

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in Mary Ellen's Cafe
on Wednesday, 14th January 1970 at 8 pm.

Present: H. D. Judge for the President, Mr D. L. Book in the Chair
Mrs Crowther Hassell Johnstone Oakley Williams, Misses
Haberer, Hills Young and Nork, Dr Potter, Messrs L Green Challis
King, McIvor and Wilson and the Secretary.

1. The Chairman referred to the death of Col G. B. W. Scott, a
Vice-President and former Chairman of this Committee and
paid tribute to Col Scott's interest in and work for
the Society. The Secretary was instructed to convey the
Society's condolences to the relatives.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hoffer, Mr Dixon
Mr Brandreth & Mrs Milne.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 1969 were
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

a) The Chairman referred to the Autumn Meeting and
asked for comment and suggestions. The President
thought the meeting a success with a good attendance.
It was agreed that the subject of pollution was
very topical and although the lecturer was
rather technical this was inevitable.

b) Car Parking on the Common

Little progress had been made as no traffic
statistics were yet available from the County.

c) Town Centre Plan

This was in its early stages and was left
to the Urban Design Group.

d) Temporary Car Park at Southdown

Reference was made to the car park and it was explained it was a temporary alleviation of the parking problem at Southdown pending the re-development of the Area.

e) Council's Open Forum

It was agreed that this had been a valuable innovation. Points arising not discussed later in the meeting were

(i) Display of Plans It was decided to write to the Council asking whether plans put on display could be exhibited in a more public place than the Council Offices with their limited hours of opening and it was suggested that the Library would be a convenient place.

(ii) Silver Cup Pond. Reference was made to the speed of action in filling up the pond and regret was expressed that it appeared to be necessary. It was resolved to support the Council's action but to ask them to consider the possibility of constructing one or two ponds in Rathamsted Park using chlorinated water from the existing plant.

f) Ponds alongside Southdown Road.

Considerable improvement had been made by clearing the rubbish from these ponds and the Secretary was instructed to convey to the Council the Society's appreciation of the action taken.

5. Correspondence

a) National Footpath Week. A letter was read from the ~~National~~ Ramblers Association asking us to organise a local event during National Footpath Week 9th to 17th May 1972. It was decided to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Harpenden Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition 23/25 April 1970.

A letter was read asking if we would consider exhibiting. It was decided to take a stand and a sub-committee consisting of Miss Haberer - convenor, Mr Cull and Mr Brandeish with power to co-opt was appointed to consider the form our exhibit should take.

c) Widening of Redbourne Lane.

Notice had been given by the County Council of their intention to compulsorily purchase land near Hatching Green and to use part of Hatching Green and part of the Common to widen and realign Redbourne Lane. As the notice regarding these proposals included the Christmas holidays it had not been possible to call a special committee meeting. A letter agreed by the Chairman and the Chairman of the Plans sub-committee had been sent to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government with copies to the County Council and the Urban District Council objecting to the proposals as being unnecessary and undesirable. The full letter was read and approved by the Committee.

d) Proposed extensions at Rathamsted Experimental Station

The Urban District Council had refused planning permission for this extension and it was proposed that the appeal should be dealt with by written representation to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Again in view of the shortness of time it had been necessary to take action. A letter by the Chairman of the plans sub-committee which had been agreed with the Chairman of the Committee was read. It supported the Council in their refusal on several grounds and recommended a public hearing. After some discussion regarding the necessity of such a large extension the letter was approved.

e) Historic Buildings

A circular from the Civic Trust was read outlining the new procedure to be followed before a historic building could be demolished. No reference had to be made to a local amenity society it was decided that Mr Wilson and the plans sub committee should be responsible for advising the Society.

f) Ladacan

As Mr Booth had had to retire from the Committee of Ladacan due to his many other commitments we were no longer officially represented. Ladacan asked that we should nominate a successor to Mr Booth and this was deferred to the next meeting.

6) Finance & Memberships

The Hon Treasurer reported that the subscription income for 1969 amounted to £74 compared with £81 the previous year. Expenses for the year amounted to £80.6.7 compared with £88 for 1968. The balance was reduced by £6.6.7 to £58-18-10.

The Memberships Secretary reported that there were 318 members which represented 229 subscriptions. 78 members had not paid their subscriptions for 1968 and 1969 and 136 members were in arrear for 1969 only.

Reminders for subscriptions had just been sent out and it was agreed to review the situation after time had been allowed for the effect of these reminders to be known.

7) Annual General Meeting

Due to engagements at the Public Hall and the date for Easter being in March it was only possible to have the Annual General Meeting on March 30 or 16 or 17. If the rule of before March 31st was to be observed.

It was decided to hold the meeting on March 17th (Tuesday) and detailed arrangements were left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary.

8 Future Programme and Activities

As there was not enough time to discuss this matter adequately, the Secretary was instructed to put it on the early part of the agenda for the next meeting.

9 Lea Valley development & layout.

The Council had indicated that it would welcome suggestions from the Society and the Design Group. Mr Wilson & Mr Booth were appointed as the Society's representatives on a joint committee.

10 Bus Shelter in the Kings St

The Society accepted in principle the provision of a bus shelter for south bound passengers and welcomed the Council's approach to the Design Group for suggestions. Mr Challis was to ask the Group to consider the possibility of incorporating the Notice Board in any scheme proposed.

11 Any other business

Mr Wilson asked for the Committee's reaction to a joint meeting in the Autumn with the local United Nations Association. The Committee agreed there were possibilities for collaboration and asked Mr Wilson to report back the views of the UNA.

12 The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, Feb 11th 1970 at Mary Ellen's Cafe at 8 pm.

This concluded the meeting.

Mr Booth
11 Feb 1970

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at Mary-Allen's
Cafe on 11th February at 8 p.m.

Present. Mr. D.L. Book in the Chair, Mr. Chellis, Mr. Crocker,
Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. Helme, Mrs. Mark, Dr. Potter, Mr. Wilson
Mr. Herman Green, Mrs. Haberer, Mrs. Johnson.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Nellis Long
Mr. Brandt, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Williams.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 1970
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising.

- (i) National Footpath week: It was decided to
refer this to the new committee to be elected
at the Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition Miss Haberer reported
on proposals for ~~the~~ ~~new~~ displaying scenic and
exhibits of old & modern Hampshire. It was
agreed that the Urban Design Group should be
asked to help with display material. The existing
sub-committee were asked to formulate detailed
proposals and ask for what help ^{and finance} they required.
- (iii) Ladacan ~~The appointment of a representative~~ ^{It was agreed to contribute five pounds}
~~deferred to the next meeting. to the funds of Ladacan~~
- (iv) Sea Valley Development & layout. There was
nothing yet to report.
- (v) Joint meeting with UNA on the Outcom. Mr. Wilson
said that enough support was available and
Dr. Potter and himself were appointed as our
representatives to the planning Committee.

3 How Treasurer. The Committee had no nomination for a Treasurer to replace Mr MacCrea and the requirement to cover the work was left in the hands of the Chairman & Secretary.

4 Hertfordshire & Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the work of this Society and it was agreed that we should join as corporate members and that Mr Cook should represent us.

5 AGM arrangements

The Chairman outlined the business to be conducted and the Secretary stated that the following members who retired under Rule 3 were not eligible for re-election.

Mrs E M Crowther

Mrs A R Hassall

Mrs M K Milne

Mrs B. M. North

Mrs E Hills Long

Mr R G Dixon

Mr E G Hill.

The Chairman thanked the retiring members for their help and interest. The officers of the Society were all eligible for re-election. The Treasurer's report had been considered by the Committee at their meeting in January.

After the business Mr Oakley ~~as~~ a member of the Urban Design Group would give a short talk on Conservation and the Urban Environment with reference

to the Conservation Area in Harpenden.

6 The Future Programme of the Society

Brief discussion took place but it was decided that reference to this subject should be made at the AGM and that the matter should be left to the new Committee.

7 The next meeting was to be on 15th April 1970 at Mary Ellen's Cafe.

This concluded the meeting.

JHBoal
15 April 1970

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the
Small Public Hall, Harpenden on 17th March 1970.

The President, His Honour Judge Dorr took the chair with
40 members present.

1. The President referred to the death in January of Col. G. B. M. Scott,
a Vice President of the Society. After mentioning the work done
by Col. Scott in the interests of the Society, Judge Dorr
recalled the many other ways that he had promoted the
interests of the people of Harpenden.

2. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 1969
were read, confirmed and signed by the President.

3. Committee Report.

The Report of the General Committee having been circulated
was taken as read. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr
D. L. Booth, in moving the adoption of the Report, emphasised
that it was only a broad outline of the Committee and
many minor matters had also been considered. He asked
that members should comment on the activities of the Committee
and particularly requested members views on the future
activities of the Society and whether more meetings should be
held and what form these should take. Mr Booth referred to
1970 being Conservation year mentioned the talk to be given
after the business of the meeting by Mr Oakley and also to
the work of the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Inst for Nature
Conservation.

After some discussion on points in the Report the motion
for adoption was seconded by Mr McCre and approved
by the meeting.

4. Treasurers Report.

The accounts, having being circulated, were taken as read

and Mr. McCrae in moving their adoption referred to the small loss of £6 in the year's working. The accounts were accepted and the meeting thanked Mr. West, the Honorary Auditor for his services.

5 Election of Officers

The Chairman, Mr. D. L. Booth, thanked the President for his distinguished services to the Society during the year and moved his re-election which was unanimously approved.

The following officers were thanked and re-appointed.

Vice Presidents Capt. K. H. Bond M.C. and Mr. L. S. George.

Hon. Secretary J. W. Bowran

Hon. Membership Secretary Mr. C. W. King

Hon. Auditor Mr. R. W. West.

On the motion of Mrs. Johnson seconded by Mr. McCrae Mr. D. L. Booth was appointed Hon. Treasurer, and the meeting expressed its thanks to Mr. McCrae the retiring Treasurer.

6 Election to General Committee

Five members had been nominated to the Committee Miss Tenney, Messrs. Curl & Loacher had served before and Mrs. Jones & Mr. Swage were nominated for the first time.

As up to nine members could be elected no ballot was necessary and all 5 nominees were elected.

7 Any other business

Further reference was made to the opposition of the Society to the proposed extinctions at the Rothamsted Laboratory and the loss of part of the Commons for widening the B487 and the officers gave more details behind the reasoning of the General Committee.

8 His concluded the business of the meeting.

Mr David J Oakley, a member of the Urban Design Group, gave a talk on Conservation and the Urban Environment with reference to the Conservation Area in Harpenden. His most interesting talk was illustrated by some excellent slides of views of Harpenden some of which gave aspects of the town which were unusual and very interesting.

The meeting expressed its thanks to Mr Oakley and the members of the Urban Design Group for a most interesting and informative talk.

R. Graham Dow

President.

29 March 1971

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at Mary Ellen's Cafe
on April 15th at 8 p.m.

Present Mr D.L. Booth in the Chair, Mrs Walkers, Mrs Jones Miss Finney
Messrs L. Green, Pat Wilson, C.M. King, C. Potter, J.C. Savage
and C. Curl and the Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Judge Dev, Mr Goucher,
Mr Elliott, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Brandrett and Mr Challis.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 1970 were
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

- (i) Leisure Exhibition Due to illness the time available
for preparing an exhibit had not been adequate and
in consultation with such members of the sub-committee
as were available the officers had found it necessary
to cancel our participation. The meeting confirmed this
and agreed to pay the contribution which would
have been due had we fully participated.
- (ii) Joint meeting with UNA and the National Council of Women.
Mr Wilson reported that it was proposed that the
meeting in connection with Conservation Year was proposed
to be held on September 24th and would be on the
theme "Our Living Space". It was proposed there should
be two main speakers - one on the population explosion
and one on the environment for the future population.
- (iii) The Valley scheme. Mr Booth said he expected some
development to report to the next meeting.

3. Correspondence.

The Council had informed us of the procedure for
applying for School Governorships and members

interested could obtain details from the Secretary.

4. Annual General Meeting

The Chairman invited comments and the meeting instructed the Secretary to write to the U.D. Group and thank them and especially Mr Oakley for the most interesting talk.

5. Future Activities for the Society

Considerable discussion took place on ways of making the Society more active and more influential. It was felt that it was premature to have recruiting drives before more activities were available to interest and occupy the members. It was agreed that the formation of working parties similar to the one for the Lee Valley Scheme were one of the best methods and offered a wide scope for differing interests. Another matter requiring attention was the recording of past history and present positions for the benefit of the future.

Mr Wilson suggested we investigate the activities of an active society and Mr Lorne Green suggested that the Summer outing might be to a place like Colchester with liaison with the Colchester Society.

It was agreed that the Officers should consider the possibility of wider activities and report to the next meeting.

6. Appointments

Hono. sub. committee Mr Dixon, Mr Wilson, Mr Ross.

Executive Mr Wilson, Mrs Jones.

Chairman Dr. Charles Potter

7 Thanks to the retiring Chairman

The Committee records its thanks to Mr D.L. Booth for his work as Chairman during the past year and is glad he will continue to serve on the Committee as Treasurer.

8 Co-options

Mr Booth referred to the refusal of Mr Hughes to be nominated to the Committee as he felt that he would not be able to attend regularly. The meeting co-opted Mr Hughes so that they could have the benefit of his advice when he was able to come to a meeting.

It was agreed that the representatives of the Urban Design Group and the Plans subcommittee when attending the General Committee should be co-opted members.

9 Next meetings.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be on Tuesday 12 May 1970 and it was provisionally arranged that the June meeting should be on Wednesday 10 June 1970.

This concluded the meeting.

J. Potter
12/5/70.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held in Mary-Allen's
Cafe on Tuesday May 12th 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present, Mr Potter in the Chair, Messrs Booth, Carl Savage,
Brandrett, Don, Goacher & Taylor, Mrs Johnston
Mrs Faberer, Mrs Jones, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Oakley,
Miss Finnie

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on April 15th 1970
were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman.

2. Summer Outing

Mr Lawrence Green was unable to attend the
meeting but wrote explaining that travel
difficulties made the proposed trip to Colchester
impossible. The Committee gladly confirmed his
suggestion that we should go to Hunston on
Saturday 27 June when the millage was having
the final day of an Open Week.

3. Matters arising

(i) Joint meeting with UNA & the National Council
of Women. It was reported that all the speakers
had not yet been booked. Our representatives
were requested to ascertain the financial
liability of the Society and to report back.

ii Lee Valley Scheme.

Mr Booth reported on present progress.
The working party are trying to get a general
layout of the area but planning is difficult
due to the site of the Colas plastic factory in

the middle. Further proposed extensions of the factory were being opposed. One proposal is for a link path from Wheatthamstead to East Hyde. Further meetings of the working party are planned.

4. Correspondence.

i. County joint committee.

A proposal had been made for a joint meeting of amenity societies in Hertfordshire by the Bishop Stortford society and it was agreed to support this proposal.

ii) Bank authority

The secretary reported that the new treasurer's signature had been registered with the National Westminster Bank.

5. Plans sub-committee and Urban Design Group

Because of the Council elections this period was relatively quiet. There were proposals for extending the Glen Eagle Hotel but no final plans were available. The latest news on the redesigned Post Office suggested that improvements had been made from the original plans but the Crown were not controlled by the local planning authority and were therefore not very amenable to suggestions.

The position of Station Road was discussed with the possibility of future development. As the properties were in multiple ownership it seemed that no overall development was likely in the near future.

6. Future Activities

lengthy discussion took place on how the Society should expand its activities. It was decided that a review of the membership and its potential should be undertaken primarily by the Treasurer & Membership Secretary who would request assistance from the Committee when they needed it.

It was agreed that individual members of the Committee would interest themselves in one or more of the Societies affiliated and would report activities and interests to the Committee.

Consideration was given to increasing the subscription to enable the Society to do more for the ordinary member but it was decided that this proposal was premature.

Suggestions for further consideration were.

- 1) Conducted tours of the Town by our more knowledgeable members.
- 2) Written records of the history and development of the Town should be made to preserve the knowledge which has been researched by some of the townspeople and consideration should be given to publishing this data by newsletter or in more permanent form.
- 3) That means should be explored to interest newcomers in the Town and Society.

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in Mary- Ellen's Cafe
on Wednesday 10 June 1970.

Present. Dr Patten in the chair, Messrs Booth, Homer Green
Goacher, Wilson, Challis, Misses Finnie, Habers,
Mrs Jones, Mrs Williams, Mrs Johnstone.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 1970 were
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

1. Summer outing

Mr Green reported that 38 seats had not
been reserved out of the available 45 and
all the arrangements had been finalised.

2. Joint meeting with the National Council of Women
and U.N.A.

It was confirmed that the meeting would
be on Sept 24th but the booking of speakers
was not yet finalised. The Society's
representatives confirmed that no financial
commitments had been entered into as
far as the Society was concerned. It was
expected that the collection at the meeting
would cover all expenses. Mr Wilson
commented on the lack of interest shown
by the Schools who had been circulated.

3. Lea Valley scheme.

Nothing further to report.

3 Correspondence

1. a letter from Europa Nostra soliciting membership was read and the proposition was declined.
2. a letter from the Commons. Open Spaces & Footpaths Preservation Society offering help to oppose the compulsory purchase of part of Harpenden Common & Watling Green was read.
3. A new Society had been formed at Seven and they wished to make contact with us.

4 Finance

The Treasurer was authorised to pay the Council £6.5.0 for copies of the minutes. He handed receipted to £10.17.6 for the annual reports and £7.2.0 for candles and the Leeds exhibition £2.17.6. He also gave Just Nature business etc. The balance was approximately £110 and the Treasurer reported that the Membership Secretary and himself were reviewing the membership and would report in due course.

5 Autumn Newsletter

It was decided to prepare and circulate an autumn newsletter, the timing to help promote the autumn newsletter joint meeting.

6 Planning Application Pantiles -

A letter composed by Mr Lelliott and supported by many residents in the East Common area was read. The letter to the Council strongly opposed the demolition of pantiles in favour of new multi-storey flats. It was pointed out that the Council had on previous occasions rejected similar schemes for this site and the plan's subcommittee had written

- 4) That possibility of joint representations with other societies be considered.
- 5) That consideration be given to arranging visits to interesting buildings or areas in Haywards.
- 6) That the town should be surveyed regularly by members each responsible for a sector with a view to reporting on developments.
- 7) That large scale interest maps be prepared for various subjects and maintained.

7. Date of next meetings

The next meeting was confirmed for 10 June at Ram-Allen's Cafe at 8 pm, and the July meeting was provisionally fixed for Wednesday, July 8.

This concluded the meeting.

P. O. Howard
10th June 1970.

opposing the present scheme. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council emphasising the Society's backing to the sub-committee objections.

7. General Planning applications

The comments of the Plans sub-committee on current applications were reported and particular objections had been made to any further development at Ratford Hill by Cole Hasting's and to the proposal that there should be pole mounted transformers for the EEB off Coolins End Lane.

8. Walk from East Hyde to Wheathampstead

The possibility of a walk being made along the route of the old railway was discussed. At the present the ADC have no plans to develop and it was felt that if the railway sold piece meal all chance of an overall scheme would be lost. The working committee in the Ken Valley were asked to consider possibilities.

9. Next meetings

The next meeting was fixed for July 8th 1970 at Harry Miller's Cafe at 8pm and the following meeting was provisionally arranged for Wednesday 9th September.

This concluded the meeting.

P. D. R.
8/7/70

Minutes of a Committee meeting held at Mary Ellen's
Cafe on Wednesday 8th July 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present: D. Clatter in the chair Moss Brandreth, Carl Hughes
Savage, Wilson, Judy Dow, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Jones,
Miss Haverer, Miss Tunney. The Secretary & Post Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Williams and
the Treasurer

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 1970 were
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) The Council had refused planning application for
the Pantiles site.

(b) The representative of the new Society at Lewin had
had to cancel his appointment to meet the Secretary.
and no further date has been arranged.

(c) Autumn meeting. Miss Haverer suggested Professor Jones and
agreed to give particulars to the Secretary who was to approach him.

3. Loose Grit on Pavements

The Secretary reported that following a complaint from
a member he had drawn the attention of the Surveyor
to the loose grit on some of the pavements - particularly
in Shakespeare Road. The Surveyor promised to give
the matter his attention.

4. Summer Outing

The Secretary reported on the Summer outing to
Hunsdon. The exhibition staged in the Village
Hall illustrated the early history of Hunsdon
particularly of the time of Henry VIII and subsequently.
A map illustrated the buildings of interest in the
area. Many houses in the village were open for

inspector and their owners explained the matters of interest. It was one of our most successful outings and the thanks of the committee are given to the Lorimer Green for making the arrangements.

5. Plans sub-committee

The committee had met as usual and had made its comments on various planning applications.

6. Road widening at Hatfield Green.

No further developments were to be reported but it was agreed that constructive proposals by the Urban Design Group might help to obtain a more acceptable solution.

7. Joint meeting with NCN & UNO.

Mr Wilson reported on the arrangements for the joint meeting and agreed that the advertising leaflet should be circulated to members. Mr Wilson also reported on the schemes to interest the public and particularly the schools.

8. Membership

Methods of increasing the membership and the interest of members were discussed. In the absence of the Treasurer & the membership secretary who were analysing the membership further discussion on this matter was deferred. It was generally felt that we should complete our review of the present membership before trying to increase our strength as it was feared that without a planned programme of activities a recruiting drive would fall flat.

9. Sea Vally scheme.

There was nothing new to report although the sub-committee were continuing their research.

10. Membership application form.

A misprint in the form was pointed out. As we held a fairly big stock it would be expensive to scrap the printing but the Club promised to look into the question of a modified reprint and to see if the type was still set up.

11. Co-opting.

Mr M. D. E. Hughes who was Chairman of the Spot Light or Leisure committee was co-opted to this committee.

12. Review of other local societies

Mr Ince reported on his review of the other local societies and made suggestions as to which ones would be most likely to join with us, which ones would assist us in certain projects and which ones would and could use their influence to strengthen our representations. This matter is to be discussed further when we consider increasing our activities.

13. Next meeting

The next meeting was to be held on Sept 9th 1970 at Mary Ellen's Cafe at 8 o'clock.

P. Potter
9th Sept. 1970

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in Mary Ellen's
Cafe on Wednesday 9th September 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present Dr. Potter in the chair, Messrs Goacher, Beeth,
Lorimer Green, Carl. Hughes. Miss Finnie, Miss Haberer,
Mrs Elliott, Mrs Williams, Mrs Johnstone. The Secretary
and Assistant Secretary.

Apologies for absence.

apologies for absence were received from Mr Challin,
Mr Brarduth, Mr Swase, Mr Wilson, the Jones

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 1970
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

(i) Autumn meeting.

The Secretary reported that she had not yet
been able to get in touch with Prof. Emrys Jones
due no doubt to the holidays.

After further discussion on the suggestion of
Miss Haberer it was decided to ask the St Albans
Archaeological Society to speak to us on the
Local history. A sub-committee was appointed
to arrange the meeting and was to be the
Chairman. Miss Haberer and Mrs Johnstone.

Mr Carl agreed to find the necessary vacancies
for the small public hall and advise Miss
Haberer who would then approach the Archaeological
Society. The Secretary was to arrange for notices
and general publicity including an advertisement
in the Free Press.

ii) Publicity

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee

to his view that there ought to be a member specialising in publicity and it was agreed that the subject should be brought up again at the next meeting.

iii) Joint meeting with NCW & VNO.

The action of the Secretary in consultation with the Chairman & Mr Wilson in circulating a brief newsletter with the notice of the joint meeting was agreed.

Dr Patten reported that arrangements were now complete with minor exceptions. He had been asked to get Judge Dore to thank the speaker and to provide two stewards. Mr Foreman Green volunteered and Mr Brandreth or Mr King were suggested for the other.

3. Bus Shelter in the Night.

Mrs Johnstone asked for a progress report on the provision of a bus shelter in the Night St for Southbound passengers. Mr Carl said it had been agreed to go ahead and London Transport had promised to contribute financially. The plans had not yet been agreed and the subject was to be referred to the Design Group for further advice.

4. Consumer Group Questionnaire

A letter was read from Mrs Davies of the S. Hertfordshire Consumer Group enclosing a questionnaire which had the summarised views of 38 visitors to the Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition. The letter appealed for support in getting something done. While it was thought that the views expressed in the

questionnaire were well known and that some of them were outside the competence of the Society the Committee decided it would be useful to make further contact with the Consumer Group and accordingly Mrs Elliott & Mr Hughes were deputed to meet Mrs Davis and discuss the questionnaire and report back.

5. Lea Valley Project

The sub-committee, while continuing to meet, had nothing further to report but expected to meet again on October 7th and would report thereafter.

6. Plans sub-committee

In the absence of a representative of this sub-committee the Secretary summarised the views they had expressed to the Council's Planning Committee in August. The main points were.

- (i) the Society supports the Council's refusal to permit any further development at Hatford Hill by Cole Masters
- (ii) the Society is concerned by further applications for extensions at the Rothamsted Experimental Station and considers they should submit a comprehensive plan for future development and that no more piecemeal applications be considered until it is forthcoming.
- (iii) Concern was expressed at the proposal to extend a non-conforming use at the Beecham Laboratories at Harpenden Rise and we suggested that consideration should be given to redevelopment of the site - and perhaps adjacent land - for residential purposes only.

7 Membership

Mr Booth expected that the Membership secretary and ~~him~~ he would report at the next meeting on the consideration of the Society's membership.

8 Working Groups

Mr Wilson. Mr Savage had made some progress with planning working groups but in their unavoidable absence the subject was deferred to the next meeting. The Committee thought it would be helpful if some summary of the proposals could be circulated before the next meeting and it was decided to give consideration to the possibility of the Society being able to duplicate its own reports.

9 Parking on the Common

Due possibly to the felling in of the Silver Cup Pond there had been much less parking on the Common this year. There are still problems at Cravell's Road and near the exit from Eastmoor Park. Mr Booth was not aware whether the joint report of the Society & Design Group had been passed to the Council and was asked to refer the matter to the Chair of the Design Group.

10 Future meetings

The next meeting was to be held in Mary-Allen's Cafe at 8pm on Wednesday 14th October 1970.

and it was proposed that the November meeting
should be on the 11th

His concluded the meeting.

J. P. O'Leary

14 October 1970

Chairman

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on Wednesday 14 October 1970 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr Charles Patten in the chair, Messrs Hughes, William Beeth, Carl, Brandreth, and Chellis, Mrs Jonstone, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Jones, Miss Haberer, Miss Finnie and the Secretary.

Apologies for absence was received from Mrs Williams.

1. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th September 1970 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising.

(i) Joint meeting with N.C.W and U.N.O.

The Chairman reported that the meeting had been a great success with the Public Hall full. There had been a cash deficit but this had been paid by a member of both U.N.O and the Society. Particular mention was made of the interest shown by some of the schools stimulated by the attraction of what was shown.

(ii) Meeting with the Consumer Group.

As Mrs Davies of the Consumer Group had not been available no meeting had yet been arranged but on her return contact would be made.

(iii) Ratford Hill.

The scheme had been referred by the Council to the Consultative Committee to see if acceptable plans can be made.

(iv.) Memberships

The report on this was not yet ready and the subject was deferred to the next meeting.

(v) Parking on the Commons

The views of the VSG had not yet been reported to the Council and our representatives on the VSG were asked to report progress at the next meeting.

3 Payments

Subscriptions to "Our Environment" 30/- per annum and Rural England £2.2.0 were agreed.

4 Working in Groups

The Report by the sub-committee was accepted with thanks. After discussion it was agreed that a form of the report modified by the subcommittee together with a questionnaire should be circulated to all members. Mr Hughes agreed to analyse the answers to the questionnaires.

5 Autumn Meeting

The meeting was confirmed as being on Nov 24th 1970 and was to be addressed by a member of the Archaeological Society of St Albans. Mrs Haberer was awaiting the name of the speaker and the title of his lecture. She agreed to have posters prepared if the information was available in time and it was agreed that she could spend £5.

Other publicity including an advertisement in the Free Press was to be arranged by the Secretary who would be assisted by Mr MJE Hughes. Mr Wilson would arrange for the duplication of the report on Working in Groups, Mr Booth the addressing

of envelopes and Miss Finney agreed to put the various enclosures into the envelopes ready for dispatch.

6.) Urban Design Group.

Mr Challin reported on the activities of the Design Group and expressed their concern that St Georges School were not conforming to the plans for Carlton Road.

7.) Cross Farm Barn.

Mr Curl explained the proposal to demolish part of the Barn. The whole of this property is listed and Mr Curl commented that the merit of the farm consists of the grouping of all the buildings and no single one is of special merit. The part of the Barn proposed for demolition was a late addition which had partially collapsed due to snow damage. The Councils view was that its removal would in no way decrease the value of the remaining buildings.

8.) Plans. Sub Committee

The report of the sub-committee was reviewed and agreed.

9.) Lea Valley Schemes

No further progress had to be reported but the subcommittee would be meeting again before the General Committee and it was hoped to have further matters to report in November.

10) Publicity

Brief discussion took place but in view of the questionnaire which was being circulated the subject was deferred, immediate publicity being left in the hands of the Secretary with assistance from other members.

11) Next meeting

The next meeting was to be in Mary-Allen's Cafe on November 11th 1970 at 8pm and the December meeting was provisionally fixed for the 9th.

This concluded the meeting.

P Potter

Chairman

11 November 1970.

Minutes of a Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday
14th November 1970 at 8pm in Mary Ellen's Cafe.

Present. Dr. Chas Potter in the chair, Miss Haberer Mrs Johnstone
Mrs Elliott Mrs Jones Miss James Messrs R.C. Dixon,
S. Brannett, J. Savage, Mrs Hughes, D. Bost. Carl
Loveren Green, the Secretary & assistant Secretary.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Soacher, Mr Wilson
and Mr King. The Secretary was asked to write
to Mr Soacher expressing the Committee's sympathy
and hopes for a speedy recovery.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 1970
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

(i) Consumer Group. It had not yet been
feasible to arrange a meeting with Mrs Davis.

(ii) Bafford Hill Mr Dixon emphasised the view
of the sub-committee on plans that no further
encroachment on the open ground should be
permitted. The Committee concurred. No further
development on agreeing or otherwise to the
proposed plans was reported.

(iii) Parking on the Common. The report of the Urban
Design Group would be ready next month. The
further encroachment by cars in the Baa Lamb
Trees area was mentioned but is to be
raised again when considering the UDG
report.

10) St Georges School: There was a new proposal to substitute town houses for the flats. The U.D.G. and our plans sub-committee both object.

11) Sea Valley Scheme. The report was now being drafted and would be submitted to the first available meetings of this Committee and the U.D.G. It was intended to present it to the Council before their meeting in February.

3 Traffic Plans for central Harpenden

The Urban Design Groups plan had been presented to the Highways Committee of the Council on Nov 9th. It was felt that the continual delay in dealing with the problem particularly at the Station Road, High St, Southdown Road junction was becoming a matter of grave concern. As the fault lay with the County Council it was agreed to write to them with copies to the local Council and the local County Councillors expressing our views.

It was also suggested that the Urban Design Group might have a model made for exhibition and publicity perhaps including at the Spotlight on Leisure exhibition.

4 Autumn meeting

The notice for the Autumn meeting had been posted and posters were available at the meeting and were distributed. The final arrangements for the meeting were outlined and agreed.

5) County Development Plan

Mr Dixon outlined the main features of the draft County Development Plan as published by the Minister as they affected Harpenden. Development ~~would be formulated~~ ^{was proposed} in 3 areas.

- 1 at the back of Roundwood Park
- 2 at the back of Coleswood Road.
- and 3 South of Cross Lane.

Mr Dixon agreed to summarise his comments so that the Secretary could circulate them to all members at an early convenient time and we were to stress the effect the Society's representations in having the original proposals modified.

6) Questionnaire

It was decided that each member of the Committee should approach selected members of the Society to be certain of having representative opinions.

7) Memberships

The treasurer presented lists of active members. He was thanked for his work with the membership secretary in having these prepared. The lists would be annotated with the results of the questionnaire and further considered in the context of working parties. Mr Booth reported that there were now 288 members who had paid £64 subscriptions for the current year. 85 members had not yet paid representing about £21 in subscriptions. The subscription income for 1969 was £74 and

for 1968 was £81.

The amount of the minimum subscription was considered but it was agreed to take no action at present leaving the amounts at 5/- for an individual, and 7/6 for a family.

On the proposal of Mr. Bork it was agreed to encourage the use of bankers orders and that a membership card should be printed to be used as a receipt.

8) Accounts for payment

It was agreed to pay the following accounts:

Bellant Secretariat £2.13.0 "Working party" report

Bellant Secretariat £9.14.6 } Autumn meeting, notices
and report

Mr. El Walan £6.0.0 fee for Iron Country
Planning Conference.

9) Widening of Redbourne Lane.

The opposition of the Committee to this scheme as proposed by the Highway authorities was confirmed although it was recognised that limited correction of the "S" bend was necessary. The subject is to be considered further at a later meeting.

10) Shelter for Bus Passengers

There was no further action to report on the provisioning of a bus shelter for south bound passengers.

4) Agenda for next meeting.

It was agreed that as far as possible the main discussion at the next meeting should be based on Memberships and the Questionnaire, the reports on Lea Valley Scheme and the Parking report.

12 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was to be in Mary Ellen's Cafe on Wednesday 9 December 1970 at 8pm and the following meeting was provisionally fixed for 13 January 1971.

9 December 1970

Chairman

P. Potter

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday
9 December 1970 at 8 pm in Mary Ellen's Cafe.

Present Dr. C. Patten in the Chair, Miss Tunney, Miss Haberer,
Mrs Williams, Mrs Jones, Mrs Lavender Green, Brandreth
Walton, Hughes, Booth, the Secretary & Asst. Secretary.

Apoloiges for absence were received from Mrs Elliott and
Mr Eaker.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 1970
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Autumn Meeting.

The Chairman reported on the very successful
meeting attended by over 60 members and addressed
by Mr Mc Eneaney of the St Albans & Hertfordshire
Architectural and Archaeological Society. The Secretary
was asked to write to Mr Mc Eneaney expressing again
our thanks and acknowledging and supporting his
suggestion that the two Societies might co-operate
further in the future.

3. Consumer Group.

Mrs Elliott wrote to say that she had made
contact with the Group and she hoped there might
be ~~some~~ areas of common interest.

3. Meeting of Amenity Societies.

The Hertfordshire Society were considering a meeting of societies in the County on 12 Jan 1971 to see if consultation regularly would be of advantage. It was agreed that the Society be represented.

Mr Wilson said that he had been appointed the districts representative to the Herts. Society sometime ago but had never been contacted by the Society or called to a meeting. As he was not available on the 12th January it was agreed that his Society should be represented by the Chairman & Secretary.

4. Payments authorised

Payment of the subscription to Keep Britain Tidy and to the Alderston for £2 for services in screening the slides at the Autumn meeting were authorised.

5. Harpenden Home Society Committee

The Committee had arranged a demonstration in the Council Chamber and Mrs Williams agreed to represent the Society.

6. Questionnaire

At the date of the meeting 60 questionnaires had been returned with 5 further letters. No analysis had been possible yet.

7. Sub-Committee on Leisure

It was agreed to exhibit in March and a sub-committee of Mr Wilson, Mr Carl and a member from the Design Group was appointed to plan our

contribution.

8 Annual Meeting

The Secretary was authorised to book the Small Public Hall for the meeting towards the end of March. The suggestion was made that a change from a Tuesday night allow other members to attend.

9 Newsletter

It was proposed that a newsletter be circulated in January giving a preliminary report on the questionnaire, a summary of the draft County Development plan as it affected Harpenden and the results of the Society's representations, advance notice of the Annual meeting and a reminder about subscriptions being due.

10 Lea Valley Report

Mr Wilson outlined the draft report on the Lea Valley and illustrated it by reference to the drawings. Mr Booth amplified and our representatives were congratulated on their share of a very excellent report. At the suggestion of Mr Booth it was agreed to write to the County with a copy to the UDC to find what offers, if any, had been made for land now available due to the closure of the railway to Welwyn.

It was also agreed to write to the UDC to see whether they would agree to receive his report at a meeting of the planning committee on 15 February 1971.

11 Agenda next meeting

It was agreed that as far as possible the main discussion at the next meeting should be with the results of the questionnaire and the possible plans for the future.

12 Date of next meeting.

The next meeting was to be held at Mary Ellen's Cafe at 8pm on 13th January 1971. and the following meeting was provisionally fixed for 10 February 1971.

P. Potter

13 January 1971.

Chairman.