

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting on ZOOM Monday 19th April 2021 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Jonathan Specktor
Jacqueline Turner
Robert Hanbury
Robert Harrap

Roger Worthington
Nigel Smales
Andrew Findlay
Charlie Greeves

Apologies:

Rupert Sellers

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 2021 minutes were agreed and signed

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Hanbury confirmed current balances as: £8998.64 and £484.13 and advised receipt of £500 from Mammoth Films in respect of the filming of an episode of "Endeavour" around the village.

5) NEWSLETTER

The issue was with the printer and hopefully would be received Friday for distribution. Jacqueline and Jonathan confirmed their availability as deliverers.

6) PLANNING

a. Updates

Both Silchester Manor and the quail barn at Challen's Chicks are clearing conditions of their approvals so development is expected to start soon.

Nigel advised that the developers of the Old Boathouse site will have someone in residence at the site if queries arise (Tuesday / Thursday)..

b. New applications

Lamont House new owners (River Road) have applied to demolish the dreary 1960s house to build a new one. Will be an improvement.

Wellbank Cottage in the village as applied for an infill at ground floor level.

It was noted that there have been recent queries on the state of Old Oak Lodge on the Dropmore Estate. A message from BC indicates that the estate is considering developments but very unclear as to what or when. The listed cottage is in dire condition.

c. Station update

Letter from TfL says:

The south side will have ticket machines as well as barriers and a help point.

The proposed entrance gate adjacent to the lifts on the north side is not compatible with the new barrier arrangements.

They recognise the problem with the road tunnel flooding.

"...don't feel comfortable using that route for whatever reason, we are reviewing if we can facilitate the use of the station. Local residents should make themselves known to a member of staff at the station who can assist them".

They state that station parking is out of their hands as they do not own the land and would need cooperation of Network Rail.

7) WW2 MEMORIAL

We are still expecting drawings from Adrian early May.

8) TIDY UP TAPLOW

Agreed we should proceed, weekend of 5/6th June. Jacqueline has arranged with BC for pickers (50) and bags(150). Will also need to organise bag collection. (Update – at TPC meeting following this meeting it was agreed to support the event with use of car park and toilets. Tea and biscuits still not on though). Roger still to check on jackets.

9) MAMMOTH FILMS DONATION USES?

Uses for the £500 were discussed.

Reduce price of VGP ticket. Use to plant trees. Keep to offset a rainy VGP. Bench on the Green. No decision. Money to be put in deposit account in the meantime. Review at next meeting.

10) VGP

Still committed to 3rd July. Agreed and confirmed with Mike Sanderson. Times to remain as usual. Will publicise for tickets after May 17th meeting if all still as expected. Logs confirmed with Robert Harrap.

11) RIGHTS OF WAY

Andrew will recirculate the map of possible routes. Robert Harrap confirmed the result of the appeal on the Bapsey Pond route. Roger will seek view of TPC on support for the initiative.

12) AOB

Extensive discussion on the bad state of many of the old walls in Taplow. Many built 100 years ago with relatively poor brick quality. Now falling down - Elibank Court, Queen Anne House and tilting East Bank and others. Is it feasible for HTS to pay for an advice on maintenance to pass to affected owners, or where to source the right bricks on collapse. Should check (via TPC?) as to intentions at Elibank Court. Stockwells is a different case of simple owner neglect of a newer wall.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm. Next committee meeting: May 17th 8pm ZOOM

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