HITCHAM & TAPLOW SOCIETY

Executive Committee Meeting
Larkspur Mill Lane
Thursday October 15th 2026, 7.30pm

MINUTES

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

1) **ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**
   As above

2) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
   Minutes of 17/09/2026 meeting were agreed and signed.

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

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**
   Balances are £9311.16 in the Charity Bank notice account and £3703.59 in the Community account. Membership improved to 237.
   Compliments slip produced to go out with newsletter to people who are in arrears. We also have some double payments, especially from people with standing orders. Mike to check whether Membermojo (our membership website) can manage Direct Debits. Post Meeting Update (PMU): Sadly, they can't.

5) **WEBSITE**
   Andrew has moved the website to Mythic Beasts. Should setup a direct debit for payments. Andrew to add Mike as a contact / login to the new hosting site. Andrew has paid (and been reimbursed for) the first quarter for the hosting site and the Domain Name Service (DNS). Cancelled FastHosts – will have to pay them upto January.

6) **NEWSLETTER**
   a) Newsletter published and received good comments. Thanks to Andrew. Got the paper thickness right now.
   b) 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.

7) **AGM**
   a) April 21st 2027. 19:00 – 22:00.
   b) Sue will organise cups – probably 25. Sue herself probably cannot attend.

c) Need a speaker ……
   (i) Nicholson redevelopment / Maidenhead Civic Society (MCS). Roger to contact MCS. PMU: Roger contacted Brian Davies at the MCS but didn't get a very positive reply re a talk about development of Maidenhead centre, especially with regard to getting someone from the Council to share plans. He suggested the topic of Maidenhead Bridge, celebrating its 250th anniversary next May and suggested a possible speaker.

8) PLANNING

Still very quiet.

a) New Applications and Decisions of interest
   (i) Specialist pub renovation company interested in The Feathers
   (ii) 16 houses at Joes Folly now got approval and buildings well under way.
   (iii) Barge Farm - probably for gravel extraction.

b) Appeals & Enforcements
   (i) The Marshmead site is way exceeding its remit with hard standing for open storage. Representations made. Causing traffic jams on A4.
   (ii) Objection in for what is happening at Root's site – "open storage" planning consent being abused. County Enforcement has written to them and will chase.

c) Cliveden
   (i) Section 12 directive (whole site couldn't be broken up covenants) has been removed.

d) Neighbourhood Plan
   (i) 27th October for meeting with consultants to discuss some ground rules for any planning applications within 800m of a station.
   (ii) Roger attending Maidenhead & Marlow Passenger Association – discuss skipping Taplow on many services. 800m rule from station for planning permission only applies for regular 30-minute services. Does Taplow actually qualify at the moment?
   (iii) Identified all owners of land that are within 800m of station and written to them.
   (iv) Looking at guidance for "infill".

9) AOB

a. Remembrance Day – Roger ordered a wreath and will attend.

Thanks to Mike and Jacqueline for hosting.

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

2026 dates:

Thursday November 19th

2027 dates:

Thursday Jan 14th
Feb 11th
Mar 18 – when is TUT

No Apr – AGM Apr 21st
May 13
June 10th VGP planning
June 24 VGP wrapup

All on the HTS “Taplow Diary” web page.

SIGNED:……..

Planning report October 2026

Part 1 – general applications Roger Worthington

New applications of interest

PL/26/07124/FA	The Feathers. Common Land issue Common Land comment drafted	

Decisions of interest

PL/26/06131/FA	Joes Folly substation	APPROVED
PL/24/1149/MDLA	Stud release of S12 restrictions	APPROVED
PL/26/05378/FA	Barge Farm residential development	

Outstanding applications of interest

PL/26/03178/EU	Downlands Barn B8 storage	
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 investigating	COMMENTED