HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting
Larkspur Mill Lane
Thursday September 17th 2026, 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

1) **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**
As above

2) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of 11/06/2026 meeting were agreed and signed. Also minutes from the VGP wrap-up meeting on 25/6/2026.

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

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**
Balances are £9311.16 in the Charity Bank notice account and £3242.72 in the Community account. Membership steady at 228.

5) **WEBSITE**
Mike tried a couple of other alternatives for the server update but no success yet. Andrew may get some free time in the next month..

6) **NEWSLETTER**
   a) Cat has stood down as editor. She has been doing a great job with her village contacts. Lyra (Cat's daughter) could be approached? Taplow Ladies WhatsApp group? Roger to see if Cat will approach other possibilities.
   b) Current newsletter edition now in Andrew's remit. Due in the next 2-3 weeks.

7) **PLANNING**
Very quiet still on general planning.
Taplow Parish Council now have permission to use a drone where there are planning issues.

   a) New Applications and Decisions of interest
      (i) Huntswood Golf has had a rather confused planning history so retrospective planning updates keep coming through.

b) Appeals & Enforcements
   (i) The Marshmead site is way exceeding its remit with hard standing. Representations made. Causing traffic jams on A4.
   (ii) Objection in for what is happening at Root's site. Sytner (garage) own some of this land. Some owned by two brothers in London.

c) Cliveden
   (i) No updates this month

d) New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire
   (i) Consultation now closed. Probably nothing will happen for 18 months.
   (ii) Local plan has never mentioned Neighbourhood Plans!

e) Neighbourhood Plan
   (i) National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) says priority to any plot within 800m of a railway station. Roger has found all landowners within this radius.
   (ii) Several meetings have happened with consultants. Next meeting shortly and will try and set some ground rules for applications within the 800m radius.
   (iii) The Plan first has to go to consultation and then approval of local residents. It then has to go to County.
   (iv) Burnham have just finished the first draft of their Neighbourhood Plan.

8) AOB (with thanks to Jonathan for some updates)

a. Taplow station parking. Jane surveyed Boundary Road, Station Road & Approach Road on Wednesday September 16th at 16:30:
   i. Plenty of Residents Parking available on Boundary Road (£5.70 per day including 20p fee)
   ii. Some paid parking available on Station Road
   iii. A little paid parking available at the station itself (£8.50 / day)
   iv. Some paid parking available on Bath Road end of Approach Road
   v. Many cars had been ticketed; at least 2 owners claimed they had a receipt to prove they had paid.
   vi. Perhaps Maidenhead people are no longer using Taplow "free" parking
b. Elizabeth Line service particularly poor at the moment with a tendency to skip Taplow stops.
c. Maidenhead & Marlow Passenger Association – we are currently members. Renewal due. We should renew.
d. Network Rail decimation of the herbiage shielding the railway– Jonathan still on the case.
e. Ellington Road has been considerably chaotic over the summer from Cadent digging up gas pipes. The work was finished mid-August.
f. The local Saxons Exhibition may now be extended beyond November 1st - Sue to check. PMU: exhibition extended to February 21st 2027.
g. Taplow Riverside (Mill Lane) have suffered from a gang of thieves targeting Land Rovers
h. Roger will stand down as chairman at next AGM. He will continue to run the magazine and will continue with the planning remit.
i. Need to arrange AGM details at next meeting. April 21st at 8pm. (Note: hall already booked for April 14th). Provisionally booked Village Hall 21/4/2027, 7pm – 10pm - £55.50, ref 2B1937F2. PMU: Hall booking confirmed - £60.
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Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting.

Next main meeting Thursday October 15th at 7:30 at Larkspur.

2026 dates:

Thursday October 15th
Thursday November 19th
All on the HTS "Taplow Diary" web page.

SIGNED:……..

Planning report August/September 2026
Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/26/05378/FA	Barge Farm residential development	

Decisions of interest

PL/26/03395/CONDA	Condition approval land at Ye Meads	APPROVED
PL/25/6795/EU	Lawful use of Dorney Rise Workers Cottage	REFUSED
PL/26/03518/EU	Loft approval Ellington Gardens	APPROVED

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/26/03178/EU	Downlands Barn B8 storage	
PL/26/06131/FA	Resident objections to substation process	COMMENTED
PL/26/01050/FA	Huntswood golf revisions	
PL/26/03789/FA	Johnsons Coppice retrospective We supported resident complaint	COMMENTED

Appeals

PL/25/6318/PNAD	Dorney Rise Farm conversion from agriculture to residential	

Enforcement

PL/24/1726/EU	Possible unlawful extensions Marshmead – active.	COMMENTED
Roots site	**Erection of building without approval queried with enforcement**	