

HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

**Executive Committee Meeting
Larkspur Mill Lane
Thursday May 20th 2027, 7.30pm**

MINUTES

Present

Roger Worthington
Mike Turner
Jacqueline Turner
Andrew Findlay
Jane Curry
Rupert Sellers
Sue Thornton
Charlie Greeves
Jonathan Specktor
Eva Lipman
Bob Hanbury
Fred and Ros Russell

Apologies

Cat Howard
Robert Harrap

1) **Robert Hanbury**

After about 45 years on the committee we decided a presentation to Bob Hanbury was appropriate. Roger had sourced a modern print of an old map of Hitcham. Roger thanked Bob for all his work and covered some of the highlights. Eva presented the framed map with the current committee's signatures on the back. Bob thanked the committee and commented that he had never seen this print before. He provided some more insights to his time in office for HTS. Cake was served by Jacqueline. Bob, Fred and Ros left before they could be allocated further jobs!

2) **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

As above

3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of 19/03/2026 meeting were agreed and signed.

4) **MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing not covered in the agenda.

5) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balances are £9045.27 in the Charity Bank notice account and £3079.78 in the Community account. £10 in cash. Membership steady around 228.

6) **NEWSLETTER**

Very good edition. £60 paid for OS map used to illustrate planning article. One item held back for the next issue due to space restrictions, on the Hitcham Poor.
Recent contact from Sarah Whitlaw who grew up at Springfield (top of Mill Lane) will hopefully result in a Springfield article for the next edition in October.
Thanks to Rupert's daughter for the cover picture.

7) TIDY UP TAPLOW (TuT)

Went very well. Rubbish collected. Article in newsletter. Thanks to Jacqueline for all her organisation.

8) VGP

- a) Band confirmed - £750
- b) Is the Village Hall booked??? JC to check with. Ruth. Book all day for Perkins & evening for toilets
- c) Mark Boden back to do electrics this year.
- d) AF to order meat >= 58Kg. Need to persuade them to put meat on spit.
Also order 175 pork sausages and 100 burgers.
AB (now Tom Hixson of Smithfield) will be asked to deliver to Taplow Court (TC). TC happy to store meat overnight. Can we ask Cliff to receive meat on Friday and brief security to allow access around 05:30 on Saturday? (who asks? Sue? Rupert?)
AF & JC may not be available Friday pm and early Saturday (and won't know until Friday pm). IF we get home Friday on schedule then we can setup the spit on the Village Green on Friday evening, start the fire on Saturday morning, collect the meat from TC on Saturday morning and start the cooking. We cannot be back in time on Friday to supervise meat delivery at TC. This means that backups are required for:
 - (a) Transporting spit to AB before Friday - ???
 - (b) Erection of spit on Friday evening - ??? (Needs some hands-on instructions beforehand). Spit stored in Cedar Chase shed.
 - (c) Transporting meat to fire on Saturday morning before 06:00 – Rupert? + Roger? (for car), plus someone else to help lift
 - (d) Fire starting around 05:00 on Saturday – Mike & Jacqueline
 - (e) Someone from HTS needs to supervise delivery of meat on Friday to TC – phone contact to understand delivery time, check meat on spit, check burgers & sausages also delivered, help lift meat into cold store? (maybe Cliff can do this?),
- e) Start cooking at 6am.
- f) Sharpening knives – Rupert take to Timpson beforehand. Have a steel available? Who will provide?
- g) Cat has fixed the rota.
- h) Council sorted for recycling
- i) First Aid – friend of Roger last year. Charlie suggested hiring proper first aider in spite of costs. Sue has contact for St John. Charlie will try local social media for volunteer or recommendation.
- j) Raffle -Alexander Devine Hospital. Do they have a first aider – Rupert to ask.
- k) Rupert to collect posters from Roger – put up 31 May (3 weeks ahead of event). Some posters already up and surviving well (they are laminated).
- l) Ticket sales now active – 25 member, 21 non-member tickets already sold
- m) Muslin to cover unattended cooked meat – with AF & JC (Ox roast box). Will bring on Saturday.
- n) Vegetarians – 2 mushrooms this year with sliced cheese. Charlie in control.
- o) Nigel Smales concerned about fire safety especially at end of VGP. We have checked with our insurers that Rupert's solution OK – stakes around fire & rope around stakes (not nasty orange plastic). Will Nigel provide hosepipe? (Rupert to check). Disclaimers say parents responsible for children. Could we have a couple of extra buckets for burnt hands? In addition to bucket / watering can to control fire.
- p) Cash for band - £750 – pain getting from Barclays. Mike happy to get from his account. Rupert to ask if band will take electronic transfer. Payment to Mike Sanderson.

9) PLANNING

Open Storage Class B8 – seems to be a way to get around planning regulation (eg Roots site). Objection just put in re the Marsh Lane site. Roger to research further.

- a) New applications and Decisions of interest
 - (i) Joe's Folly – needs substation – no planning for it!
 - (ii) Johnsons Coppice has aviaries suddenly – retrospective application put in
 - (iii) Old Boathouse Moorings approved – bio-diversity payment part of deal
 - (iv) Triangle opposite Buffins - extra building refused
- b) Cliveden
 - (i) 7-month notice expired – landowner now has to restore site
- c) Other

The South Bucks Compliance Team is now pursuing the landowner of the Cliveden Stud to clear the site at the American Barn and return the land to its original state – these are now criminal proceedings, but legal action is confirmed as a last resort. South Bucks Council are seeking costs for the appeal which was withdrawn at Paddock Barn / Car Repair World – action is ongoing.
- d) New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire
 - (i) Collaboration ongoing between Taplow Parish Council and Burnham Parish Council to use ONH Consultancy to help with planning. Working on overall picture – how to steer planning over next 30 years.
 - (ii) Looked at all Taplow sites deemed “unsuitable” on current green belt regulations; they are all likely to be re-classified under National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)_ new rules – meeting next Wed to go through them
 - (iii) All land north of Taplow station probably in scope for development due to proposed changes to NPPF
- e) Neighbourhood Plan
 - (i) Talked to 3 firms of consultants for help. Got tenders. Will use ONH .
 - (ii) Input likely to be required from June onwards.
 - (iii) Roger encouraged other people to get involved with planning.
- f) Maidenhead Bridge
 - (i) Paper circulated from Maidenhead Civic Society with concerns about the state of Maidenhead Bridge.
 - (ii) Roger to write offering support (nothing concrete). (Post Meeting Update (PMU): Roger emailed Brian Darracott on 21/5/2026).

10) AOB

- i) AF – what CAN we do with Cliveden Stud? Covenant is with County Council (not National Trust; Roger has confirmation). We are doing reacting not planning.
- ii) Do we need another meeting between Local Plan consultation start in July and next meeting on Sept 17th? Roger to do a quick look in July and decide on August meeting.
- iii) Check that Open Garden is on HTS website (PMU: It is)
- iv)

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting, especially for cake.

Next meeting Thursday June 11th at 7:30 at Larkspur.

2026 dates:

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 April/May 2026
Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington
New applications of interest

PL/26/03178/EU	Downlands Barn B8 storage	
PL/26/01674/VRC	Resident objections to substation process	COMMENTED
PL/26/01050/FA	Huntswood golf revisions	
PL/26/03518/EU	Loft approval Ellington Gardens	
PL/26/03395/CONDA	Condition approval land at Ye Meads	
PL/26/03789/FA	Johnsons Coppice retrospective We supported resident complaint	COMMENTED

Decisions of interest

PL/22/3278/FA	Old Boathouse site moorings!!	APPROVED
PL/26/01250/AGN	Shipping containers Hill Farm Road Claimed as agricultural	REFUSED
PL/26/00410/FA	Marsh Lane garage refused on GB and scale grounds	REFUSED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/6795/EU	Lawful use of Dorney Rise Workers Cottage	
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Appeals

Enforcement

PL/24/1726/EU	Possible unlawful extensions Marshmead	COMMENTED
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Planning Report May 08th 2026 - Cliveden Stud Planning Report - Michael Barnes

Recent Applications of Interest

PL/26/01919/FA	Demolition of stables and 3 dwellings and erection of 8 dwellings	Registered
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Recent Decisions of Interest

None

Recent Enforcement Notices

None

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 (October 2024)	Red Horse Equestrian Centre Hunts Lane 2 houses	REFUSED
PL/23/3336/FA (2024)	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 16 th 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	Appeal Withdrawn
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
ES/25/00878/COU	Hill Farm Road alleged laying of hardstanding extension of illegal

vehicle operations.

Other News

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