

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting Larkspur Mill Lane Thursday March 19th, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

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

Apologies

Cat Howard
Robert Harrap

1) ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

As above

2) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of 12/02/2026 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 £3381.55 in the Community account. £0 in cash. Membership currently 228. Perry Ashwood happy with the accounts for the AGM. Charity Bank beginning to do some form of online banking.

5) NEWSLETTER

Newsletter is in reasonable shape but short of snippets for the back page. Should have 16 pages by end of this month, ready for typesetting by Andrew in early April.

6) TIDY UP TAPLOW (TuT)

Reminder sent to HTS membership on 16/3/2026. and to local social media. Risk assessment done by Jacqueline and sent to Ruth Senior. Julie & Keith Paskins will help on the day. Charlie, Jacqueline and Julia Paskins will do cakes. Mike will have a QR code so people can join HTS. Julia providing extra help. Eva hopes to attend to chat with people.

7) PLANNING

a) New applications

- (i) Dorney farm applications to change use from agricultural buildings to residential.
- (ii) Hill Farm Road application – Tim Browning got drone shots showing no agriculture!
Tim now has an agreement with Taplow Parish Council that we can use him once a

month for drone inspections.

b) Updates

- (i) Hill Farm Road enforcement notice served.

c) Cliveden

- (i) No new updates at Cliveden

d) Other

On 03rd March the Local Planning Enforcement team accompanied by Thames Valley Police and Bailiff services evicted the current tenants from the American Barn, Land South of Huntswood Lane. The local Planning Enforcement Team confirm that the landowner, Mr Krishnamohan served the papers. There is confirmation from local Planning Enforcement that this does not affect the strict terms of the notices already served on the landowner, to clear the site and return it to its original state, target date is 02nd April 2026 – legal action will commence from that date if the notice has not been adhered to.

e) New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

- (i) Consultation draft NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) released in December 2025 and removed “Footnote 7” for considering grey belt criteria; this included things like SSSIs, Local Green Space, National Parks, heritage assets, areas at risk of flooding, ... <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/2-achieving-sustainable-development#footnote7> defines “Footnote 7”.
- (ii) 95,000 houses for Bucks in NPPF.
- (iii) Informal consultation results now published for Local Plan. 1500-ish sites assessed for development. 13 sites in Taplow, mostly “unsuitable”. The devil is in the appendices!
- (iv) Appendix 10.2: The original 5 land parcels of Taplow are now 24 making assessment for grey belt easier – divide and conquer!
- (v) Footnote 7 removal from grey belt criteria means the whole of Taplow now potentially becomes grey belt rather than green belt (excluding Taplow Court and Cliveden). Only “historical context” now qualifies for green belt; although separation of conurbations does still appear it doesn’t seem to apply near Taplow.
- (vi) End of July for consultation of draft Local Plan (existing Plan from 2011 – way short of housing targets). NPPF into law about the same time as the Local Plan – may well change the rules again!
- (vii) Collaboration ongoing between Taplow Parish Council and Burnham Parish Council to use ONH Consultancy to help with planning.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

- (i) Taplow Parish Council is building a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), hopefully with some draft policies ready for this summer. To show where we are happy / happier with development. A local “rich sponsor” is funding rapid NP development.
- (ii) More parking for Taplow station should be part of NP
- (iii) Should we print extra newsletters for local organisations to spread planning info?
- (iv) Other people are encouraged to get involved with planning.

g) Thank you Roger!!!

8) AGM Readiness

- (i) Formal notification must be sent by 25/3/26. Jane and Roger to agree agenda Friday afternoon. Include accounts – Mike to send.
- (ii) At meeting, print agenda and accounts for all attendees.
- (iii) Discussed including planning as an agenda item? Keep short if so, perhaps with a follow-on meeting for planning?

- (iv) Sue to confirm details to Helen Read. Arrive before 8 to setup. Mike to provide projector and screen. Talk about Burnham Beeches conservation. Around 30 minutes.
- (v) Crockery (cups and saucers) x50 brought and taken back by Sue from Taplow Court.
- (vi) Help needed from 7:30 to put chairs out. Jacqueline to bring milk.

9) Robert Hanbury

30 years on committee. Roger will arrange a map of Hitcham – modern print of old map, plus plaque, to present at AGM.

10) AOB

- i) Formal AGM announcement must be 21 days in advance of April 15th (ie. March 25th). JC will email HTS membership with a reminder email at the start of the AGM week.
- ii) Band confirmed for VGP
- iii) Cat worried about helpers. Competition for helpers as Chris Ormond has competing event. New blood required for VGP, especially for carving and serving. Jane will add item to Cedar Chase newsletter for volunteers to help at VGP
- iv) Need to get AB Butchers to put meat on spit – extra payment if necessary. JC and AF away at least until teatime on the Friday before VGP.
- v) VGP flyer will be sent out with the Spring newsletter.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting – and cookies.

Next meeting Thursday May 21st (note change from May 14th) at 7:30 at Larkspur after AGM on Wednesday April 15th.

2026 dates:

(AGM Wednesday April 15th)
Thursday May 21st (note change from 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 March 2026 (2/3 latest)

Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/25/6795/EU Lawful use of Dorney Rise Workers Cottage
(See next entry)
PL/25/6318/PNAD Agri buildings to residential Dorney Farm REFUSED
multiple grounds

Objections to be considered

PL/26/01250/AGN Shipping containers Hill Farm Road
Claimed as agricultural.
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 ALLOWED
delayed – local objections
PL/25/6745/CONDA Joes Folly drainage into lake APPROVED
amended. Improved but still goes to Lake?

Outstanding applications of interest

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

Appeals

Enforcement

Planning Report March 07th 2026 - Cliveden Stud Planning Report - Michael Barnes

Recent Applications of Interest

None

Recent Decisions of Interest

None

Recent Enforcement Notices

ES/25/00878/COU Hill Farm Road Alleged laying of hardstanding extension of illegal vehicle operations.

Outstanding applications 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
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

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