated that she is willing to stand for a further year.
 - b. Vice-Presidents: Sir Bernard Trevallion and Fred Russell have each indicated that they are willing to stand for a further year. Tony Hickman is standing down.
 - c. Chairman: - vacancy
 - d. Secretary: Roger Worthington has indicated that he is willing to stand for a further year.
 - e. Treasurer: Robert Hanbury has indicated that he is willing to stand for a further year.
 - f. Executive Committee:

The following members of the Executive Committee have indicated that they are willing to stand for a further year: Heather Fenn, Charlotte Greeves, Robert Harrap, Zoe Hatch, Alastair Hill, Rupert Sellers, Nigel Smales, Louise Symons and Miv Wayland-Smith
8. Motion to amend the constitution
New clause after current clause 9 of the constitution:
Dissolution

If an Executive Committee meeting decides that it is necessary to close down the Society it may call a Special General Meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be to determine the dissolution of the Society. If it is agreed to dissolve the Society, all remaining money and other assets, once outstanding debts have been paid, will be donated to another local group with concerns for Taplow, to be determined at the Special General Meeting.
9. Update on the A4 Cycleway.
10. Any other business, end of meeting approximately 8.45pm

Following the close of the formal meeting, a talk will be given by Martin Knight on:

“Bridge design and Taplow's new landmark”

Notes:

1. Paid up members shall be entitled to one vote each with a maximum of two votes per household or corporation
 2. Only votes cast at the meeting shall be valid but paid up members may appoint a proxy in writing to vote on their behalf.
 3. Non-members are welcome to attend but are not entitled to vote.
 4. The annual subscription is £7. Forms will be available at the meeting or from the Treasurer.
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