

Hitcham & Taplow Society

Executive Committee Meeting
Upper Bumbles
Monday 17th February 2020 8pm

Minutes

PRESENT

Eva Lipman (chair)
Robert Hanbury
Jacqueline Turner
Fred Russell
Charlie Greeves
Rupert Sellers

APOLOGIES

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Jonathan Specktor

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January meeting were agreed and signed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £7,143.64 - current and £483.74 - premium. The War Memorial Fund is currently £750.00

NEWSLETTER

Nigel reported (by note) that the content for the magazine is well advanced. Hot topics are required ASAP. As this issue will contain additional content, Nigel suggests an increase from 16 to 20 pages at an additional cost of £50. This issue will include the final chapter of Eileen's story.

The committee agreed to the increased size for this issue only if Nigel wishes to do so.

PLANNING

OLD BOAT HOUSE

Gage applied for new planning. Ref: PL/19/0027/FA

The new plan comprises 6 x new build town houses, 2 dwellings in the Old Boat House which will be raised above the flood level and to retain Driftwood Cottage minus its rear extension. At the time of the meeting, we assumed that the "Old Boat house" was to the rear of Driftwood Cottage by the water's edge.

Since viewing the plans, I can see that the Old Boat house is the twin roofed building adjacent to Berkeley's sales office. Access to the moorings is maintained.

HTS concern is that the moorings should be retained. **ACTION:-** Letter to be sent to Gage. **RW.**

CHALLENS CHICKS
Planning refused.

THAMES BANK - RIVER ROAD
Approved after modifications. i.e. No rear balcony, retention of chimney stacks.

1 STOCKWELLS
Roger has objected.

CLIVEDEN STUD
Roger has written an objection.

LOCAL PLANS
Taplow Parish Council have pledged £2000 to support the Neighbourhood plan working party inspector hearings disputing the number of homes alleged to be in Taplow.

Berkeley Homes are not using the office building currently being built on Taplow Riverside. It will be leased to another company. Dunlow Lodge building will commence in June 2020.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Tickets will be issued via Eventbrite as usual with tickets the same price as 2019. Charlie reported that costs averaged £100 and she will endeavour to retain her receipts this year. She would like a break from hosting the event in 2021 and there was discussion as to whether it could be held in the Old Priory Gardens. **We would have to ask permission from the PC. Robert confirmed that we have public liability insurance.** Thanks to Charlie and Sheila for hosting the event for so long.

MEMORIAL WWII
Bucks County Council are offering free road closures if any town/village wants to hold commemorative events. A mixed discussion on the subject ended with the decision that a quiet church-led parade to the newly carved memorial in the churchyard was more in line with a respectful memorial. Eva suggested something similar to the WWI event in 2018. Jane will be asked if she is willing to lead such a service. VE Day is Friday 8 May which is the 2020 date for the May Bank Holiday, changed from the usual first Monday of May. Quite a lot of people take this extended week-end for a short break away. If there is to be an event, the Lord Lt. Buckinghamshire would like to suggest the Armed Forces Charity for any funds raised.

We are currently waiting for confirmation from the diocese before the stonemason can go ahead with the WWII inscriptions.

A4 POLLUTION MONITORING

Via Taplow Parish Council Zoe Hatch requested pollution monitoring stations to be placed on Berry Hill and Maidenhead Bridge. TPC cannot deal with this directly as it could be viewed as a political bias, however, they have approved the idea and will transfer £2000 to HTS solely for this purpose. TPV?

TIDY-UP TAPLOW TUT

The date for the 2020 clean-up is Sunday March 29 at 1.30 for 2pm start until 4pm and then tea and cakes in the Village Hall. Jacqueline has registered support at keepbritaintidy.org and already has subscribers. The Village Hall has been booked with Hilda Holder. Chiltern District Council have pledged 40 litter picker sticks and 100 bin bags. They will also collect all the rubbish on Monday March 30. In addition to this, there are litter pickers and a few hi-viz jackets in the village store cupboard. Jacqueline will try and source more hi-viz bands/jackets but would welcome any assistance with this. Jacqueline will be printing A4 laminated posters in due course and will distribute them. If anyone is able to display and poster in a prominent place, please get in touch with Jacqueline. Fred can put a poster in the parish notice board at the end of Ellington Road. Charlie offered to make cakes for the after event.

MONTH OF MAY MEETING AT CLIVEDEN

Mark Bradshaw has offered to host the HTS meeting on May 18 at Cliveden. He will show us the latest projects being undertaken by the NT. Everyone was greatly in favour so Eva will accept the invitation.

AOB

Rupert has spoken to Mike Sanderson, the band leader for the Summer party on the green. He, and the band are willing to take on the event again and politely asked if their fee could be raised as it has been £575 for several years now. It was agreed that the fee would be raised to £625.

Jacqueline and others suggested that the annual subs could be raised from £7 to £10 annually. Robert pointed out that this will require each on-line member to increase their standing order which might prove a challenge to enforce. **We would have to put this on our AGM agenda**

Robert reported a very comprehensive NT event which took place at Burnham Village Hall recently. **ACTION:-** email to NT to advise HTS of future events. **RW**

Robert noted that cutting back of vegetation along Hitcham Lane near the church, leads to traffic passing that area even faster than before at a great danger to church goers.

Fred complained about the increasing number of boats taking up space in the Maidenhead Rowing Club car park which, in turn, leads to increased parking by members on River Road. **ACTION:-** Letter to Maidenhead Rowing Club requesting could patrons park in Guards Club Parks when there is insufficient parking in the car park, or at friend's houses or use car sharing. **RW**

Next Meeting Tuesday March 17 @ Eva's house at 8pm.

