

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting on ZOOM Monday 13th September 2021 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Robert Hanbury
Fred Russell

Roger Worthington
Rupert Sellers

Apologies:

Nigel Smales
Andrew Findlay
Jonathan Specktor
Jacqueline Turner

1) ATTENDANCE

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 2021 minutes were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Hanbury confirmed bank balances as: £9,067.11 and £484.15. Eva said that she had the paperwork for adding her to the authorised signatures list for the bank account and would visit Barclays shortly to progress.

5) NEWSLETTER

a. Articles

Jacqueline has added an article on Life on Mill Lane. Roger has added some small items and updated others and started a tentative layout. Suggestions for other articles were: Update on changes at the station, Brunel Bridge maintenance, something from the school. Roger is waiting response from Jacquie Hughes on using photo of Tom Dean. All are asked to look at the total content on Google Drive and make suggestions / contributions.

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1VJU46gRVdOQ7R2iC49nI9_30BQYvuNmn

b. Management

In the absence of Andrew there was no progress on this. Roger will look to an early meeting with him to put a production schedule together. Provisional target of end September to review total content.

6) PLANNING

a. Updates

Two of the houses opposite the Mill Lane roundabout have reverted to domestic residences.

An application for a small house in the yard of Cornerways (River Road) has been withdrawn but there are concerns about the present usage of the building it was due to replace.

An extension at 8 Stockwells has been refused on Conservation Area grounds.

An application at Old Stocks Ellington Road has been appealed on the grounds that the Council has been too slow to respond.

The Old Boathouse is making progress. The developers are now allowed to dismantle it to rebuild rather than having to raise it intact to meet flood level requirements.

The Victoria Cottage application was referred to the Planning Committee. It transpired at the hearing that objections submitted containing reported statements of fact are ignored as "hearsay". The application is due to return for a second hearing and some objections are now to be re-submitted as Statutory Declarations.

b. New

Cranford House, Boundary Road PL/21/3518/FA has re-applied to convert its Coach House to be a separate residence.

An equestrian site off Huntswood Lane has applied to build a residence. Likely to cause construction phase problems.

Other

Buckinghamshire is running a consultation on changes to the number of Unitary Councillors and potential boundary changes. HTS should respond with concerns to protect the representation of its very significant rural areas.

7) WW2 MEMORIAL

Although Adrian Powell is significantly delayed it is decided to wait on him rather than seek an alternate stonemason.

8) VGP

As it now appears that things are returning from the eras of restrictions we should go ahead with booking for next year on June 18th. Rupert will chase up band booking and Roger will book with the Village Hall.

9) AOB

Eva advised that the Lee family had visited and seen the memorial bench to Lincoln in the Old Priory Garden.

The AGM will be physical on December 9th. Roger will book Village Hall. Speaker?? Maidenhead Civic Society on changes in Maidenhead??

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Next committee meeting: October 18th 8pm. **Will be a physical meeting at Upper Bumbles**

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