HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting
Larkspur Mill Lane
Thursday June 11th 2026, 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present	Apologies
Roger Worthington	
Mike Turner	Cat Howard
Jacqueline Turner	Robert Harrap
Andrew Findlay	Jonathan Specktor
Jane Curry	
Rupert Sellers	
Sue Thornton	
Charlie Greeves	
Eva Lipman	

1) **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**
   As above

2) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
   Minutes of 20/05/2026 meeting were agreed and signed.

3) **MATTERS ARISING**
   Nothing not covered in the agenda.

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**
   Balances are £9311.16 (£265.89 interest for the year) in the Charity Bank notice account and £3061.13 in the Community account. £20 in cash. Membership steady at 232.

5) **WEBSITE UPDATE** – fasthosts (new host supplier) today said they cannot migrate as our version of php too old. AF says we cannot update php to v7.4. AF to report at next meeting.

6) **VGP**
   a) Band confirmed - £750. 7-piece band! They require payment in cash. (First aider also wants £150 cash). Mike will provide the cash and claim back.
   b) Village Hall booked
   c) Mark Boden back to do electrics this year.
   d) Meat order:
      (a) AF spoken with AB (Tom Hixson, now). They can supply meat (58Kg large top bit or top & rump), 100 burgers & 175 pork sausages but will **not** put the meat on the spit.
      (b) Rupert spoken with Castle Meats. They say they can supply a 58Kg top bit **and** put on the spit. Delivery to Taplow Court and burgers & saus currently unknown. No track record with Castle Meats.
      (c) Executive decision to go with AB. VGP minutes will document to check out alternatives for next year.
      (d) Cliff at Taplow Court (TC) agreed meat can be received at TC and store overnight in their fridge

(e) AF confirmed all meat with AB (Phone: 01628 825137) on 12/6/26 and given Cliff as contact to receive meat. (Note: AB phonelines shut down at midday).
(f) Logs agreed with TC and delivery thereof on Friday afternoon (Cliff again)
(g) Cliff will deliver BBQs to Village Green around 10:30 on Saturday.
(h) Cliff has briefed TC security to permit access for meat delivery at around 10:00 on Friday and meat removal between 5 and 5:30 on Saturday morning . Hopefully we will also have access mid-Saturday afternoon to retrieve burgers and saus.
(i) AF & JC may not be available Friday pm and early Saturday (and won't know until Friday pm). We will notify Roger & Rupert on Friday late afternoon whether we can get home or not.
(j) **IF we get home Friday** on schedule then we can:
  (i) setup the spit on the Village Green on Friday evening
  (ii) start the fire on Saturday morning
  (iii) collect the meat from TC on Saturday morning
  (iv) Put it on the spit (probably on the Village Green)
  (v) and start the cooking.
  (vi) Roger to put barn key through our door on Friday – if we are back – to access kindling
(k) **IF we are fogged in on Alderney and cannot get home** on Friday, substitute plans are needed. Transporting the meat and/or the spit requires a large estate car so this means Roger and helpers.
  (i) Collect spit from Cedar Chase shed (beyond garages 1-8). Roger has the number for the padlock. Clare Somerville at #18 is the CC person with the best working knowledge of the spit and has agreed to be available Friday afternoon. Shed also has wire & pliers (wire to go round beef), spanners, nuts & bolts to construct spit and attach to the 3 bolts on the plinth on the Village Green (VG bolts tested and greased this past week).
  (ii) Cedar Chase shed also has bag with meat thermometer, graph for plotting temperature, pen, kitchen roll, cleaner, gauntlets, muslin to cover unattended meat.
  (iii) Get the meat on the spit, either in TC kitchen or on Village Green. You will probably need a sharp carving knife (to poke for the bone). It also requires wire at least around the lower leg part; possibly also around the bulk, depending on how balanced the meat is on the spit.
  (iv) Suggest leaving second part of spit in shed until Saturday morning – someone needs to collect it.
  (v) Erection of spit on Friday evening. Spit stored in Cedar Chase shed. Roger has details.
  (vi) Transporting meat to fire on Saturday morning before 06:00 – Rupert + Roger (for car), plus someone else to help lift ??? The beef on spit will be around 80Kg.
  (vii) Fire starting around 05:00 on Saturday – Mike & Jacqueline. Kindling & newspaper will be put in the Barn by Jacqueline between 12 and 2 this Saturday. JC &AF and team will start fire if back.
  (viii)

e) Eva suggested that Rupert (event captain) will welcome everyone to the event rather than Eva – general agreement.
f) Start cooking no later than 6am.
g) Sharpening knives – Have a steel available on the night? Who will provide? Knives currently in barn – Jacqueline to retrieve from barn this Saturday between 12 and 2 and take to Roger for sharpening.
h) Cat has fixed the rota.
i) Council sorted for recycling

j) Contact of Charlie can do First Aid for £150. We do have a medical kit (check Barn on Saturday). Should have a note in the Perkins Room and at ticket sales, with First Aider phone number.
k) Charlie sorting buns – going to Costco on Tuesday? May be able to get pre-cut. Charlie & Rupert will sort. Charlie also to supply vegetarian option.
l) Raffle -Alexander Devine Hospital. All good.
m) Posters put up several weeks back still surviving fairly well in spite of the rain. Rupert has put up second batch of posters around the village Photo taken of list of sites (see end of these minutes).
n) Ticket sales now active – 55 member, 62 non-member tickets already sold. JC sent reminder to all members, 12/6/26.
o) Vegetarians – 2 mushrooms this year with sliced cheese. Charlie in control.
p) 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 ???
q)

7) PLANNING

Virtually nothing to report!

a) New applications and Decisions of interest
    (i) The Marshmead site is way exceeding its remit with hard standing. Representations made.

b) Cliveden
    (i) No updates this month

c) Other
    (i) None

d) New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire
    (i) No updates

e) Neighbourhood Plan
    (i) The ONH consultancy have been signed up to help. Ground rules meeting next week.
    (ii) Roger asked if anyone else interested in participating – JC&AF to ask Cath. (Post Meeting Update (PMU) – Cath Knight has agreed to participate)

f) Maidenhead Bridge
    (i) Roger wrote to offer general support to Maidenhead Civic Society (Brian Darracott).

g) Biodiversity gain sites – can Taplow capitalise on this concept? Roger passed idea on to Neighbourhood Plan
    (i) eg. Cliveden Stud – could be improved into a mosaic for biodiversity???
    (ii) If a site is accepted as a biodiversity gain site, it gives 30 years protection against other planning actions
    (iii) There is money in it!

h)

8) AOB

i) Bucks Online Directory is transforming into Joy Marketplace. Largely to put practitioners and users of social and NHS services in contact with each other. Also includes local community groups like ourselves. JC has transitioned us to Joy Marketplace.
ii) Village Green Barn tidy this Saturday 12:00 -14:00– AF, JC and RW participating.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting.

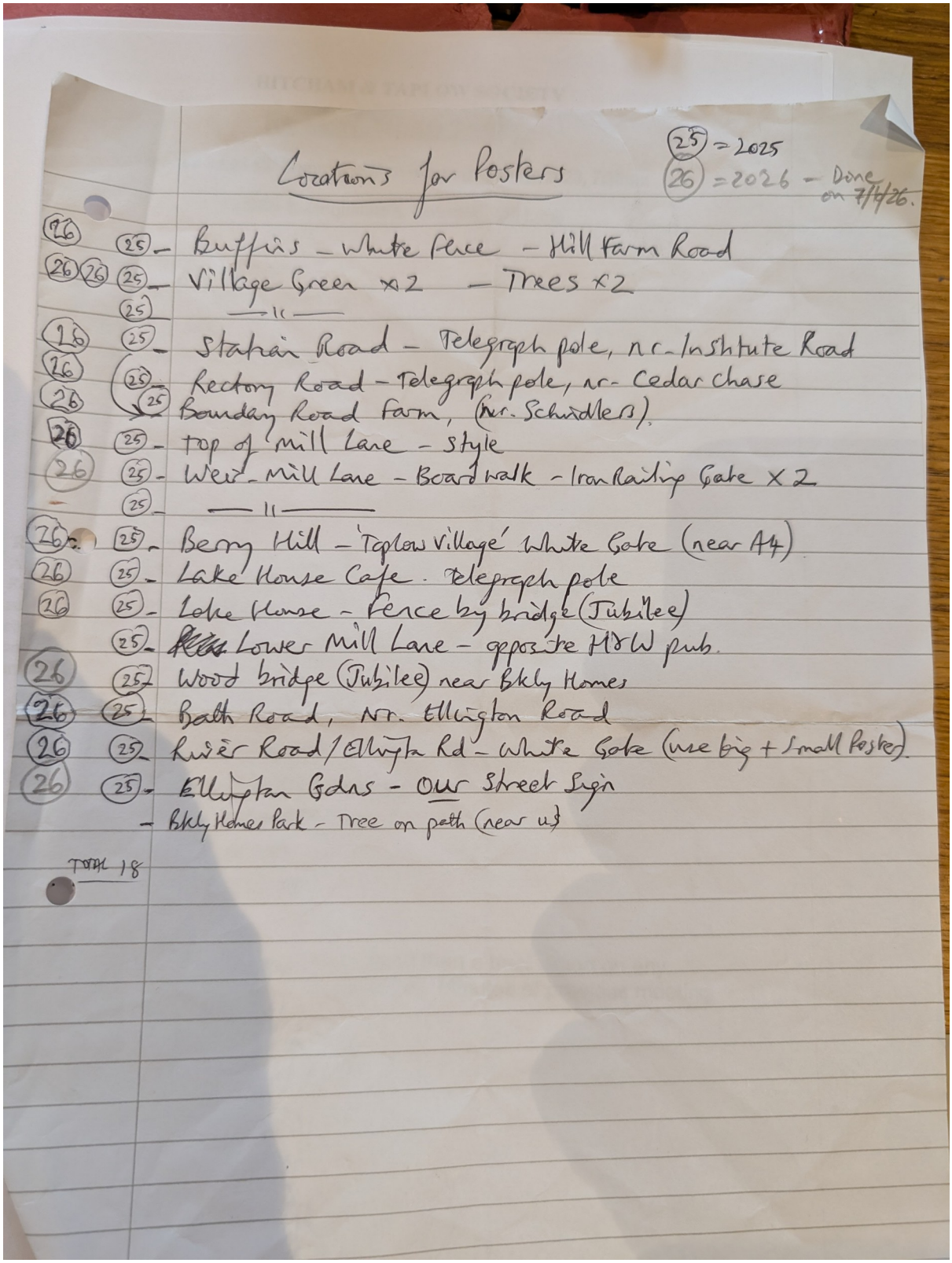
Next main meeting Thursday September 17th at 7:30 at Larkspur. VGP wrapup meeting Thursday June 25th at 7:30 at Larkspur??

2026 dates:

(VGP Saturday June 20th) -
Thursday June 25th (VGP wrapup) – invite everyone but not everyone required
Thursday September 17th
Thursday October 15th
Thursday November 19th
All on the HTS "Taplow Diary" web page.

SIGNED:……..

Locations for VGP posters.



Locations for Posters

(25) = 2025
(26) = 2026 - Done on 7/4/26.

(26) (25) - Buffins - White Fence - Hill Farm Road
(26) (26) (25) - Village Green x2 - Trees x2
(25) —"—
(26) (25) - Station Road - Telegraph pole, nr. Institute Road
(26) (25) - Rectory Road - Telegraph pole, nr. Cedar chase
(26) (25) Bounday Road farm, (nr. Schindlers).
(26) (25) - Top of Mill Lane - Style
(26) (25) - Weir - Mill Lane - Boardwalk - Iron Railing Gate x2
(25) - —"—
(26) (25) - Berry Hill - 'Taplow Village' White Gate (near A4)
(26) (25) - Lake House Cafe. Telegraph pole
(26) (25) - Lake House - Fence by bridge (Jubilee)
(25) - ~~Rear~~ Lower Mill Lane - opposite H&W pub.
(26) (25) Wood bridge (Jubilee) near Bkly Homes
(26) (25) - Bath Road, Nr. Ellington Road
(26) (25) - River Road / Ellington Rd - White Gate (use big + small Poster).
(26) (25) - Ellington Gdns - Our Street Sign
- Bkly Homes Park - Tree on path (near us)

TOTAL 18

Planning report June 2026
Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

Decisions of interest

PL/26/03395/CONDA		
	Condition approval land at Ye Meads	APPROVED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/25/6795/EU	Lawful use of Dorney Rise Workers Cottage	
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/26/03789/FA	Johnsons Coppice retrospective We supported resident complaint	COMMENTED

Appeals

Enforcement

PL/24/1726/EU	**Possible unlawful extensions Marshmead**	**COMMENTED**