

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Monday November 17th, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Roger Worthington
Mike Turner
Jacqueline Turner
Andrew Findlay
Jane Curry
Rupert Sellers
Sue Thornton
Charlie Greeves
Eva Lipman

Apologies

Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Jonathan Specktor

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 13/10/2025 meeting were agreed and signed.

3) MATTERS ARISING

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balances are £9045.27 in the Charity Bank notice account and £3186.51 in the Community account. £0 in cash. Membership is stable . ~225 members currently; ~300 including household members.

5) OLD PRIORY GARDENS (OPG)

Taplow Parish Councillor, Saty Joshi, has produced a comprehensive report on OPG including current usage and recommendations for an ongoing strategy, project plan and actions. There appears to more of an issue with funding ongoing maintenance rather than one-off injection of funds.

Robert Miles, director from Cliveden, has been round OPG and offered a ranger for a day to assess what is actually in OPG.

Jane & Jacqueline don't think it should be fenced off.

Roger to introduce Jaqueline to Saty.

6) PLANNING

General planning still seems rather quiet!

a) Updates

Appeals still in progress at Skyfall.

Roof lights to no 6 Ellington Gardens. Multiple objections for privacy but it is a Certificate of Lawfulness so only legal matters could be considered.

b) New applications

Concern over planning permission at Joes Folly at Amerden Lake with an application to build

16 houses on the old kennels site; they have recently applied for planning permission to drain surface water into the lake rather than a full new drainage system.

c) **Local Plan**

Input now submitted.

d) Status of Ellington Road footpath – no progress. Houses been told they need to cut back and clear the footpath.

e) A developer talked to Taplow Parish Council about several fields including the car boot field – station parking for 800 cars and 100+ houses.

f) Maidenhead Rowing Club are updating their CCTV systems and re-erecting their signage. Edra has requested that they also reinstate the public footpath signage at their main entrance.

7) **AGM**

a) Sue to ask Helen Read to talk about Burnham Beeches

8) **AOB**

Taplow PC logo to be decided in January.

HTS (Fred Russell) did lay a wreath at the Remembrance service on November 9th.

Eva asked if we should make a presentation to Robert Hanbury at the AGM for long service (30 years) – agreement around the table.

Graham Jones is new, young Taplow PC councillor – IT person so will look at website.

Teach Rupert to put up spit for VGP and try and get meat put on spit by butchers – Jane and Andrew may not be around on the Friday afternoon before the VGP.

Jacqueline would rather meetings not on Mondays.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting (and biscuits!)

9) Next meeting Thursday January 15th at 7:30 at Larkspur.

2026 dates:

Thursday February 12th

Thursday March 19

(AGM Wednesday April 15th)

Thursday May 14th

Thursday June 11th

(VGP Saturday June 20th)

Thursday June 25th (VGP wrapup)

Thursday September 17th

Thursday October 15th

Thursday November 19th

All placed on the HTS “Taplow Diary” web page.

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Planning report October 13th – November 11th 2025

New applications of interest – objections to be considered.

PL/25/4411/CONDA	Joes Folly drainage into lake	COMMENTED
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Decisions of interest

PL/25/2280/FA	Hermitage second house in grounds Conservation Area, Flood plain..	REFUSED
PL/25/3362/SA	Roof lights to no 6 Ellington Gardens Multiple objections for privacy but it is a Certificate of Lawfulness so only legal matters...	APPROVED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings	COMMENTED
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Appeals

PL/23/3881/EU	Land by Skyfall gates - disbelief
PL/23/3758/FA	Land by Skyfall stables – biodiversity

Enforcement

Planning report October 13th – November 11th 2025 - Cliveden

The field at the corner of Cliveden Road and Hill farm Road has had large blank gates erected to hide what is going on there - big tipper lorries have been spotted going in and out.

HMRC now involved with the Cliveden Stud cleanup operation, as well as police.