

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Upper Bumbles Monday 20th January 2020 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Robert Hanbury
Jacqueline Turner

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Andrew Findlay

Apologies:

Robert Harrap
Jonathan Specktor
Rupert Sellers

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 £6557.64 and £483.74. There is only a small list of outstanding subscriptions due. Subscriptions received in December were £230 and £204 in January to date.

4) NEWSLETTER

The May issue will carry notes on the fallen of WW2 in recognition of VE Day 75th anniversary and (hopefully) completion of the inscriptions on the memorial.

Also two articles on Mill Lane. One on earlier history, one on newer events from Heather Fenn, dependent upon her approval at this stage.

Recent deaths raise the question of how much space should be devoted to obituaries and the criteria for inclusion.

Significant contribution to committee or HTS generally?

Significant contribution to Taplow life?

Release date is difficult.

8th May is VE Day and a new bank holiday.

The Unitary Council elections are on 7th May

If we are to support any event at St Nicolas in recognition of VE Day / new inscriptions it might be best on Sunday 10th

Andrew will be absent for one week in late April

Decision is that we should plan to issue after these events by mid-May, with a last minute update for any event on the 10th. Still gives a month's notice of VGP.

5) MAIDENHEAD CHARTER

Nigel reported on the December consultations in Maidenhead over the establishment of a charter, the subsequent meeting between the consultants and himself and Martin Knight representing The Taplow Neighbourhood Plan Working Party TNPWP. The nature of the Charter seems good – being based on contribution from interested local groups and interests rather than being handed down from RBWM. Success though will depend on it being adopted by RWBM as policy and this is not yet at all clear, even though RWBM funded the consultation.

Although of interest to Taplow it was decided that HTS would not reply directly but leave to individuals. TNPWP should explore whether something on these lines would be helpful for Taplow.

6) PLANNING.

It was noted that both the Little Karoo farm and the Cliveden Stud House applications to which we

objected have been very correctly refused. Also the fencing erected at Cedar Cottage that was too close to the road has been moved back.

Applications on which we have raised concerns are still long outstanding. The Mill Lane Old Boathouse has been outstanding for a year and the Challens Chicks in Marsh Lane since October 2018 although it has been modified somewhat recently. After the meeting it was established that this site had been the subject of a fire brigade attendance for tyre burning.

We have also objected to the current application for Thamesbank in River Road.

The application for a major house rebuild on the Burwood House estate was noted.

Elibank Court is now for sale. This may resolve the long outstanding repair of its boundary on Rectory Road but it was thought that sale to a developer was quite likely.

The use of the new cycleway may be introducing a new danger. Where it crosses Approach Road and where it ends at River Road cyclists appear to think that they have priority over road traffic which they don't. They are seen to ride across without slowing to check for traffic. We will write to Mark Shaw.

7) EASTER EGG HUNT

Roger will check with Charlie if ticket prices need to change.

8) WW2 MEMORIAL

The PCC has approved the submission for a Faculty to carry out the work.

A draft of a members letter to request donations will be circulated for approval.

We will discuss with the Vicar as to possible church based celebrations of VE Day and recognition of the new inscriptions. See Newsletter concerns above.

9) AOB

Andrew was congratulated on his repairs of the MVAS unit.

It was agreed that the March meeting would be moved to the 17th Tuesday. Bob Hanbury offered his advance apologies for non-attendance.

Jacqueline said she had discovered that she was the administrator for the HTS Facebook page so would look more closely at its use.

The appeal by the Beaconsfield Society for donations to help it raise legal objections to the Local Plan proposals affecting Beaconsfield was considered but agreed that a donation was outside our brief.

Jacqueline proposed that we should run another "Tidy up Taplow" litter pick with a view to making it annual. A date of April 26th was provisionally approved, with the 25th as backup. She would contact TPC to check Hall availability.

Brief discussion on how political events such as the recent "Plastic Attack" and General Election hustings should be reported on. Care needed to be informative but not being seen to endorse the associated political message.

It was unanimously agreed to offer the VGP raffle to St Nicolas Church in support of the fund raising for the heating system.

Meeting closed at 10:30pm. Next committee meeting: February 17th 8pm Upper Bumbles

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