

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 14th January 2019 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Jacqueline Turner

Robert Hanbury
Eva Lipman (chair)
Andrew Findlay

Apologies:

Louise Symons
Robert Harrap
Charlie Greeves
Jonathan Specktor
Rupert Sellers

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November meeting were agreed and signed.
A minor point on the AGM minutes was clarified

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances as at 7th January were: Current £5,729.39, Premium £482.78, Cash £0. Robert clarified that the Premium account now only held the balance of the Lincoln Lee memorial fund. Although current interest rates made it rather pointless to maintain a separate investment account it was now convenient to use it to hold earmarked monies.

Jacqueline submitted a list of calls she had made on other Mill Lane addresses in case some followed up with subscriptions. She intended to make another round later in the month and Roger offered to join this. There was discussion on how late / bad payers should be approached before striking off. Nigel would draft a suggested standard email.

4) NEWSLETTER

Nothing to report

(Nigel's further two presentations of his Skindles talk are: Bourne End 9th May, Eton Wick 22nd May)

5) PLANNING

UPDATES

PL18/3709/EU Huntswood Golf

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness relating to the use of the clubhouse in breach of condition 3 of planning permission S/94/0036/00 (granted at appeal ref: T/APP/N0410/A/94/243728/P4) and condition 4 of planning permission 08/0166/FUL, for a period in excess of 10 years REFUSED!

31 Buffins Dropped kerb

Roger, Jamie Barnard (TPC chair) and George Sandy (as SBDC councillor) met with a resident (CJ) and Jarek from L&Q to discuss possibilities for further parking provision. A number of areas were identified. CJ drew up a list of these including how many spaces might be made available. This is forwarded to L&Q who are willing to provide outline costs for the conversion. This will then lead to the question of funding and potentially a residents meeting.

18/00317/FUL Dunloe Lodge. The BH application to build 9 apartments rather than a single manor house has been approved.

Burnham Waste tip to close and charges to be made at all sites.

Heathrow consultation. The airport is running a new consultation on expansion. Advice from Spencer Norton (TPC councillor and senior executive at Heathrow) is that this largely covers the earlier ground of the Government surveys. The real phase of concern to Taplow is when the actual flight path plans are published.

NEW

PL/18/4641/FA Mill Lane Public House

HTS view continues to be broadly in favour of this development. Discussion included concern that over the BH development period parking has nearly doubled from the original approvals, now being a dominant feature of the riverside. Also the loss of the proposed public picnic area at the southern end of the development was disappointing. Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed by Hall and Woodhouse that the pub gardens would be open to all. (perhaps further clarification?). HTS would suggest that the riverside public walk access should be designated a Right of Way to avoid future depredations.

PL/19/0027/FA 8 Houses on The Old Boathouse site

This application has been presented earlier and the application has no new features. Our view is that the houses are acceptable if unadventurous but that the exclusion of any reference to the moorings business is unacceptable. The absence of vehicular access to moorings and no parking provision for moorings visitors, either short or long term, makes the moorings unviable. Provision for this business must be part of the application. This coupled with a concern that the BH planning for the adjacent boatyard / chandlery is extremely vague. It was noted that in the latest BH Access and Design diagrams the chandlery is now referred to as a boathouse. This lack of clarity as to how the entire leisure boat business of this section of the Thames is to be preserved should be a matter of serious concern to SBDC, whose stewardship of the site post the SPD has not been of the highest order. SBDC must not hide behind treating these individual sites as simple applications.

PL/18/4428/FA Taplow House Hotel Spa and Conservatory Thought to be unexceptional other than its impact on our meetings (see below)

On query from Nigel, Roger clarified that the communications between TPC and Summerlease over gravel extraction south of the A4 were narrowly restricted to the car boot fields and conditioned. As Summerlease response did not satisfy the condition the matter is at an end. Nigel advised that there was a very long history of applications for extraction on the Barge Farm site, that had been successfully resisted and this should be remembered going forward.

6) EASTER EGG HUNT

No action

7) WAR MEMORIAL

The provision of recognition for WWII casualties was discussed. It was decided to approach Adrian Powell to ask for a feasibility study and quotation for adding these names to the existing memorial. Nigel would supply a list of the names. If feasible we would then look at funding. It was the view that the remnant of the Linc fund could be used for this purpose. Some background checking would be done in case there are local concerns that victims of later fighting are not recognised.

8) 2019 MEETING LOCATION

The application by Taplow House Hotel to build a Spa in the basement means that we will lose our meeting venue after April. Eva kindly offered to host the meetings, at least as a temporary arrangement.

9) AOB

Andrew noted that he was working on the new tables for the VGP but not yet finished. It was thought that there was no need for tables for any event before VGP.

Jacqueline agreed, on request from Roger, to look at handling the Eventbrite aspects of the EEH and VGP subject to training.

Roger is getting a copy of the VGP spreadsheet for Rupert to allow him to build up expertise on VGP management.

Meeting closed at 10:00pm. Next HTS Meeting: 18th February 8pm Taplow House Hotel
Andrew gave advance apologies

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