

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Thursday February 12th, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Apologies

Cat Howard
Robert Harrap
Sue Thornton
Jonathan Specktor

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 15/01/2026 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 £3245.67 in the Community account. £0 in cash. Membership currently 228.

Perry Ashwood looked over the accounts for us.

We didn't actually pay for the Village Hall for the 2025 AGM because it ended up double booked. Mike offered to pay but Ruth Senior said don't worry.

5) OLD PRIORY GARDENS (OPG)

Jacqueline & Mike attended Council meeting that discussed OPG.

Cliveden have offered a ranger – no update

Joshi responded to Roger with an update from the OPG sub-team meeting on 7/2/26:

- a) Removal of sheds will be done by a contractor, rather than by volunteers
- b) Existing shed debris needs removing, probably by volunteers - might be cleared by getting a truck close to the boundary and chuck debris over the barbed wire fence?
- c) Tree felling / management still being explored with various tree surgeons.
- d) Cole Caesar from the Council offered to seek funding and Council support.

6) NEWSLETTER

Roger and Cat are gathering a number of articles for the Spring edition. Getting ready for beginning of April. Currently about 3 articles short.

7) TIDY UP TAPLOW (TuT)

Village Hall booked for Sunday March 22nd from 9:00 until 13:00 and event added to Taplow diary. Email sent to HTS membership; Jane to send reminder before event. Check carefully on rubbish

removal as it sat around for ages last year – Jacqueline to contact Simon Harris at the Council. Jacqueline & Mike got some fliers printed which they will distribute. Julie & Keith Paskins will help on the day. Jacqueline will do risk assessment for Ruth Senior. Publicity sent by Jacqueline to various local social media. Charlie, Jacqueline and Julia Paskins will do cakes.

8) **PLANNING**

General planning still seems rather quiet!

a) Updates

- (i) Dorney farm trying to turn pig farm into residencies - refused
- (ii) Land by Skyfall – gates and access approved but the road is rejected.
- (iii) Loft conversion in Ellington Road – allowed.
- (iv) Joes Folly at Amerden Lake - ground surface water drainage into lake application has been revised and significantly improved but the water still goes into the lake. Now approved but still unclear whether water will go to the lake or not.

b) **New applications**

c) Cliveden

- (i) Clearance order for the Cliveden Stud site expires around the end of March (7 months from 2/9/2025)
- (ii) Lots of activity, some of it effectively re-applying after refusals and appeals.
- (iii) Council discussing hiring a drone to monitor what is going on
- (iv) Michael Barnes reports that an Enforcement Notice will be served for the site at the junction of Hill Farm and Cliveden Road, for the Unauthorised Change of use and to seek removal of hardstanding

d) **New Local Plan**

- (i) Update Neighbourhood Plan (Martin Maud). Needs input from Local Plan (which comes from County Council)
- (ii) Grey belt map due imminently
- (iii) Taplow Parish Council (TPC) will contribute towards consultants to help with Local / Neighbourhood Plans. Several other councils are using a firm called ONS, including Burnham. TPC will contribute £2000 to have consultants do initial investigations for a total charge of £9000. Initial meeting on Monday that Roger will attend with Burnham.
- (iv) Roger suspects we will get some new building – we need to negotiate to mitigate the effects
- (v) Eva thanked Roger for all his planning efforts.

e) TPC has set the precept for next year 20% up, largely for planning stuff

f) Still have ~£30K in Land Securities fund

g) Bequest of ~£15K from Gladys Jones towards environmental good works

9) **AOB**

- i) Put Cedar Chase 60th birthday on Taplow diary
- ii) Formal AGM announcement must be 21 days in advance of April 15th. JC will email HTS membership with a reminder email at the start of the AGM week.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting.

Next meeting Thursday March 19th at 7:30 at Larkspur.

2026 dates:

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 on the HTS “Taplow Diary” web page.

SIGNED:.....

Planning report February 2026

Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/25/6318/PNAD Agri buildings to residential Dorney Farm multiple grounds REFUSED

Objections to be considered

PL/26/00522/CONDA

“Stables” near Skyfall follow-up conditions after appeal. Does not address the unlawful access track

Decisions of interest

PL/25/1717/FA Loft conversion with a rear dormer delayed – local objections ALLOWED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/6745/CONDA Joes Folly drainage into lake amended. Improved but still goes to Lake? APPROVED

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

Appeals

Enforcement

Planning Report February 06th 2026

Part 2 - Cliveden Stud Planning Report - Michael Barnes

Recent Applications of Interest

None

Recent Decisions of Interest

PL/25/1456/FA Post Barn Cliveden Road erection 1 house REFUSED

PL/25/2546/FA Land at Red Horse Equestrian Centre Spray Booths REFUSED

Recent Enforcement Notices

ES/25/00098/NAPP Red Horse Equestrian Centre – Unauthorised change of use

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/6684/PIP Demolition of barn and erection of 1 house Awaiting Decision

PL/25/2206/FA Conversion of the main Stud House into two Unknown status

PL/24/1149/MDLA Cliveden Stud House removal Section 12 covenant Unknown status

Past Decisions of Interest

PL/24/2211/FA Red Horse Equestrian Centre Hunts Lane 2 houses REFUSED (October 2024)

PL/23/3336/FA Red Horse Equestrian Centre Hunts Lane 2 houses Conditional (April 2024)

PL/25/2509/PIP Cliveden Stud 1-4 houses Conditional

PL/25/2034/FA Single dwelling house opposite Paddock Bungalow REFUSED

NOTE: this application PL/25/2034/FA is the same as previous application PL/23/3483/FA, which was refused and went to appeal - Appeal APP/X0415/W/24/3350611 was dismissed on 16th April 2025.

PL/25/1971/PIP	Cliveden Stud 1-3 houses	Conditional
PL/25/1970/PIP	Cliveden Stud – 1 to 3 new houses	Conditional
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings Cliveden Stud Cottages	REFUSED
PL/25/1561/PIP	6 dwellings	REFUSED
PL/25/0756/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	Conditional
PL/25/0235/PIP	1-5 low energy dwellings	REFUSED
PL/21/3263/FA	Single dwelling at American Barn	Appeal Allowed

Appeals

APP/N0410/C/24/3345342	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/C/25/3364961	Green Barn – Removal of hardstanding	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/C/25/3361547	Green Barn – Unauthorised change of Use	Awaiting Decision
APP/N0410/X/24/3349768	Lawful use of the land as a caravan site.	Appeal Dismissed
APP/N0410/C/24/3349257 & APP/N0410/C/24/3343577	American Barn	Appeal Dismissed

Ongoing Enforcement

ES/24/00128/COU	Paddock Barn / Car Repair World – Unauthorised change of use
ES/24/00457/COU	Green Barn – Removal of hardstanding
ES/24/00457/COU	Green Barn – Unauthorised change of use Car Repairs
ES/25/00098/NAPP	Red Horse Equestrian Centre – Unauthorised change of use

Other News

Land off Hill Farm Road at the Junction with Cliveden Road – November 2025

Investigation Ongoing, as alleged use by the owner is “equestrian”, the Planning Enforcement team are engaged and will be serving an Enforcement Notice for the Unauthorised Change of use and to seek removal of hardstanding.