

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Committee Meeting

Larkspur, Mill Lane

Monday 13th March 2023 8pm

MINUTES

Present:

Eva Lipman (chair)
Andrew Findlay
Graham Valentine
Jacqueline Turner
Rupert Sellers
Mike Turner
Sue Thornton
Robert Hanbury
Jonathan Specktor

Apologies:

Roger Worthington
Robert Harrap
Cat Howard

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 20th February were approved

Treasurer's Report

Current account stands at £8729.81

Deposit account stands at £484.63

Technology Review

Mike reported that the Barclays account was behaving OK so far so we should keep it unless it breaks badly.

He has looked at several accounting packages and currently favours Pandle, which is free to use at the level we most likely want.

He has looked at several membership management packages and currently favours MemberMojo which would cost £75/year. This integrates with various payment methods and could cope with 'subscription plus donation' and group membership options.

Mobile and card payments: Stripe/SumUp and PayPal/Zettle both look OK. Paypal is slightly cheaper for our most common transaction size.

Newsletter

Rupert has seen a draft of Cat's Skyfall article: looks good.

Jonathan is chasing articles on Taplow/Ukraine support and on the art exhibition to be held in the church on 6th May.

Jacqueline will report on TuT and on the Taplow Weir works.

Rupert will provide an obituary for Joy Marshall.

Robert suggested an in-depth article on the Jubilee River and how it has matured. No volunteers for this so far.

ALL: Please search for / write more articles. Roger is expecting to be out of action around publication time so we cannot leave it to him.

Footbridge

Eva has a copy of a letter from Steve Broadbent at Bucks CC to our MP. He says that £384k was allocated to replacing the bridge. Work was delayed by a clash with the Taplow Weir works schedule but should proceed in 2023.

Planning

Something odd has been happening in the field west of Skyfall (probably Little Karoo Farm): many lorry-loads of material have been dumped to form a long bank. There is concern that this might be uncontrolled waste, but no evidence at this stage.

Upper Lodge (junction of Berry Hill with Saxon Gardens) has been partly demolished as the first phase of a big extension project – see previous planning notes.

Berinus in Saxon Gardens has permission for a very large extension. Eva is concerned about what this will do to services that pass through the land.

TuT

Jacqueline reported: Posters are up, risk assessment has been provided to the Parish Council, PPE and litter-pickers are ready. Volunteers needed 11:00-13:00 on 26th March

VGP

Rupert reports: the band has been booked and we will need cash to pay them with. We should choose a beneficiary for the raffle. Suggestions so far include:

- TVAP
- Thames Hospice

- Alexander Devine children's hospice
- A local food bank
- Taplow/Ukraine (though we supported them last year)

We need details for the flyers which must go out with the next Newsletter.

Coronation

Marianne Boden is organising a street party like the one for the Queen's jubilee.

No other local events known.

AOB

Mike reports: the HTS website needs updating and so does the constitution.

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Andrew Findlay