

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Taplow House Hotel Monday 20^h May 2019 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Robert Hanbury
Andrew Findlay
Jacqueline Turner
Rupert Sellers

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Jonathan Specktor
Louise Symons

Apologies:

Charlie Greeves
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April meeting were agreed with one amendment and signed.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £5872.31 and £483.02. A number of database edits and subscription payments were passed to Robert. It was agreed to add a new column to the database showing "date next payment due". There had been some problems in getting sorting to work in the database but Robert thought they were resolved.

4) NEWSLETTER

The run of 275 was the correct level with just a few spares. Nigel advised that the autumn edition will carry the 60th anniversary of HTS and hopefully articles on:

St Nicolas church, SGI 30th, the new trestle tables, Cliveden Stud, Local Plan and NP, restoration of Lady Astor's electric canoe, Heather Fenn on the development history of Mill Land and possibly an environment article by Zoe Hatch.

Nigel was congratulated on another very high standard issue that members had sent in comments on.

5) PLANNING.

It was noted with pleasure that the applications at Cliveden Stud and 1 Stockwells had both been refused although the telecoms mast on the A4 near the railway bridge had been approved.

The application at 3 Saxon Gardens had been amended but it was agreed that there is still concern over the exit to Rectory Road and we would object on this matter. The Environment Agency has applied to fence off and close to the public the car park at the weir on Mill Lane. We will object as we believe it is contrary to earlier agreements with EA at the time of re-siting the bollards that close Mill Lane.

6) EASTER EGG HUNT

A very successful event again and the committee expressed its thanks to Sheila, Charlie and Toby for their efforts and hospitality. Charlie will drop the outstanding receipts for costs to Robert.

7) VGP

Andrew had circulated pictures of progress with the new tables (which look excellent).

Nigel may be absent so Rupert will arrange to collect the bunting and stakes from him. Rupert is working with Miv and Al to ensure teams are in place on the day and that SGI are OK with providing the wood. Jacqueline is also away and ticketing will be handled by Roger, Louise and Robert on the day.

The raffle will be offered to 1st Taplow and Hitcham Guides.

Currently 21 tickets have been pre-sold.

8) WW2 WAR MEMORIAL

Roger will seek to get a cost from Adrian Powell and redraft a members letter.

9) AOB

Members email: will carry notes on the weir closure, the Cliveden and Stockwells refusals, VGP reminder, EEH report, A4 Cycleway roadworks.

We still need to find a speaker for our AGM. We should consider paying. Possibility of Cliveden gardener?

It was decided to register the domain name "taplowsociety.uk" as this was now available. It would be set to divert to the current address in use.

Nigel was congratulated on his Skindles talk in Bourne End that both Eva and Roger attended.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm. Next HTS Meeting: 16th September 8pm Location to be advised

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