

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Upper Bumbles Monday 21st October 2019 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

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

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Jonathan Spektor
Louise Symons

Apologies:

Charlie Greeves
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September meeting were agreed and signed.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £6281.64 and £483.50.

Robert observed that subscriptions due dates are now widely spread across the year:

4 months <£100, 3 months £101-£199, 5 months >£200. By some alchemy, bank receipts totalled £2093 and the database prediction was £2092.

Andrew had been paid £229.28 for the costs of the Fred Russell book. He would provide details to **Eva** who would calculate who should contribute how much, as agreed at the September meeting.

4) NEWSLETTER

Nigel has received and authorised a proof copy. Full delivery of 275 copies expected Wednesday. **Roger** will develop a distribution list and produce the AGM notice for insertion. The draft notice should be edited to put the Cliveden talk notice in larger type as it is not covered within the NL AGM notice. The NL does not contain tributes to Paul Thorne or Jane Edmondson for family preferences.

5) PLANNING.

The Hermitage

The application has been refused but only on narrow grounds relating to absence of a flood report.

Trees adjacent to the school

Agreement has been reached between the school and the Parish Council to prune the trees rather than remove them. The school has also submitted an application to extend the entrance area to satisfy current school standards.

Challens Chicks

The long standing application for a quail barn has been resubmitted. Only change is to significantly reduce the height of the building. **We will resubmit** our objections.

Hunstswood Golf Club has submitted an application for a new club house after failing on appeal to keep the existing one. **Roger** would circulate pictures to see if we wish to make a comment.

Little Karoo Farm

The field at the top of Hill Farm Road has had unapproved buildings on it for some time and these have been referred to Enforcement. They have now submitted a formal application (PL/19/3556/AGN) to develop a lavender farm to include the buildings. **Roger** will investigate to see if we should comment.

Local Plan

First hearings are expected in December

Unitary Authority

The proposal to establish "Community Hubs" as access points to the Council in libraries rather than

using existing town / parish councils offices demonstrates how far out of touch the Shadow Executive is. All SBDC councils are objecting to Martin Tett, the portfolio holder for “Localism”. It was agreed that the total absence of information as to how Planning matters were to be handled was of serious concern. **HTS would write** to Martin Tett, Shadow Executive leader, on this matter.

Martin Maund

HTS will write to Martin expressing the Society’s appreciation of his enormous contribution to the Taplow submission on the Local Plan consultation.

6) WW2 WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council is happy for HTS to proceed with advising its members of the intention. Revisions to the draft text were agreed and the decision taken to make the intention the subject of a motion at the AGM, **Members will be emailed** including notice of the forthcoming talk on the war in Burma. The AGM notice revised accordingly.

7) AGM SPEAKER

Mark Bradshaw, General Manager at Cliveden for the National Trust, has joined HTS and will talk on changes and directions taking place at Cliveden. **Jacqueline** offered to assist with refreshments.

8) AOB

A beautiful scroll was received from Fred Russell and read out by Eva. It expressed his appreciation of the gift and the thoughts behind it. The scroll and the HTS copy of the book will be held by Nigel with the HTS NL archive.

The speed advisory display is not working. TPC has received repair quotes that seem excessive and it is not in use. Andrew offered to investigate “take the back off and have a look”. **Roger** will pass the offer to TPC clerk.

Jonathan advised that the Woodland Trust was promoting tree planting and wondered if Summerleaze might be receptive for the restoration of the Berry Hill quarry. Further suggestion was that although the bulk of the restoration is complete, no account had been taken by Summerleaze of any of the submitted suggestions, in particular the provision of a footpath from Berry Hill to the Station. **Louise** would reach out to Mike Lowe in the first instance.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm. Next HTS Meeting: 18th November 8pm Upper Bumbles

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