

Hitcham and Taplow Society

Minutes of the 64th Annual General Meeting

Taplow Village Hall
Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 8pm

Welcome

Eva Lipman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

15 members were present, plus three guests

Apologies were received from: Roger Worthington, George Sandy, Nigel Smales, and Jonathan Spektor

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Caroline Gillies, Seconded by Fred Russell

President's Address

Delivered by Eva Lipman. See copy attached.

Chairman's Report

Written by Roger Worthington and delivered by Rupert Sellers as Roger could not be present. See copy attached.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Delivered by Mike Turner – see copy attached. Mike also mentioned that the membership is now about 220 people.

The accounts had been prepared using the new book-keeping system for the first time, and had been audited by Xavier Plumley.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jane Curry, Seconded by Jacqueline Turner and Robert Hanbury, and approved.

Elections

- President – Eva Lipman, proposed by Jacqueline Turner, seconded by Caroline Gillies

The remaining positions were voted en-bloc. Proposed by Max Lipman, seconded by Fred Russell, and elected unopposed.

- Vice President – Robert Hanbury
- Chairman (still vacant)
- Secretary – Roger Worthington
- Treasurer – Mike Turner
- Committee – Andrew Findlay, Charlotte Greeves, Robert Hanbury, Robert Harrap, Cat Howard, Rupert Sellers, Jonathan Specktor, Sue Thornton, Jacqueline Turner and Graham Valentine

Society Technology

Mike Turner presented his report – copy attached.

AOB

Caroline Gillies asked “could we know who is *not* a member so we can ask them to join?”. Mike Turner noted that there could be data-protection issues with this, but that the local delivery volunteers do know who is and is not a member in their patch. We have occasionally delivered leaflets to non-members, and maybe it is time to do so again – particularly in new-build areas like Mill Lane.

Simeon Human asked whether we could push for Approach Road to become one-way. Several people expressed support for this idea, along with other measures to make the roads easier to use around the station. This is a County Council matter, and Eva agreed to raise it at the next committee meeting to see if there is more pressure we could apply.

Close

Formal business closed at 20:39

Refreshments

Thank you to Charlie, Jacqueline and Sue for organising, cooking, and managing the crockery.

Talk

“Ockwells Manor House and the Grenfell Family of Taplow Court” by Ann Darracott, author of “*Ockwells Manor*”