

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

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

MINUTES

Present:

Roger Worthington(chair)	Bob Hanbury
Louise Symons	Miv Wayland-Smith
Rupert Sellers	Charlie Greeves
Nigel Smales	Al Hill
Robert Harrap	

Apologies:

Eva Lipman

- **PRESENTATION BY egg HOMES**

Notes attached

- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the October meeting were agreed.
The sad death of Vice-President Tony Hickman was noted

- **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are: Community £2993.04, Deposit £1575.76, cash £60

The memorial bench had been paid for out of the Community account, although the monies were formally held in the Deposit account. With current ultra-low interest rates there is no real difference between the accounts. The bench cost should be transferred to keep the record straight. Bob would check with Eva as to the exact value of the memorial fund so that we are aware of any surplus.

A copy of the 2017 accounts were circulated. They await internal audit by Claire Price.

Roger, Nigel and Louise handed over subscription collections and some completed SOs.

It was agreed that the practice of emailing cash subscribers when due would continue, copied to the newsletter distributor for collection. This process may well be refined as we implement further electronic facilities for paying.

- **NEWSLETTER**

Nigel was congratulated on producing another excellent issue. A copy had also been sent to Simon Dudley of RBWM in relation to the Cycleway article.

The next issue would carry an obituary for Tony Hickman. Nigel would contact Dick Nutt to see if he could contribute. There should also be one for Tim Anderson.

It is the intention that the spring issue would carry material in support of a recruitment campaign.

- **PLANNING**

Other than the presentation by egg Homes, the main planning concern centres around the apparent intention of Berkeley Homes to revise their plans for the area around their exhibition offices. They have submitted an application for a car park on the west side of Mill Lane but are making a presentation to Taplow Parish Council on the 28th on their wider intentions. The view was that we should withhold any comment on the car park application until after the Parish meeting.

Cycleway

The FOI request by the Parish Council revealed a number of concerns about the approach and attitude of BCC across the project lifetime.

The next step is built around a visit by Dominic Grieve on 1st December. He will be briefed on our concerns, driven along the cycleway route with a running commentary followed by a meeting at BCC Cllr Dev Dhillon's house also with SBDC Cllr George Sandy.

Initial briefing: Roger Worthington

Commentary: Nigel Smales

Meeting chair: Jamie Barnard (Parish Council chair)

- **OPG BENCH**

The carving error on the bench is due to be corrected on Friday and the bench installed on Saturday at 10am.

- **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

No update in the absence of Zoe. Roger advised he had sent her a pdf copy of the bank statement to progress agreement with the direct debit provider.

- **AGM SCREEN**

Merits of 150 vs 200 wide screen were discussed.

Other AGM items:

Robert Harrap agreed that SGI would provide crockery tea and coffee for 50. Pauline Worthington and Charlie would organise tray bakes etc.

Bob would keep a register of attendees and collect any cash subscriptions although he would have to leave early.

The talk by Martin Knight should be promoted widely as of real interest (and as a recruitment opportunity).

- **AOB**

Miv advised that National Trust were still keen to present their plans for Cliveden. The possibility of this being at the AGM was considered but rejected. Target would be the January meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

AGM December 8th 8pm Village Hall

Next HTS Committee Meeting: tba

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Presentation by egg Homes

The Boathouse office premises and moorings have received planning permission for conversion from office to residential. A developer (egg Homes) presented their outline plans for re-development which they will be submitting very shortly to SBDC.

Darren Jones MD of egg Homes (Southern) answered questions. The main presentation was given by Terry Platt of Maidenhead architects.

All buildings on the site (except Driftwood cottage) will be removed, along with the concrete raft covering much of the site, to be replaced by a permeable base.

Due to recent revisions to the flood assessments by the Environment Agency, new buildings will be raised on stilts.

The southernmost building will be replaced by two buildings along the same axis. Nearest the river will be two three bedroom houses. Further back will be four one bedroom apartments. Intention is that their gable ends will retain the existing gables of the boathouse if at all possible.

North of this will be three three-bedroom houses. The houses are to be spaced to provide views to the river. North again a further three three-bed houses and a car park. An entrance road will be laid in to the car park and a single three bedroom house build at the front of the plot. A total of 23 car park spaces.

Houses are in very modern style and to very high build specs. egg state that they will not sell to investors or second home owners.

Darren stated that they are in an advance state of negotiation with Berkeley Homes to acquire the land where the chandlery is to be built. (See the expectations that Berkeley are revising their plans) A management company would own the existing moorings rights on the island. Egg are working with marina operators to advise on this side of the site operation.

RBWM have expressed concerns to egg about their costs in maintaining the other two islands but no proposals have been made.

It is expected that the application will be lodged in the next few days, at which point all the details will be clear.

Committee view was that the loss of the southern boathouse would be very sad but any comment / objection should be held until we see the full application.