HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday 14th November 2022 8.00pm

MINUTES

Present: Eva Lipman (chair) Jacqueline Turner Rupert Sellers Cat Howard Andrew Findlay

Roger Worthington Robert Hanbury Charlie Greeves Mike Turner Apologies: Jonathan Specktor Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE

As above. Graham Valentine also attended with the intention of standing for election to the committee at the AGM.

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 2022 minutes were agreed and signed

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are: £9625.40 and £484.56. The donation to Paul Holt (Taplow United) for VGP first aid support is outstanding. Roger would chase. The HTS contribution to Adrian Powell for the War Memorial work is now due. Roger would action the remaining payment from the Parish Council. Andrew Findlayion to develop the river moorings

5) REVIEW

There was a general discussion on the very dated processes used by the Society for banking and accounting, for membership management and subscription. The web site is also in need of updating. We should be looking for facilities to support multiple payment methods and a basic level of accounting. Mike said he had a basic accounting package that could be used. Andrew said that he had seen one membership software system that might be usable from the MG Car Club. It might be necessary / desirable to form a company for HTS. A statement would be made at the AGM that we are reviewing these areas via a working party to make some proposals for modernisation. Andrew and Mike to be the lead on this.

6) NEWSLETTER

All deliveries appear to be have been made. The issue was thought to be of good standard. Graham and Cat thought that many people did not know how to make an effective comment on a planning application and it was suggested that there should be a section on the web site in support of this. The Newsletter should also carry some promotion for the web site and back numbers.

7) PLANNING

PL/22/3278/FA The application to develop the moorings at the Old Boatyard site raised concerns of overdevelopment and parking blight.

PL/22/3687/FA Demolishing of the kennels at Amerden Lane to build 16 houses raised concerns of overdevelopment and risk to the access onto the A4 by the railway bridge.

Buckinghamshire is consulting on new election ward boundaries. Presently it is proposed that Taplow and Dorney are merged into Burnham in a three councillor ward. It was thought that this was an uneasy mixture of rural and urban areas. It was agreed that we would write to request and single councillor ward for Taplow and Dorney.

8) REMEMBRANCE DAY

Adrian Powell's work to add the WW2 fallen names to the War Memorial finished on the Saturday before Remembrance Day. Eva wrote to Adrian to thank him for the work. Roger hoped to take a photo of him with the completed work and Nigel Smales who did all the research to compile a reliable list of the names. Fred Russell, our vice-president and Korean War veteran laid the Society wreath.

9) AGM

The AGM notice would be re-issued updated with Graham standing for election and a copy (unaudited) of the finance report.

10) AOB

Meeting closed at 9:40pm. Next meeting: AGM Wednesday 7th December Village Hall

Suggested dates for 2023: Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 13, Apr 17, May 15, Sep 18, Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 6 AGM

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