

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th January 1984 at Harpenden
Hall at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's Report
5. To consider the Election of a President
6. Reports from Groups :-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - Transport
 - ULVG
7. Any other business
8. Dates of next meetings,

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 17 January 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. & Mrs. J. Bush, Mrs. A. Godfrey, Mr. L.J.G. Matthews,
Mr. I. McNicoll, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. L. Pepper
and Mr. E. Truslove.

In attendance Mrs. A. Russell.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J. Holderness and Mr. E. Ward.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 13 December 1983 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Attendance. The name of Mr. E. Truslove be added to those members present.

Spotlight 1984, foot of p.4. The theme will be "the Groups".

Reports from Groups, Plans - 5/1718/83. Amend last sentence to read "It was suggested that this scheme be exhibited for public comment."

Commons & Greens. Dr. Moore had "walked" the Common with the Chairman of the Town Council's Commons & Greens Sub-Committee. Para 3 amend "shrub to "scrub".

2. MATTERS ARISING

1. Nicky Line. The Secretary had heard from the District Council that there are no plans to remove the bridge over the A1081. The bridge Roundwood Lane/Moreton End will be removed and adequate barriers provided. It is the Council's intention to prohibit motorcyclists and horse riders. There has been a further meeting of the Project Working Party, but no plan, as yet, for the proposed public meeting.

2. Plans Group - Waitrose Site. Mr. Matthews said that there had been an exchange of correspondence between the Secretary and Mr. Edelston of 8 Avenue St. Nicholas about the trees and shrubs to be retained round the Waitrose car park. Mr. Matthews had written to the District Council asking for confirmation that in order to allay any doubts a careful eye would be kept on this aspect of the development. Mr. Edelston has stated his intention to attend the meeting on 1 February, presumably to raise a discussion on the landscaping of this site.

3. Environmental Group - Gilpin Green/Granary Lane. Dr. Moore reported to the Harpenden Town Council and they expressed their appreciation for this work.

4. Press Officer and Press Circulation. Mrs. A. Russell co-opted and appointed Press Officer. The Press to be informed of this appointment. The Committee approved a publicity drive

J.B.

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to increase membership and make the public aware of the Society's aims and activities. The cost of including an additional page to the Town Council's March Forum would be £243 per 10,000 and this expenditure was approved (see Minute 3, Meeting 22 November 1983). The Press Officer would liaise with Mr. Ward on the text, Gwen Marr to do the sketches.

A.R.

5. Spotlight 1984. A meeting of the Group had taken place under the chairmanship of Mr. Truslove and it would be possible to use 9 out of the possible 12 sides (Minute 4, Meeting 13 December 1983), the remainder to be made up of extraneous matter which could include Plaque Award, Poster Cheese and Wine Party etc. As the panels are in need of some repair, Dr. Moore agreed to assist Mr. Truslove to undertake this.

F.J.M.
E.T.

It was put to the meeting whether to show a photograph of the late President, Judge Dow. After discussion it was agreed this would be inappropriate. Mr. Pepper had a photograph of the Judge, taken at the last Cheese and Wine Party and the Committee accepted his offer of an enlargement. If it was the intention to sell tickets at the exhibition for the Cheese and Wine Party, the Secretary said printing would have to be undertaken shortly. This would be discussed in full at the next meeting.

L.P.

J.B.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society is in credit to the sum of approx. £2,000 before receipt of subscriptions expected this month. There is an excess of income over expenditure of approx. £150.

4. ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

The Committee agreed that the Chairman approach Mr. E. Ward and ask if he would be willing to accept nomination.

5. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans. The following applications were reported on:-

- 5/1772/83 Outline 9 workshops r/o Inn on the Green.
Development would (a) pre-empt proper planning of the area (b) is an outline application within the conservation area.
- 5/1773/83 Dwellinghouse adjoining 5 Kirkwick Avenue.
Plot is of marginal size and it is recommended that conifers at No. 5 and the beech and conifer on the plot should be the subject of T.P.O.'s.
- 5/1779/83 Victoria Markets Ltd., Amenbury Lane Car Park.
Inappropriate use of car park.
- 5/1365/83 (amended). House adjng. 10 Salisbury Avenue.
As compared with original plan, position of house altered to give a slight advantage, but boundary wall still very close to No. 10. The Group urges a preservation order on most of the trees.

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5/1439/83 Station House.
Car parking (20 spaces) will be a barred-off section of the main car park. This could lead to parking in Station Approach. None of the mature trees will be preserved, in which respect original landscape plan was inaccurate and misleading. British Rail to provide a further 20 spaces at the far end of their Station car park.

5/1820/83 Land rear of 8, 12 and 14 Moreton Avenue (7 bungalows). Overdevelopment of the site. 3 bungalows could be considered.

5/1752/84 White Horse P.H. Hatching Green.
Concern expressed as to car parking provision and the amenities of local residents.

Appeals - 3 Nos. work space units adjacent Roundwood Service Station.
Refusal recommended. Original objections repeated.

Land rear 18 Fallows Green/18 Pigeonwick.
Mrs. Godfrey would ask Mrs. Wang to make a comment on this appeal.

A.G.
L.W.

11 Mons Close.

18 Kirkwick Avenue.

A convenor for the Plans Group was requested by the Secretary.
Mr. Matthews agreed to act in this capacity.

L.M.

2. Commons and Greens. Dr. Moore reported that the Chairman of the Town Council's Commons & Greens Sub-Committee had given instructions that there shall be no trimming up of trees on the Common except for sight lines etc. The horse ride on the west side of the Golf Club has been cleaned up. Dr. Moore will investigate the reported felling of two oak trees on the Common.

3. Southdown. Bushes had been planted on the unofficial footpath bounding the Green, and some were almost immediately "run over". It was questioned whether this was effective, but that the matter should be left for a year. The Committee felt a footpath across the green (as previously) would not prevent the use of the unofficial footpath. Mr. McKenna has been informed that this was felt to be the wrong solution. The Chairman drew attention to the untidy visible backs of the small shops. It was suggested a photograph be taken for the Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition.

The Secretary referred to the drums, the property of the Gas Board which were recently deposited at Fine Fare behind the "Southdown Road" sign. A further drum had been left in the same area and he would contact the Gas Board to ascertain the material content and ask for its removal.

J.B.

4. Environmental. No report. No activity.

5. Transport. No report.

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6. U.L.V.G. Monthly work parties continue. The Group has a number of trees they are offering to schools, clubs and other organisations. Mr. Truslove will contact Mrs. Heather Catterfield for trees to replace those which have died at Fine Fare.

E.T.

7. Press Officer. This report would be included under Groups. A.R.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Round Table Carnival, 20 May 1984. An invitation has been received for the Society to take part. The Committee decided against participating and the Secretary would write declining. J.B.

(2) Hiring Charges - Harpenden Public Hall. A list was handed to Mr. Truslove by the Secretary. It was noted there was an increase of 10%.

(3) Council for Voluntary Service. The Secretary tabled the Council's Newsletter No. 26 which included a note on the Society's membership and the Secretary's contribution on the history and activities of the Society. The Newsletter asked members what volunteers would be required by them (to include U.L.V.G.). The Secretary to write. J.B.

(4) Annual General Meeting. ^{Previous} It was discussed as to whether it was necessary to read the Chairman's Report in its entirety when the minutes are available. It was thought, for record purposes, this report could be attached to the minutes, submitting the current Chairman's Report only to the meeting.

(5) Meeting, 1 February 1984. The Chairman agreed to take the Chair, if Mr Ward not available K.J.

(6) Dates & Programme of Meetings 1984/85. Mr. Truslove gave the dates for meetings for 1984/85:-

18 September 1984 (Tuesday)	5 February 1985 (Tuesday)
24 October 1984 (Wednesday)	6 March 1985 (Wednesday)
10 December 1984 (Monday)	10 May 1984 (Friday)

Suggested possible subjects for meetings were put to the meeting by Mr. Truslove for comments. The following emerged as the most popular:-

Hertfordshire Building Trust
Childwickbury - Mrs. Williams
The part of traffic in the growth & destruction of towns.

(7) Coffee. The Committee decided that the price of coffee be held at 15p. despite being uneconomic.

(8) Vernacular Architecture of Hertfordshire. This exhibition, mounted by H.C.C. Planning Department is at present at the Hatfield Road Museum, St. Albans. Mr. Ward proposed, in his absence through the Secretary, that as the exhibition was not scheduled to visit Harpenden, the Society, as part of its

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autumn programme, should promote this exhibition, possible venues being the foyer of the Public Hall, or a room at the Further Education. The library, unfortunately, was too small. The Secretary would look into hiring possibilities and, if successful, contact Mr. David Kolikavski, Planning Department, H.C.C., to ascertain if the exhibition could visit Harpenden.

J.B.

(9) Press Officer. As Mrs. Russell will be giving Press Releases and answer questions on the activities of the Society, she sought guidance from the meeting. It was agreed that Press Releases would only be given where the Committee had made a decision. The Press Officer would be supported by the Secretary.

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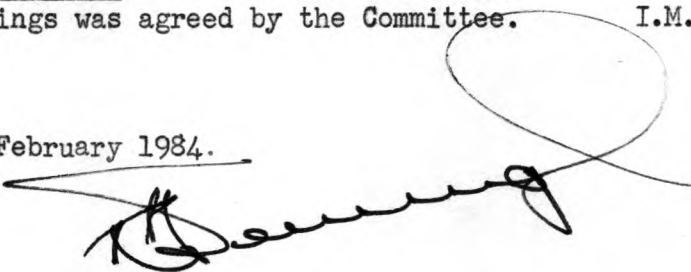
J.B.

(10) Contribution to History Society. A contribution of £25 for use of the Room for meetings was agreed by the Committee.

I.M.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 16 February 1984.



Items lifted from Minutes of District Council Sub-Committees presented to the
District Council meeting of 14th December 1983

1. A request by Harpenden Town Council to take over management of Amenbury Lane car park was refused.
 2. There have been public complaints about blockages to pavements in St. Albans by shops with goods for sale.
 3. Several traffic problems added to the list for investigation, including traffic speed in Roundwood Park.
 4. Recommended increased car parking charges for 1984/5:-

Amenbury Lane	15/35p
Bowers Way East	35/60p
" " West	35p
 5. Following Government approval for speed humps on public highways, concern was expressed that these could cause hazards. Resolved that these should be installed only in very special circumstances.
 6. A Member pointed out dangers in the A1081 cycleway arising from (1) shared use by pedestrians and cyclists in particular after dark with cyclists having no lights and (2) confusion to motorists travelling north from cyclists with lights approaching from what would appear to be their wrong side. Highways Works and Services Committee asked to investigate means of reducing these dangers.
 7. Re Land at corner of Kinsbourne Green Common. An offer to sell the land to the Council was reported, and Harpenden Rural Parish Council had expressed a wish for the District Council to acquire the land. It was noted that cafe and pub customers used the land for parking, and Whitbreads had made informal approaches to obtain permanent parking rights. Resolved to carry out informal negotiations with the users for a scheme to improve and restore the land at no cost to the Council. The outcome to be reported to the Council.
- The following items refer to the Inspector's report on the District Plan:-
8. Carpenters Close - to include provision for small scale shopping on this site
 9. Housing site, Harpenden Memorial Hospital - to remain in District Plan.
 10. Two additions to Policy 4 Schedule of housing sites i.e. adjoining 30 Douglas Road and Thompson's Close.
 11. Plan to be amended to include the A.1081 cycleway.
 12. " " " " boundary of Harpenden Inset Map.
 13. An intention expressed to support any proposals to expand facilities at Harpenden Memorial Hospital.
 14. The Plan to include Batford Springs and Kinsbourne Green Common as designated nature conservation areas.
 15. The Plan fails to make proper provision for gypsies. To be amended to provide greater flexibility, but to retain provision for closing the Park Street roundabout site.
 16. Re land at Harpenden Lodge. Whilst accepting the Inspector's proposal that allocation for open space be deleted, it was agreed that this area be included in the Harpenden Inset Map and made the subject of a policy statement, this statement to indicate that the site must include a major area of public open space which is considered to be needed.

HARPENDEN SOCIETY - WINE & CHEESE 1984

In 1983 we put up the price from £2 to £2.25. We sold 73 tickets (compared with 108 in 1982) and made a loss of £14.

	1983	Estimate 1984
Hire of hall & kitchen	44.83	51.60
Piano & stage lighting	12.66	15.00
Sound amplification	-	6.00
Wine (nett after refund)	57.37	} 191.00 (5% increase)
Food	72.50	
Entertainment	25.00	
Misc.	26.94	
	<u>239.30</u>	<u>263.60</u>

	<u>1983</u>	
Raffle	£37.40	
Bar	11.40	
Surplus food	<u>11.65</u>	
	60.45	60.45
To be offset by ticket sales in 1984		<u><u>203.00</u></u>

OPTION 1

Increase price to £2.50

73 Tickets @ £2.50 = £182.50 LOSS £21.50

OPTION 2

Hold price at £2.25 and hope to sell more tickets

73 tickets @ £2.25 = £164.25 LOSS £39.75

100 " " " = £225.00 PROFIT £21.00

OPTION 3

Hold price at £2.25 but cut out entertainment
saving £46.00

Nett cost against tickets becomes £158

73 tickets @ £2.25 = £164.25 PROFIT £6.25

OPTION 4

Hold price at £2.25 but buy less food

Saving (say 25%) = £18 less £11 sale of surplus food == £7

Nett cost against tickets becomes £196

73 tickets @ £2.25 = £164.25 Loss £33

E.H.Truslove 29 January 1984

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's report
5. Membership Secretary's report
6. The Annual General Meeting - matters to be decided, nominations, etc.
7. Price of Wine & Cheese Party tickets - see memo attached.
8. District Council Sub-Committee minutes - see report attached
9. Town " " " " " - verbal report
10. The 1984 Award.
11. Reports from Groups:-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - Transport
 - ULVG
12. Any other business
13. Date of next meeting.

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Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. & Mrs. J. Bush, Mr. R.G. Dixon, Mrs. A. Godfrey,
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. L. Pepper,
Mr. A. Russell and Mr. E. Truslove.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. E. Ward.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 17 January 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Annual General Meeting. "It was discussed as to whether it was necessary to read the Chairman's previous report"

Meeting, 1 February 1984. "The Chairman agreed to take the Chair if Mr. Ward was unavailable."

2. MATTERS ARISING

1. Waitrose Site. Mr. Matthews had received a reply to his letter of 25 January to the District Council which he read to the meeting. There had been considerable correspondence with Mr. Edelston on the question of landscaping; the Council confirmed that regular visits are made to ensure that work is in accordance with the drawings. Mr. Matthews was of the opinion that the trees shown on Mr. Edelston's plan have been retained.

2. Press Officer. The Press had been informed by the Secretary of the appointment of Mrs. Russell as Press Officer.

3. Spotlight 1984. Dr. Moore and Mr. Truslove had cleaned the panels for the exhibition. These still had marks, made by a residue of glue, on the baize. The Committee agreed to use the panels this year, and consideration as to whether to replace the baize would be carried forward to next year.

J.B.

The Secretary would attend a meeting on 29 February to ascertain the position of the Society's stand. Volunteers for duty at the exhibition would be required and the Secretary would contact members.

J.B.

4. Past Presidents. Discussion took place as to whether an enlarged photograph of the late President, Judge Dow, was required. Mr. Pepper agreed to show the postcard size photograph to the next meeting for a decision.

L.P.

Mr. Dixon would supply a postcard photograph of past president, K.H. Bond.

R.G.

5. Meeting attendance. Mr. Truslove said he understood (not confirmed) that members had been turned away from the meeting on 1 February by the Hall caretaker. If this was the case, the Committee agreed an apology be included in the next Newsletter.

J.B.

6. Reports from Groups - Plans. The Secretary requested the Committee to set a formula for the minuting of observations on plans submitted to the District Council's Plans Sub-Committee

ACTION

(North). Agreed that these should be minuted briefly with the prefix "The Committee approved the following recommendations:-"

Commons & Greens - Oak Trees. Dr. Moore had made an inspection of the site of the felled oaks with the Chairman of the Town Council's Commons & Greens Committee, and was of the opinion that the trees had been felled in error.

U.L.V.G. Mr. Truslove had reached agreement with the Manager of Fine Fare on replacement of the dead trees. Mrs. Catterfield would inform him when trees and conditions were suitable for planting.

E.T.

7. Programme of Meetings 1984/85. Mr. Truslove put to the Committee that Keith Nash's "Traffic and Car Parking" would be a very popular meeting and whether the large Hall should be booked (additional cost £16). The Committee, after discussion, agreed to hold the meeting in the Small Hall. Mrs. Williams who, it was hoped, would speak on Childwickbury, was unable to undertake any further commitments. A reply was awaited from the speaker on the Growth and Destruction of Towns.

Mrs. Godfrey had spoken to Mr. Moody who confirmed that work by the Hertfordshire Building Trust had not been undertaken in this area. The Trust was presently working at Cheshunt. However, the Committee agreed that a meeting on the work of the Trust would be of interest to members and Mr. Truslove would arrange this.

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8. Southdown - Drums. The Gas Board have not replied to the Secretary's letter for the removal of drums deposited at the entrance to Fine Fare. Fine Fare had also contacted the Board for their removal.

9. Vernacular Architecture in Hertfordshire. This exhibition was fully booked for 1984 after which it will be offered to libraries in Hertfordshire (not Harpenden due to its small size). Thereafter the Exhibition can be booked (not less than a month) at a cost of £100. Mr. Ward, in his absence through the Secretary, was not satisfied and thought the District Council should assist to promote the Exhibition locally. Deferred to the next meeting. Two copies of the Exhibition booklet had been ordered by the Secretary on behalf of the Society.

J.B.
I.M.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chairman submitted the Treasurer's report. There was a balance in hand at 31 December 1983 of £2,018.18, an excess of income over expenditure of £278.84.

4. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership was down as follows:-

Subscriptions paid	398
unpaid	283
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Membership in September 1983 was 715. Since the increase in subscriptions two years ago 4/5 members were still paying under previous banker's orders. Individual committee members agreed to call on these members personally in an effort to obtain up-to-date banker's orders.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr. Ward had declined to be nominated for President. Mr. Pepper suggested Sir Maurice Drake for nomination and agreed to ask Sir Maurice if he would be prepared to stand.

L.P.

Four committee members would be retiring - Mrs. S. Bush, Mr. R.G. Dixon, Mr. S. Gaubert and Mr. L. Pepper. Mr. V. Clough and Mrs. A. Godfrey felt unable to continue and wished to retire.

The following officers agreed to stand for nomination:-

Chairman - Mr. K. Jennings
Vice Chairman - Dr. F.J. Moore
Treasurer - Mr. I. McNicoll
Secretary - Mr. J. Bush

Mrs. Bush was willing to continue as Membership Secretary.

Dr. Moore would contact Mr. G. Haslar and Mrs. Godfrey Mr. J. Mitchell to invite them to become members of the Committee.

6. WINE & CHEESE PARTY

Mr. Truslove submitted 4 options on the cost of tickets. Unfortunately the Town Council's French "twin" party would be visiting Harpenden at this time and some members would be entertaining the French guests. After debate, Mr. Dixon proposed that the cost of tickets be fixed at £2.50 and this was agreed. Mr. Truslove would have tickets available for sale at the Spotlight on Leisure.

E.T.

7. DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

The Chairman complimented the Secretary on the presentation of the minutes. Generally, the Committee thought the increased car parking charges impracticable which would increase off-street parking and cause environmental damage. The Secretary would write to Mr. McKenna with the Society's views. Mr. Pepper would supply photographs of off-street car parking for the Spotlight Exhibition.

J.B.

8. TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

The Highways Advisory Panel confirmed that funds from the County Council for the widening of the entrance/exit road A1081 Rothamsted Experimental Station had been withdrawn. The Town Council would give favourable consideration to a lighting scheme for this section of the A1081 if accompanied by a reduction of the speed limit. Cllr. Ned Nash was proposing to draw up a scheme for Harpenden traffic flow. The Churches Community Programme at Luton are to carry out repainting of the Station Road pedestrian tunnel, the Town Council

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to supply the material. Theme suggested is the Four Seasons.

9. 1984 AWARD

Cllr. Curl and Mr. Ward were of the view that no development merited the Award.

10. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans. The Committee approved the following recommendations:-

- 5/1718/83 Harpenden Motors. A third plan, which was an amended one, had been inspected. This was an improvement, but still virtually provided no off-street car parking. The Secretary contacted Mr. P. Meacher, District Council, asking that the final plan be publicly displayed, similarly to that of Southdown.
- 5/1823/83 4 Sandhurst Court. This application is for an extension which would form 2/5 of the whole dwelling. This is considered to be overdevelopment.
- 5/001A/84 Pan Auto Services, 22/24 Grove Road, internally illuminated sign. This could cause disturbance to residents and should be restricted to business hours.
- 5/0038/84 8/9 Church Green. Refurbishment welcome, but large additions at rear would restrict residents' car parking. 4 2-bedroom flats represent overdevelopment.
- 5/0067/84 367 Luton Road. Careful consideration should be given to parking in the back garden which would be to the detriment of nearby residents.

District Plan. The Group will comment by 3 March and report to the next meeting.

L.M.

A copy of all correspondence on planning applications to be handed to the Press Officer.

L.M.
J.B.

2. Commons & Greens. Dr. Moore had walked the Common with the Chairman of the Town Council's Commons & Greens Committee prior to their most recent meeting. Most of the outstanding work had now been carried out. The Chairman had given Dr. Moore a copy of a policy document re management of the Common and Dr. Moore had sent a number of suggestions back to him, as she was unable to attend the meeting of the Commons & Greens Committee. It is proposed to report this document in the Forum. Suggestions for management of the Common had been received from Herts & Middx. Trust and these were being circulated to members of the Group.

3. Southdown. Mr. Truslove had written Mr. Bunyard of the Chemist's shop referring to rubbish at the rear of shops in the area. When the replacement trees are planted at Fine Fare

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Mr. Truslove proposes to raise with the gardener the question of the large ruts in the garden area at the entrance - probably caused by heavy delivery lorries. He would write to the District Council to ascertain whether there were any plans for Upper Cravells Road i.e. a footpath on the north side, though this provision would tend to increase parking problems.

4. Environmental. No activity due to inclement weather.

5. Transport. No report.

6. U.L.V.G. The Group held a working party and picnic on New Year's Day. Brushwood and windfall branches provided a bonfire. January work parties cleaned all branches out of the pool and 5 further trees were planted behind Pinneys Garage.

7. Press Officer. Mrs. Russell and Mr. Ward have liaised on the next edition of the Forum. Print and copy will be received by the end of the month and Gwen Marr has completed the illustrations. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 21 February.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(1) Society Posters. Concern had been expressed by Mrs. Wang on the "greyness" of posters. Mr. Truslove exhibited two posters, one from Madesco and one in present use. Anthony Evans holds a stock of the latter, and it was agreed to continue with their use.

(2) Summer Excursion. 24 slips had been returned. As there would probably be a drop out of one third, it was agreed there was insufficient support. To be reported in the next Newsletter.

J.B.

(3) Harpenden Town Council, Appointment of Clerk. A letter of welcome had been written by the Secretary, together with the last Newsletter and a leaflet setting out the Society's aims.

(4) Windemere Women's Club. Lady Bawden had addressed a meeting of this Club on Tuesday, 17 January 1984 and forwarded their donation of £5 to the Society. Mr. Bush had written the Secretary with the Society's thanks.

(5) British Trust for Conservation - 25th Anniversary. The Trust is holding 3 conferences, 30 March, 14 April and 6/8 July 1984 if any member wishes to attend.

(6) C.P.R.E. - Conference 24 March 1984. The Conference will discuss proposals on the green belt etc. The Secretary circulated literature to the meeting if any member would like to attend. Mrs. Godfrey will attend.

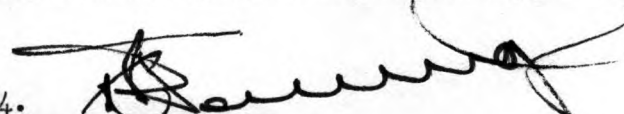
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(7) Heritage Outlook. This Journal is recommending that each District Council forms an advisory committee on their conservation area. The St. Albans Civic Society have endeavoured to encourage St. Albans District Council to form such a committee. This to be further considered at a future meeting.

J.B.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 11 April 1984.



Items lifted from Minutes of District Council Sub-Committees presented to
District Council Meeting 22nd Feb. 1984

1. District Plan, re 175 Westfield Road (D.V. Baulk.) The Inspector's Report recommended exclusion from the Green Belt, but the Council's decision is to include the whole of the yard within the Green Belt.
2. District Plan re M.A.F.F Plant Laboratory, Hatching Green. The Plan to include reference to this although within the MGB.
3. Gypsy Sites (see item 15 on previous list) The Council confirmed the intention to close the Park Street roundabout site and remove the caravans. The Council have negotiated the purchase of the land which is not suitable for development or agriculture and suggest planting a small wood. Nothing said about provision of an alternative site.
4. Energy conservation at Harpenden Public Hall. Following a consultant's report, ~~Finance~~ ^{Finance} is to be sought for measures which would achieve a pay-back within 5 years. These include and overhaul of the system and amending the control regimes.
5. A 1081 Cycleway - see Item 6 on previous list re hazard to vehicles driving north at night and cyclists with lights riding south. The matter has been referred to the County Surveyor.
6. Parking in Kirkwick Avenue. The Council has received complaints from residents regarding obstruction. The matter is under consideration.
7. It was reported that the speed humps in West Common Way are too large and that there are not enough warning signs at the entrance to the road. The Director of Works and Technical Services has written to residents regarding the suitability of these humps.
8. Re Waitrose car park. Mr. McKenna referred to representations from residents and societies concerning the landscaping and he reaffirmed the intention to retain as many trees as possible and to replace any marked for retention that are accidentally damaged. He confirmed that the car park lights will be switched off when the car park is closed.
9. Re Station House. Mr. McKenna reported the new application (now accepted) providing a lower ridge line and reduction in projection towards Station Road. There will be 11 parking spaces in the yard off Station Approach and 22 in B.R. car park with compensating 22 for commuters at the far end of the car park.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Special Committee Meeting held on 9th March 1984 at 9 Hawthorn Close

Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair.

Present Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. S.R. Bush, Mr. R. Dixon, Mrs A. Godfrey,
Mr. J. Holderness, Mr. L. Matthews, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mr. L. Pepper,
Mr. E.H. Truslove, Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence from Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. I. McNicoll, Mrs P. Morwood,
Mrs A. Russell.

The meeting was called primarily to discuss and finalise nominations for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The President. After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Dixon should approach Lord Hill, and that if he is not able to accept nomination, the Secretary to approach Cllr. Colin Curl.

Vice-President It was decided to take no action at the present time.

Officers and Committee The following nominations were noted :-

		<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>
Chairman	Mr. K. Jennings	Mr. Ward	Mr. Dixon
Vice-Chairman	Dr. F. Joan Moore	Mr. Truslove	Mr. Matthews
Secretary	Mr. H.J. Bush	Mr. Jennings	Mr. Matthews
Treasurer	Mr. I. D.G. McNicoll	do.	do.

Co-opted Committee members to be elected:-

Mr. L.J.G. Matthews	Mr. Dixon	Mrs Godfrey
Mrs. A. Russell	do.	do.

New Committee members to be elected :-

Mrs. L. Wang	Mr. Bush	Mrs. Godfrey
Mrs Gee	Mrs. Bush	Mrs. Godfrey
Mr. A. Mellody	Mrs. Bush	Mr. Matthews

The Secretary was asked to approach Lady M. Bawden as a further nominee. Dr. Moore stated that she hoped to obtain consent to nomination from Mr. W.G. Haslar.

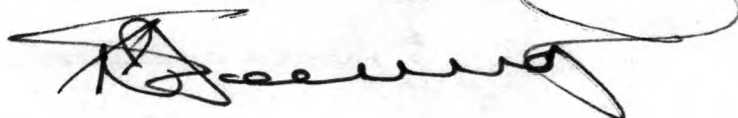
OTHER BUSINESS

Harpenden Station Mr. Ward submitted a draft letter to British Rail regarding the pedestrian entrance east side, and the fact that a fence alteration now means that pedestrians and cars share the same entrance. The Secretary was requested to send this letter with copies to District and Town Councils, and that the Press Officer be requested to try to obtain some publicity about this.

District Plan (Amended) Mrs Godfrey reported that 17 comments on this had been sent to the District Council.

Public Meetings 1984/5 Mr. Truslove reported that there was still one un-filled date. Negotiations continuing.

Wine and Cheese Party Mr. Truslove referred to the formation of a sub-committee. Mr. Bush agreed to join. It was suggested that Mr. Truslove should approach Mrs. Russell.



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 March 1984 at 8.00 p.m. in the Small Public Hall.

Vice-President, Mr. E. Ward, took the Chair.

Mr. Ward said that it was with profound regret that he was taking the Chair at the opening of this Annual General Meeting due to the death of the President, His Honour Judge Dow. Cllr. Colin Curl would be paying a tribute to the Judge later in the proceedings.

1. APOLOGIES: Vice-President Mr. P. Wilson, Vice-Chairman Mrs. Ann Godfrey and Mrs. J. Ogilvie.

2. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1 March 1983 were read by the Secretary, Mr. Jack Bush, and approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING: None were raised.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman said that a previous President, Captain Bond, at the Annual General Meeting of 1966 said there was a need to increase membership, then standing at 250 - membership was now approximately 1,200. The increasing number of regulations made it difficult for the Society to act as a watchdog, but the membership can be sure the Committee have been active on their behalf. Many representations to the appropriate authorities have been made and some are still with us e.g. Harpenden Station. Another success had been the Nicky Line footpath and the Society were making £500 available for this project. The Waitrose development has been carefully monitored and recommendations and suggestions made. After approving plans for Southdown car park, the Committee are still hopeful of an early completion. Much time has gone into the District Plan and the Commons Group continue to supervise the Common and prevent tree abuse. The Upper Lea Valley Group are to be congratulated on their continued efforts. This year has seen the appointment of a Press Officer, Mrs. Ann Russell and we are again exhibiting at the Spotlight on Leisure Exhibition.

In conclusion, the Chairman said all should take an active role so that Harpenden can continue to be an enjoyable place to live in, and warmly thanked all members of the Committee for their hard work and effort during the past year.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the audited accounts for 1983 were distributed. At year ending 31 December, the Society had an excess of income over expenditure of £278, and a healthy balance of £2,000, but there was a commitment of £500 contribution towards the Nicky Line footpath. Subscription income of £1,300 was similar to that of 1982 and interest slightly lower. There had been a disappointing attendance at the Cheese & Wine Party resulting in a small loss. Total expenditure exceeded that of 1982 by £243. The Treasurer put on record his thanks to Mrs. Bush for her work in the collection of subscriptions and Mr. Barnes for acting as Honorary Auditor.

Proposed by Dr. F.J. Moore and seconded by Mr. N. Powlesland that the Treasurer's report be approved.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were nominated and elected:-

President: Cllr. C.W. Curl

Proposed: Mr. E. Ward

Seconded: Mr. P. Wilson

Cltr. Curl then took the Chair, and spoke to the meeting on the passing of the Society's past President, Judge Dow. He spoke for all members when he said the Judge's easy manner at public meetings and social functions, and his never failing courtesy, will always be remembered. He will be missed presiding at our meetings and for his wise counsel on the Society's affairs. He concluded by saying that he personally had been associated with the Society since 1930 and thanked members for electing him to the Office of President. He would continue to give his whole-hearted support to the Society.

Chairman: Mr. K. Jennings

Proposed: Mr. E. Ward
Seconded: Mr. R.G. Dixon

The resignation of Mrs. A. Godfrey as Vice Chairman was received with regret and the Chairman would be writing expressing the Society's thanks for all her past work and efforts.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. F.J. Moore

Proposed: Mr. E.H. Truslove
Seconded: Mr. L.J.G. Matthews

Secretary: Mr. H.J. Bush)
Treasurer: Mr. I.J.G. McNicoll)

Proposed: Mr. K. Jennings
Seconded: Mr. L.J.G. Matthews

The above officers were elected unanimously.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:

The following members retire under the 3-year rule:

Mrs. S.R. Bush*
Mr. R.G. Dixon
Mr. S. Gaubert
Mr. L.G. Pepper

* Remains Membership Secretary ex-Committee.

The following member is retiring for personal reasons:

Mr. V.M. Clough

The following members were co-opted during the year and now stand for election:-

Mrs. A. Russell)
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews)

Proposed: Mr. R.G. Dixon
Seconded: Mrs. A. Godfrey

The following were nominated and elected:-

Mrs. L. Wang

Proposed: Mr. H.J. Bush
Seconded: Mrs. A. Godfrey

Mrs. F. Gee

Proposed: Mrs. S.R. Bush
Seconded: Mr. L.J.G. Matthews

Mr. A. Mellody

Proposed: Mrs. S.R. Bush
Seconded: Mr. L.J.G. Matthews

Mr. W.G. Haslar

Proposed: Dr. F.J. Moore
Seconded: Mr. H.J. Bush

Mr. M. Vincent

Proposed: Mrs. Y. Wright
Seconded: Mr. H.J. Bush

Mrs. J. Ogilvie

Proposed: Lady Bawden
Seconded: Mr. R.G. Dixon

Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow

Proposed: Lady Bawden
Seconded: Mrs. S.R. Bush

The above members were elected unanimously.

8. SOCIETY'S AWARD 1984:

Mr. Ward, Mrs. Godfrey and Cllr. Curl considered the nominations received from the membership. St. Nicholas Churchyard received more nominations than any other project, but this is seen as being combined with renovation and clean up together with restoration of the Church Tower. Other developments were pedestrian access Thompson's Close, Southdown Green, Aldwyck housing development Station Road (former Nursery School site), Pan Auto Services and Bryant Court, Hollybush Lane. Photographs of all these nominations are exhibited at the Spotlight with the Society's comments. After due consideration, the panel did not feel justified in making the Award this year. Possible contenders next year - Waitrose/Wellington House, Southdown car park, Harpenden Lodge, development in Thompson's Close. Members should look for other sites for consideration during the coming year.

9. FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Mr. Truslove apologised to those members who had been turned away from the meeting of 1 February 1984 due to an overflow. The next future event was to have been an outing to either Windsor or Hampstead, but members will be sorry to hear that the response was insufficient. He asked members with any ideas for future events to contact him. The Society was exhibiting at the Spotlight Exhibition once again and he hoped members would attend and support the Society. The annual Cheese and Wine Party will be held on 11 May. Mrs. Russell was undertaking the catering. It was hoped that District Cllr. Keith Nash would address a future meeting on the subject of transport and parking problems in Harpenden.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting of the Committee would be held at Harpenden Hall (History Society rooms) on 11 April 1984.

Cllr. Mrs. Curl drew attention to the considerable amount of rubbish and broken fencing in the area of the Station and Sancell House. Mrs. Wang replied that approaches had been made several times to the owners of Sancell House, when the rubbish would be cleared, only to appear again. It was suggested that the Harpenden Society and the Town Council make representations on the condition of the Station area to British Rail.

The Manpower Services Commission were commissioning the painting of the Station Road Tunnel - with a theme of "The Seasons".

Miss Micklethwait of Grove Avenue told the meeting of the dumping of rubbish in Green Lane.

Mr. Rees hoped that the surface of Leyton Road would be reinstated on completion of the Waitrose development.

Lady Bawden recorded her pleasure on the work that has, this year, been carried out to the Common. She put forward her view that the Society must be concerned with the whole Harpenden area, not just the town centre.

Mr. Ward referred to the inclusion of two pages in the March issue of the Town Council's Forum setting out the history of the Society, its aims and activities, and a membership application form.

A welcome was then extended to Mr. Russell Craig of the Hertfordshire County Council who, after a few words of address, exhibited the audio-visual "Who Cares".

11. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 6 March 1985 at 8.00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Ward', is written across the middle of the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left and another to the right.

HARPENDEN SOCIETY AND UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP

Analysis of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31 December 1983


<u>1982</u>		<u>1983</u>
£		£
1739.34	Balance in hand 31 December (less outstanding cheques)	2018.18
<u>1183.84</u>	less Opening Balance	<u>1739.34</u>
555.50	Excess of Income over Expenditure	278.84
=====		=====

£	<u>INCOME</u>	£
1286.50	Subscriptions and Donations	1299.55
107.11	Interest received	98.31
60.53	Functions account (loss)	(12.10)
<u>26.00</u>	Sundry	<u>60.89</u>
<u>1480.14</u>	Total Income	<u>1446.65</u>

	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
44.00	Subscriptions to other Societies	36.50
89.57	Hire of accomodation for public meetings	116.72
256.18	Office expenses (postage, telephone etc.)	288.49
189.13	Printing	304.79
	ULVG - Expenses 325.46	
(11.87)	less Income <u>277.67</u>	47.79
14.00	Photography and Display Equipment	169.52
100.00	Purchase of Board for Common	-
40.47	Purchase of seat, Pickford Hill	-
50.00	Donation, St. Nicholas School improvements	-
50.00	Local History Society, use of rooms	25.00
10.00	Insurance	37.00
-	Society Award plaque	52.44
<u>93.16</u>	Other	<u>89.56</u>
<u>924.64</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>1167.81</u>
555.50	Excess of Income over Expenditure	278.84
=====		=====

£	<u>FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT</u>	£
44.14	Wine & Cheese Evening	(18.84)
<u>16.39</u>	Other receipts less costs	<u>6.74</u>
60.53		(12.10)
=====		=====

The above Analysis and Account of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 1983 are in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society and Upper Lea Valley Group and give a correct view of the excess of income over expenditure.


Chartered Accountant
Honorary Auditor
31 January 1984

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held at Harpenden Hall on Wednesday 11th April
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Group Reports. It is requested that these be kept as short as possible and only urgent matters included. This is in order to leave as much time as possible for the next Item.
4. Formation of Groups for 1984/5.
5. Any other business.
6. Date of next meeting.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, 11 April 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mrs. F. Gee, Mr. W.G. Haslar,
Mr. J.A. Holderness, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mr. L.J.G. Matthews,
Mr. A. Mellody, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mrs. A. Russell,
Mr. E.H. Truslove and Mrs. L. Wang.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. M.F. Vincent and Mr. E. Ward.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mrs. Clitherow, Mrs. Gee, Mr. Haslar and Mr. Mellody on their joining the Committee and to Mrs. Wang on her rejoining after an absence of a year.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 16 February were agreed and signed as a correct record.

MINUTES of the Special Meeting of 9 March were also agreed and signed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

1. Past Presidents. The Secretary had received a photograph of the late President, Judge Dow, and this had been placed in the archives.

2. Programme of Meetings 1984/85. Mr. Truslove reported that, to date, he had received only one firm acceptance of a speaker, whose subject will be the effect of traffic in the growth and destruction of towns. He hoped to hear from three other speakers shortly.

E.T.

3. District Council Minutes. The Secretary wished to record that Mrs. Wang does assist in the preparation of the notes submitted to the Committee.

4. C.P.R.E. Conference 24 March 1984. Mrs. Godfrey had attended this Conference. C.P.R.E. were canvassing signatures supporting their stand on the Green Belt and a full report, with the appropriate form, would be included in the July Newsletter.

A.G.
J.B.

3. REPORTS FROM GROUPS:

1. Plans. The Committee approved the following recommendations:-

5/1388/83 BUPA Hospital - Change of use from 8 staff bedrooms to single wards and increased car parking. Plans (North) Sub-Committee resisted permission for the full number of parking spaces, thus preserving the landscaped area. The number of spaces had not been stated and the District Council have been asked to give this information.

5/0420/84 Waitrose Ltd. - Trolley Store in car park. Before any decision was taken there should be early clarification of movement of vehicles and pedestrians e.g. one-way system. Trolley store new building was not shown on the original plan.

ACTION

asked whether
Mr. Truslove ~~informed the meeting that~~ there was no room for a footpath. This finishes at ~~Leyton~~ *Wellington* House and the public will then encroach on the Green.

- 5/021A/84 Waitrose - 3 shopfront signs, 2 to be illuminated. No objection to the illuminated signs, providing sign at rear is switched off when car park is closed.
- 5/022A/84 Woolcraft Centre, Bowers Parade. Retrospective box fascia sign blue letters on opal perspex 11'0 by 2'0. Refusal recommended as permission would result in further applications.
- 5/0376/84 3 detached houses, adjng. 30 Amenbury Lane. The Group were pleased hedges and trees were being retained. No objection is raised to the development but, as the site is in the Conservation Area, a higher quality of design would be appropriate.
- 5/0391/84 House & garage adjng. 45 Salisbury Road. Site not suitable and would leave 45 Salisbury Road with a sub-standard plot. Development would remove possibility of re-locating 'lost' footpath.
- 5/0399/84 C.O.U. to dwelling, rear of Leyton House. Scheme could be viable, despite its cramped site. Of concern is the visual effect of setting the gate back and splitting the shared access with Leyton House.
- 5/0401/84 Additional flagstaff, Harpenden Hall. Group not convinced of the need and whether the District Council's flagstaff could be shared.
- 5/0402/84 Pan Auto Services - Sunday trading. Plans not clear and clarification requested. Discussion on Sunday trading/opening hours postponed until the next meeting.
- 5/007A/84 33B High Street (DER). This shop is in a prominent position within the Conservation Area, and the opportunity should be taken to produce an individual design.
- 5/008A/84 Illuminated fascia etc. John H. James. Doubt expressed as to need for a change of fascia and the window design, which was part of the original shop front.
- 5/015A/84 Stimpson, Lock & Vince, fascia. Contradiction between written and verbal description - no comment possible.
- 5/1718/83 Harpenden Motors. Mr. Matthews tabled a letter sent to Mr. McKenna on the new sketches (drawings) put to the Plans (North) Sub-Committee on 21 February, not previously seen by the Group, and which were rejected.

Comment was made by Mr. Matthews that illuminated fascias and Dutch blinds were beginning to spread.

Mr. Matthews reported Mrs. Godfrey had responded to the proposed modifications on the District Plan.

A.G.
L.M.
J.B.

ACTION

Essentially it was regretted that the Green Belt does not include the area near Batford Mill, though Baulk's Yard has been included.

Mr. Truslove had received a copy of the Harpenden Conservation Area Map which he will have copied (cost permitting). Copy to Chairman of Plans Group.

E.T.
L.M.

2. Commons & Greens. Dr. Moore referred to the 5-year plan for the Common proposed by the Town Council; the Society had urged the Council to prepare a plan and make this public. After the meeting on 27 April of the Town Council's Commons & Greens Committee, she would know what the plan involved. Thereafter, the Society's Group would form their own plan. Dr. Moore asked members of the Committee whether they would like to "walk" the Common with her. Several members expressed interest and a walk was arranged for Sunday, 15 April, at 2.30 p.m., meeting at the Baa Lamb Trees. Mrs. Russell suggested a future walk be arranged with an invitation to all members.

F.J.M.

F.J.M.

3. Southdown. Work had commenced on the car park, but planting will probably be postponed until autumn. Mrs. Wang and Mr. Truslove had completed the replanting at Fine Fare. No reply had been received from the Gas Board to the Secretary's letter asking for the removal of the deposited drum at the entrance to Fine Fare. Mr. Truslove had made contact with the Town Council on the possible inclusion of the Green at Southdown with other open spaces/greens. Rubbish behind Southdown shops had not been removed and Mr. Truslove again contacted Mr. Bunyard. Apparently, the refuse was that of the butcher's shop and he would try to make contact.

E.T.

4. Environmental. One name only was received by Mrs. Wang after the recent appeal. She would wait to see whether there was any response from the Society's forthcoming exhibition at the library. Work to be done was extensive (i.e. Granary Lane) and required a number of helpers.

5. Transport. No report. The Secretary had received a long and detailed reply from Mr. McKenna on the increased car parking charges and on-street car parking. This letter would be handed to the re-formed Transport Group for perusal and discussion at the next meeting.

J.B.
W.G.H.

6. U.L.V.G. Trees had been planted on 18 February in front of the wall opposite Batford Forge. On 19 February, with volunteers from the Luton Youth Hostels Association, trees were planted behind the garages in the Playing Field between Common Lane/Batford Allotments.

7. Press Officer. Mrs. Russell had written a letter to the Herts. Advertiser on increased car parking charges. Detailed reply received from Mr. McKenna (see minute 3.5) and to be discussed in full at the next meeting.

J.B.

8. Membership. The Town Council's Forum generated 34 enquiries, 15 having taken membership. Spotlight produced 25 new members.

Members	paid	491
	unpaid	232

723

ACTION

4. FORMATION OF GROUPS:

Plans

Chairman Mr. L.J.G. Matthews Proposed: Mr. J. Bush
Seconded: Mr. J. Holderness

Members Mrs. F. Gee
Mr. J. Holderness
Mrs. L. Wang

Mr. Matthews would approach Mr. S. Gaubert and Mrs. Stewart to ask if they would become members of the Group. Mrs. A. Godfrey was willing to assist as Technical Adviser.

Commons & Greens

Chairman Dr. F.J. Moore Proposed: Mr. J. Bush
Seconded: Mr. E. Truslove

Members Mr. S. Bastow
Lady Bawden
Mr. E. Ward

Southdown

Chairman Mr. E. Truslove Proposed: Mr. K.P. Jennings
Seconded: Mr. J. Bush

Members Mr. J. Bush
Mr. K.P. Jennings
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews
Mrs. P. Wade

Environmental

Chairman Mrs. L. Wang Proposed: Dr. F.J. Moore
Seconded: Mr. I. McNicoll

Membership to be recruited after the Society's exhibition at the Library.

Transport

Chairman Mr. W.G. Haslar Proposed: Mr. K.P. Jennings
Seconded: Dr. F.J. Moore

Members Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow
Mr. S. Cotton
Mr. A. Mellody
Mr. G. Ross
Mrs. L. Wang

U.L.V.G.

Contact Mrs. H. Catterfeld
Mr. J.V.A. Haggard

Press Officer

Mrs. A. Russell

Membership

Mrs. S. Bush

ACTION

Schools Liaison

This Group has been non-operative due to lack of volunteers, but the Committee felt it had an important role to play. Mrs. Godfrey has a file and would be willing to give time to a member taking over this Group. Mrs. Clitherow agreed to contact Mrs. Godfrey with a view to understanding what is required and reporting back to the Committee.

M.J.M.C.

Events

Mr. E.H. Truslove

Mrs. Russell expressed willingness to assist with social events.

A.R.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Greengrocer, Vaughan Road. Mrs. Wang had photographs of these premises illustrating the problems encountered by pedestrians. It was agreed a copy should be given to the Town Council.

L.W.

Spotlight. The cost of photographs amounted to £48, which the Committee agreed was very modest.

I.M.

British Rail. Reference was made by Mrs. Wang to the mutilated hedging planted by the Society. This was a problem throughout Hertfordshire currently being dealt with by Mr. Russell Craig of Herts. County Council. It was agreed copies of the Society's correspondence highlighting the problems with British Rail be forwarded to him, in the hope of obtaining positive action. Mr. Haslar would contact Mr. Walker of British Rail (in control of hedge growth) on behalf of the Society.

L.W.

W.G.H.

Leaffield Residents Association. A request had been received from Mr. Newton of this Association (currently engaged in screening the factories at Batford with trees) for a contribution of £50 towards the purchase of further trees, their resources being exhausted. Mrs. Wang asked for contact to be made with Paul Arnold, the District Council's arborist, for the supply of trees at a cheaper rate. Mr. Bush to contact Mr. Newton with this suggestion before the Society agreed a contribution.

J.B.

Ware Society. The Secretary drew the meeting's attention to an article by Mr. D. Perman, General Secretary of the Ware Society on their 'success story' part of which was the restoration of two 18th century riverside gazebos and raising £8,000 towards the cost. He felt this Society should promote an 'Improvement' project on the same/similar lines. To be discussed, with members ideas, at the next meeting.

J.B.

Wine & Cheese Party. Mrs. Gee and Mr. Matthews agreed to assist with the mounting of photographs. Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Truslove and Mrs. Gee would prepare refreshments. As many tickets as possible were needed to be sold, and members were asked to take tickets after the meeting. No entertainment has been arranged, but an approach had been made to Mr. Eke. Mrs. Wang would approach Mr. Truslove with a suggestion, at the close of the meeting.

F.G.

L.J.G.M.

A.R.

L.W.

E.T.

Planting, Harpenden Hall. Mr. Truslove referred to the suggestion made at the Annual General meeting for snowdrops to be planted in the grounds of Harpenden Hall. Contributions of bulbs had been meagre. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

J.B.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 29 May 1984.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 29th May 1984 at Harpenden Hall
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Sunday trading/opening hours. See Item 5/0402/84 Page 2 previous minutes
5. Parking. See Item 5 Page 3 previous minutes
6. Planting, Harpenden Hall. See foot of Page 5 previous minutes
7. Project(s) for 1984/5
8. Reports from Groups:-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Southdown
 - Transport
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
 - Schools Liaison - Mrs Clitherow to report
9. Any other business
10. Date of next meeting

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 29 May 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. J.A. Holderness
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood,
Mrs. J. Ogilvie, Mrs. A. Russell, Mr. E.H. Truslove,
Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. F. Gee, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll and Mr. A. Mellody.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mrs. Ogilvie on her joining the Committee.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 29 May 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Reports from Groups, Plans - 5/0420/84. Mr. Truslove asked the meeting whether there is room for a footpath. This finishes at Wellington House (not Leyton House)

Southdown. Chairman, Mr. E. Truslove, proposed by Mr. K.P. Jennings not E.P. Jennings.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

1. Programme of Meetings 1984/85. Mr. Truslove had confirmation of acceptance for 3 speakers - Destruction of Towns by Traffic, Dr. Malcolm Starr; Traffic and Car Parking, Keith Nash and Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust, Mr. Moody. Cllr. R. Sparrow had declined on the grounds that he is no longer Chairman of the District Council's Plans Sub-Committee (North). The fixture card will be printed with the omission of a speaker for February 1985. This meeting might be used for promotion/Discussion of the Society's project.

2. Harpenden Conservation Area Map. Two copies of the map had been made and handed to Mr. Matthews (Plans Group) and the Secretary for file.

3. Commons and Greens. Mr. Haslar and Mr. Mellody had accompanied Dr. Moore on 15 April for a "walk" of the Common. The Committee agreed this should be repeated at a later date.

4. Leafield Residents Association. Mr. Newton had made contact with Paul Arnold for the supply of trees but the Secretary had not been informed of the result. Mrs. Wang said a further supply of trees had been obtained and planted. Mr. Ward offered to re-contact Mr. Newton
No further action required by the Society.

E.W.

5. Wine & Cheese Party. Mr. Truslove thanked all who helped at this function, particularly Mrs. Russell. 72 tickets were sold with a loss of £14. Next year, if a Party was held, it was hoped it would not clash with a visit from Harpenden's overseas visitors; Mr. Bush to ascertain dates of proposed visits from the Town Council. Mr. Ward thought there should be a "re-think" next year.

J.B.

ACTION

3. SUNDAY TRADING/OPENING HOURS

Pan Auto Services had been granted permission for Sunday opening. The Committee decided that it could only be concerned with this question on environmental and planning grounds.

4. CAR PARK FEES AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Society's views have been made known to Mr. McKenna whose answer dealt with financial aspects only. District Council proposals for further Traffic/Regulations Orders are on deposit at Harpenden Hall. Mr. Ward said residents of Kirkdale Road were concerned at the anomaly between their road and, for example, Kirkwick Avenue. It was agreed that Mrs. Wang should write a further letter to the District Council re this and other points which were mentioned. See Transport Group report.

L.W.

5. PLANTING - HARPENDEN HALL

Agreement was reached that no steps could be taken at this time, the season being inappropriate. To be further considered in the autumn.

J.B.

6. PROJECT

Mrs. Wang recorded that there was an "on-going" project for the Upper Lea Valley (14 years). The St. Albans Branch of C.V.S. had informed the Secretary that there were three volunteers for work in the U.L.V. and this offer had been referred to Mrs. H. Catterfeld. The following emerged as suggestions for the Society's project:-

Indoor/Covered Swimming Pool	- Mr. E.H. Truslove (from Spotlight)
Christmas Cards	- Mrs. A. Russell
Widening of access - Fine Fare	- Mrs. L. Wang
Skating Rink	- Mrs. Clitherow.

After consideration the most viable project was thought to be the covering of the existing swimming pool in Rothamsted Park, but it was recognised there were many problems i.e. increased parking, loss of outdoor facilities in good weather etc. As a first step Mr. Ward would contact the President, Cllr. Curl, for his views. Mrs. Russell's suggestion was welcomed and that she was prepared to undertake the project. Photographic scenes (previously exhibited in the library would be obtained.

E.W.

A.R.

7. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans. The Group had met under the chairmanship of Mr. Matthews on 4 May with Mrs. Gee as a new member. Mr. Gaubert and Mrs. Stewart were willing to continue to serve. A rota had been organised of responsible members.

Amendments to District Plan. Mrs. Godfrey had responded, on behalf of the Society, to the amendments. Unfortunately, the District Council were not prepared to accept the Society's amendments, the most important being that Batford ~~M&A~~ ^{Forge} should be included in the Green Belt.

See Saint Church, Rimney's and

ACTION

- 5/0447/84 Harpenden Motors - Shops, Offices, Basement Parking. Scaling down from previous schemes welcomed. No comment made as plans incomplete.
- 5/0452/84 Waitrose - Extension of permitted hours for service deliveries. 7.30 a.m. was considered early enough, but the extension was permitted.
- 5/0472/84LB Wellington House - Demolition of shop front facade. Refurbishment of this listed building welcome.
- 5/0490/84 31 Weybourne Close - 2-storey side and rear extension. Extension would intrude on the amenities of Crabtree Lane properties.
- 5/0503/84 Land at Willow Way - Replace existing garages by one-bedroom dwellings. Application should be carefully investigated due to increased vehicle movement in the narrow approach road and large vehicles would have to mount the footway.
- 5/0513/84) Topstreet Farm, 28 Crabtree Lane - 3 detached houses
5/0514/84LB) with integral garages and one single garage. Regarded as overdevelopment, adding to traffic hazards at this busy junction. The beech tree is to be protected by a T.P.O.
- 5/0621/84 4 bungalows rear 8, 12, 14 Moreton Avenue. Bungalows larger than those of the previous application. 3 bungalows of smaller size considered sufficient.
- 5/0660/84) Alterations to Wellington House. Trolley Store between
5/ 472/84LB) Wellington House and Waitrose. Not previously shown on plan. Footway fronting Leyton Green too narrow - 2' reducing to 1'4"/1'6". Safe footpath would be 4'. Could be achieved by reducing radius of the wall. Safe pedestrian access to car park essential. Mrs. Wang had telephoned Mr. Bacon who promised to look at the matter, and with Mrs. Russell she would contact the Press to ascertain if a feature could be promoted - otherwise an open letter to be sent to the Press. *Copies of the correspondence on the access footpath to be sent to Waitrose. G. Lewis Partnership*
- 5/0577/84 Sancell House - Entrance. Proposals by Bovis (new tenants) to refurbish entrance welcomed.
- 5/029A/84 Bowers Motor Caravans, internally illuminated sign. No comment as plan not available. *Advertising display anticipated*
- 5/1388/83 BUPA Hospital - Change of use to 8 single wards and increased car parking. Precise number of additional parking spaces still not known.
- 5/1752/84 White Horse P.H. Hatching Green, alterations. No information on car parking or screening of cottages.
- 5/0726/84 Moat House. The Committee were shown a plan of the proposed extension and future car parking. Landscaping not shown. Yew tree hedge to be retained.

L.W.

A.R.

L.W.

ACTION

Appeal B/1930/E/84/800214 68 High Street - Dutch Blind.
Nos. 66, 68 and 68A all form part of a listed building
in the conservation area and the blind is inappropriate.
The Society supports the refusal.

2. Commons & Greens. Dr. Moore attended the Town Council's Commons and Greens Committee on 25 April. A problem with motor cycles using the Brickle Dells had been resolved. The oily condition of the top pond was causing concern. A policy document on common maintenance would be considered in detail by the Group.

3. Southdown. Mr. McKenna had replied that no District Council funds were available for a footpath on the north side of Upper Cravells Road. He said the Council had problems with the sweeping of the Road from the bridge down because of the all-day parking. The car park was now complete except for the area near the Carpenters P.H. Planting will be undertaken in the autumn.

Rubbish at the rear of the butchers shop, tree stumps in front of the garages opposite Dark Lane and the oil drum at the entrance to Fine Fare have all been removed.

A "footpath" is being made across the Green in the position of the original. Mr. Truslove will contact Cllr. Slater as to the inclusion of the Green at Southdown with those of Central Harpenden.

E.H.

4. Transport. The Secretary presented Mr. Haslar's report in his absence.

(1) The Group met on 1 May and agreed to ask the Town Council to include in the next issue of Forum details of the St. Albans Lorry Ban insofar as it affects Harpenden.

W.G.H.

(2) Request that the Society obtain a copy of the H.C.C. County Transport Plan at a cost of £5. This was agreed.

J.B.
I.M.

(3) That Mr. Bacon, District Council, be approached to talk on Harpenden's Traffic Flow. To be left for decision until Mr. Haslar's return from Canada.

J.B.
W.G.H.

(4) A recent check over 5 working days of the British Rail car park revealed an average of 300 cars parked at 10.00 a.m. Mr. Haslar to have further talks with British Rail in July on future plans and maintenance.

W.G.H.

(5) The additional parking restrictions proposed for Harpenden were discussed and it was felt that the Regulations for Carlton Road/Stewart Road should be extended to improve the sight line.

(5) Mrs. Wang thought that parking on both sides of the road outside Anvil Parade, High Street was both dangerous and difficult. Objections should have been given by Friday, 25 May 1984, but she would lodge the Society's views on Kirkdale Road, Carlton Road and Anvil Parade.

L.W.

5. U.L.V.G. No report. The Secretary displayed photographs passed to the Society by Mr. Haggard.

ACTION

6. Environmental. A review was being undertaken of the Definitive Footpath Map and in liaison with the U.L.V.G. the Group would be making various proposals and pointing out discrepancies before 2 August 1984. The Society's exhibition will be in the Library on 11 June which it is hoped will produce more names of volunteers for Work Parties, with a start ~~by the end of June~~ on clearing Granary Lane, for seeding in the autumn (Society to provide seed). An approach had been made to Bovis at Sancell House and although the garden was not part of their property they agreed to maintain it. British Rail had agreed the Society could maintain the cupressus hedge and growth over the footpath. The landlord of the George P.H. had undertaken to keep the ~~area~~ ^{space} between the P.H. and Halfords clear of litter. Work on the Police Station garden is not being maintained. Nameplate at Sun Lane to be reinstated by August.

L.W.

I.M.

7. Schools. Mrs. Godfrey had supplied Mrs. Clithero with the list of people who had expressed interest and she had made an approach to St. Albans ~~Library~~. Little progress was being made and the Committee decided to take Schools out of the Society's Groups, but the idea to be retained for the future.

J.B.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Access British Rail Car Park. Mr. Ward and the Secretary have had correspondence with British Rail on the danger to pedestrians approaching the Station from the car park side. The Board were not prepared to alter the existing arrangements.

Invitation to Ware Society. Mr. Ward put to the Committee that in the past the Society had a very successful and pleasant meeting at Hertford with members of the Hertford Civic Society and whether, as a result of the interest in the successful Ware project, the Ware Society should be invited to Harpenden, and a return visit by the Society to Ware arranged to meet their members who carried out the project. Mr. Truslove agreed to follow this up with a suggested date in September.

E.H.

Exhibition at Library, 11 June. Mr. Truslove asked for volunteers for the erection of the panels. Dr. Moore and Mr. Ward would assist on the 11 June and Mr. Matthews and Mr. Bush on the 23rd. To be discussed in the autumn - recovering of the panels.

J.B.

Environmental (Minute 5, 11 April 1984). Mrs. Wang had supplied Mr. Craig, Herts. County Council, with copies of the Society's correspondence with British Rail.

Newsletter. The Secretary required contributions by the end of June. Newsletter would include names of the Chairmen of the Society's Groups.

J.B.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 26 June 1984.

For Jack Bush

Harpenden Society

Wine & Cheese Party 1984

INCOME

72 tickets sold	£180.00	
Raffle	£ 45.00	
Bar	£ 11.80	
Surplus food	£ 10.70	
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	£247.50	£247.50

EXPENSES

Wine (nett)	£ 49.95	
Orange & tomato juice	£ 2.58	
Food etc.	£ 72.07	
Hall	£ 64.99	
.. piano & stage lighting	£ 13.80	
Raffle prizes	£ 17.50	
Liquor licence	£ 7.50	paid by Keith Jennings
Caretaker	£ 6.00	
Singer	£ 15.00	
Roll plastic tablecloth	£ 10.50	
Photocopies of table layout	£ 18	
Badges for Committee Members	£ 1.65	
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	£261.72	£261.72

£247.50

LOSS

£ 14.22

648
19-5-84

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Yuesday 26th June at Harpenden Hall
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's report
5. Membership report
6. Projects 1984/5 :-
 - Swimming pool
 - Christmas Cards
7. Reports from Groups :-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
8. Any other business
9. Date of next meeting

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 26 June 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar,
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood,
Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. F. Gee, Mrs. J. Ogilvie,
Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mrs. A. Russell and Mr. E. Truslove.

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr. M.F. Vincent on his joining the Committee.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 29 May 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Reports from Groups - Plans, Amendments to District Plan.

..... accept the Society's amendments, the most important being that All Saints Church, Pinneys and Batford Forge should be included in the Green Belt.

Alterations to Wellington House. Delete last sentence and substitute "A copy of the Society's letter on the access footpath be sent to John Lewis Partnership".

Appeal, 68 High Street. The following sentence added. "The Society reiterated its criticism of advertising material."

Schools. Substitute St. Albans Museum for St. Albans Library.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

1. Wine and Cheese Party. The Secretary had confirmed with the Town Council that the dates for all our meetings next year will not clash with any Town Council functions. A tear-off slip will be included in the July Newsletter for members to give their views on social functions generally.

J.B.

2. H.C.C. County Transport Plan. A copy has been obtained.

3. Traffic Flow. Mr. Haslar suggested that a District Council representative address the Committee in the first instance rather than the whole membership. The Chairman said we had an obligation to the membership to hold a public meeting. After discussion it was agreed the Transport Group meet either Mr. Bacon or his representative, the date to be decided.

W.G.H.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary submitted the Treasurer's Report showing a balance in hand of £2,298.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Subscriptions paid	535
unpaid	209*
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	744

* Reminder letter will be sent with July Newsletter.

48 enquiries had been received from "forum" producing 36 new members.

5. PROJECTS

Christmas Cards. Mr. Ward produced a quotation from White Crescent Press Ltd., as follows:-

500 each of 6 greeting cards in colour (3,000) 102 mm x 152 mm	
4pp with envelopes	£864 + VAT = 29p. per card + VAT
Double quantity (6,000)	£1,054 + VAT = 17½p. per card + VAT

The matter was discussed at length and it was recognised that the net selling price would be too high. An approach had been made to a card shop for their "mark up" and a reply was awaited. It was agreed Mr. Ward would obtain a quotation from another printer with black and white pictures.

E.W.

Swimming Pool. Contact with the President had been made by Mr. Ward who gave his opinion that a covered swimming pool would carry expenditure of approx. £2 million! Mrs. Wang proposed and Dr. Moore seconded that the project be not further pursued.

Tunnel, Station Road. The Churches Community Programme of Luton (Minute 8, 16 February 1984) were unable to undertake this work. Other possibilities were -

- (a) Artists from the Adult Education
- (b) Members of Harpenden Art Club.

At least 10 artists would be required and it was decided that restoration of the existing mural would be the most effective. Mrs. Wang would liaise with Mr. Ward when she would approach the Adult Education and Mr. Ward the Harpenden Art Club.

L.W.
E.W.

Bus Shelter, Church Green. This suggestion was added to the list of possible projects as the shelter was considered unsightly. Mr. Haslar would inspect and investigate ownership for report to the next meeting.

W.G.H.

6. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

5/1752/83 "White Horse" P.H. Hatching Green. Revised plans

covered internal alterations and take no account of comments on additional parking and screening.

- 5/0726/84 Moat House Hotel. Drawings do not include landscaping details or colour of bricks. The new conference room and bedroom wing is sited too close to the south boundary.
- 5/0779/84 Consumer Association, Harpenden Rise - 54 1-bedroom flats. Traffic exit from Harpenden Rise into Luton Road could be difficult, the design varied and the balcony canopies look heavy.
- 5/0781/84 East Anglian T.A. and V.R. Association, Factory Hut off Waldegrave Park. Before further buildings are permitted a considered plan should be prepared.
- 5/0799/84 Two storey office accommodation, rear 10/12 Station Road. Too cramped development.
- 5/0447/84 Harpenden Motors Site, 2 High Street. Plans not complete and information lacking. Insufficient parking provision.
- 5/0800/84 Outline - Demolish and rebuild 104 High Street. An improvement on existing building.
- 5/0660/84 Waitrose Development. A copy of Mr. Bacon's letter to the John Lewis partnership re pedestrian access was tabled. Mr. Matthews had also written to the Company which was acknowledged stating the Company were meeting to discuss the access. An article had appeared on this question in the Herts. Advertiser.

An informal application had been made for Change of Use to office accommodation of the former Auction Rooms, Vaughan Road. Retail use should be retained.

The Committee agreed Mrs. Wang would forward to the District Council a list of permissions where landscaping had not been complied with.

L.W.

2. Commons and Greens. Two points arose at the Town Council's Commons and Greens Committee on 11 June:-

- (1) Whether the Council should have a specific policy for not planting non-native trees on the Common;
- (2) Mr. McKenna had inspected the top pond and agreed to include for its clearance in next year's estimates. It might be possible to put in a sump area to by-pass the oil seepage.

Brambles have been cut down in Walker's Road. Dr. Moore will write Cllr. Slater asking for these to be left to grow for 5 years as they constitute a snow barrier.

3. Southdown. Dr. Moore reported, in Mr. Truslove's absence, that the Town Council's reaction to the inclusion of the Green at Southdown with those of the town centre was very "luke-warm" in view of the financial implications.

ACTION

4. Transport. Mrs. Wang tabled letters written to the District Council on the Society's reactions to the suggested new Waiting Restrictions for Harpenden and reported that these were put to the District Council's Highways Committee on 12 June 1984 for a decision on whether they should be implemented.

Mr. Haslar told the Committee of the difficulties experienced by delivery vehicles at Fine Fare and suggested the loss of 2/3 car spaces to alleviate the problem. He foresaw similar problems occurring at Waitrose.

He is meeting with Mr. D. Taylor of B.R. on the access difficulties at the B.R. car park. Earlier correspondence between B.R., the Secretary and Mr. Ward were handed to him.

5. U.L.V.G. No report.

6. Environmental. Permission being received from B.R. a Work Party of 5 had cut back natural growth and trimmed the hedge at Station Approach, to link up with Sancell House (now Bovis House). As a result of earlier correspondence with B.R. (copies forwarded to H.C.C.) Mr. P.F. Ashford of the Regional Civil Engineering Dept., will be discussing with the Area Manager departmental responsibility for planting and landscaping. The Society has written to B.R. with its reservations on the proposal for a large protruding bed which will obstruct the footway leading to the booking hall at Harpenden Station and incorrect landscaping details for the redevelopment of Station House.

Mrs. Wang had written Mr. McKenna on the appearance of the Green Lawns Garage Site, non compliance with landscaping, unauthorised use of Common Land in the Green Belt and whether the District Council were planning to proceed with their purchase of this land.

Mrs. Wang had discussed with a member of the District Council's staff the condition of the area ~~at the entrance to~~ ^{between the drive of} Rothamsted Park, ~~and the Day Centre~~. The ownership of the bed is not known but work is to commence on rekerbing, bollard repositioning and general improvement, ^{of the drive}.

Nettles in Granary Lane are 5' high. It is hoped work will commence in the autumn.

L.W.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Civic Service - 24 June 1984. The Secretary and Lady Bawden attended as representatives.

Council for Voluntary Service, A.G.M., 20 June 1984. The Secretary attended representing the Society.

Harpenden Society - Post Box. In the past, Kingston House had maintained a box for the Society. It was decided not to reintroduce this facility.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 24 July 1984.



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 24th July 1984 at Harpenden Hall
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Items from District and Town Council meetings. Summary attached
Any comments?
5. * Projects 1984/5.....
 - Christmas Cards
 - Bus Shelter
 - Tunnel painting
 - Harpenden Sign (This has just arisen)
6. Reports from Groups....
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
7. Any other business
8. Date of next meeting

* It is possible that one or more of these Projects will reach a point of decisions having to be made during August, and the September Committee meeting will be too late. The Committee will need to consider giving authority to act within agreed limits.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 24 July 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J. Bush, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll,
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood,
Mrs. A. Russell, Mr. E. Truslove, Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. L. Wang
and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had received the resignation of Mrs. F. Gee owing to family commitments.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 26 June 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Reports from Groups - Environmental, 3rd para. "..... the condition of the area between the drive of Rothamsted Park and the Day Centre". "..... commence on rekerbing, bollard re-positioning and general improvement to the Drive."

2. MATTERS ARISING: None.

3. ITEMS FROM DISTRICT AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Town Council, Highways Advisory Panel - obstruction of footways.
The District Council were keeping a close watch, but there was a problem in that the west side of the High Street was under County Council control. Comments were made on signs on the footway outside Oggelsby's garage. Agreed Mrs. Wang approach the firm requesting their removal.

L.W.

4. PROJECTS

Christmas Cards. Further quotation received from SDS of Harpenden, cheaper than White Crescent (minute 5, 26 June 1984 refers). The Committee rejected 4 colour as being too costly and turned to 2 colour (i.e. black and white on coloured border).

6,000 4 colour, selection of 6 views - approx. 16p. per card

6,000 2 colour, one design only - approx. 6p. per card
in both cases including VAT and envelope.

3,000 of the above would be a little more costly, but it was agreed that 6,000 cards would be too many to hope to sell. The Committee opposed the idea of carrying over unsold stock to next year.

Shop mark-up would be approx. 40% and some sales would have to be made by Society members.

Mr. Ward to ascertain from the printer a minimum number which would enable the Society to sell at 10p. per card and make a profit.
Maximum authorised outlay £400.

E.W.
I.D.G.M.

The Committee authorised Mr. Bush and Mr. Ward to proceed within these guidelines. Acknowledgment to be made for the photograph used, wording on the card to be "Published by the Harpenden Society".

ACTION

Bus Shelter. Mr. Haslar reported on the condition of the bus shelter, Church Green, whose structure was sound but required a small amount of repair and repainting. The Secretary to write London Country Bus Services asking whether they would be prepared to improve the shelter, failing which permission for the Society to proceed with the work and the Company to reimburse the Society - overall cost £20 approx. The Town Council to be informed of the Society's intentions.

J.B.

J.B.

Other shelters need similar repair, but the Committee decided to proceed with the Church Green project in the first instance.

Tunnel Painting. The Town Council have secured the services of a recently qualified artist who will undertake the work of restoring the existing mural and organise the necessary labour.

Harpenden Sign. This is showing serious rot and damage ~~where the~~ *at the base.* ~~two signs are attached.~~ Estimates for the repair work are being obtained by the Town Council and the Secretary to ask Cllr. Slater for the Society to be kept informed.

J.B.

Mr. Ward suggested the use of a steel shaft and a replacement shield of fibreglass. The Council are considering these proposals.

5. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

5/0660/84 Waitrose Development. Cllr. Slater reported at a meeting of the Town Council agreement to widen the pavement in front of Wellington House. Mr. Matthews to verify.

L.J.G.M.

Draft Guide for Shop Front and advertisement design. The move to establish standards was welcomed and the Society's comments (mainly provided by Mrs. A. Godfrey) have been sent to the District Council.

5/1005/84 18 Station Road - Change of use of 1st floor flat and entrance to retail shop. Refusal recommended.

5/0447/84 Harpenden Motors, 2 High Street. Scaling down welcomed. Slight improvement in safety conditions. Parking area still too small.

5/1019/84 Corner Roundwood Lane/Luton Road - 61 warden assisted sheltered flats with Warden's flat and ancillary accommodation. Development too dense. Brick and roof

5/1024/84 ~~tiles unsympathetic.~~ Possible problem with mature trees on adjoining property on the south side. *Townsend Rd.*

5/0781/84 East Anglian T.A. and V.R. Association, Waldegrave Park. District Council have been requested to produce a plan of the area (minute 6.1, 26 June 1984 refers). Mr. Matthews suggested this is raised as a separate issue if no clarification is given on 27 July 1984 (Plans Sub-Committee (North)). District Plan shows area as public open space for formal recreation.

ACTION

Review of the Definitive Map. Mrs. Wang has written with plan to the DoE regretting that the maps which form the basis of the Review are out of date, and detailing omissions.

Mrs. Russell agreed to replace Mrs. Gee on the Plans Group.

2. Commons and Greens. The previously vandalised noticeboard has been re-erected on the Common.

Mr. Matthews and Mr. Truslove would accompany Dr. Moore to "walk" the Common on Saturday, 28 July 1984, at 2.00 p.m. meeting at the Baa Lamb Trees.

L.J.G.M.
E.T.
F.J.M.

Damage to trees by mowers in Rothamsted Park was reported by Mr. Scowen.

The Chairman considered the present refuse container in the area of the Brickle Dells was too small.

3. Southdown. Mr. Ward reported the Revd. Martin's concern as to the lack of a footpath in St. John's Road. Funds were not forthcoming from the County Council, but it was agreed the Society continue to press for this. In the meantime the Transport Group would look at the parking problems.

W.G.H.

The Town Council were unwilling to include the Green at Southdown with those of the Town Centre. Mr. McKenna considered the Green had been well maintained and would not recommend any change.

Mr. Truslove had spoken to Paul Arnold who will monitor the landscaping at the Southdown/Gravells Road car park. Trees will be planted in the autumn. Part of the brick wall had been demolished.

Mrs. Wang suggested the service area at Fine Fare be screened by close boarded fencing and with Mr. Truslove would contact the manager.

L.W.
E.T.

4. Transport. The Group had looked further at the entrance to Fine Fare car park. It was considered that if the entrance was widened, drivers would not be as cautious. The Secretary to write Mr. McKenna who, it is believed, has a draft plan of suggested improvements.

J.B.

Cyclepath A1081 is being surfaced.

The June issue of the Forum did not include details of the St. Albans lorry ban, as requested.

The Nicky Line almost complete. The promised contribution of £500 from the Society (minute 7, 31 May 1983 refers) had not been requested as the District Council were fully financed. Mrs. Russell to write an open letter to the Press expressing the Society's appreciation.

5. Environmental.

Bovis House. Mrs. Wang reported a "transformation" of the former Sancellia House.

ACTION

Greenlawns. In reply to the Society's letter, the District Council have received an assurance from the owner that planting will be carried out during the coming season. Approval has been given for 16 car spaces; parking on the Common is now "official". The District Council are not buying the land, allowing it to be purchased privately (Harrow, Beefeater). Application has been made for an illuminated sign.

Granary Lane. The poplar tree at the entrance is causing concern. Mrs. Wang to write to the owners of the freehold.

L.W.

Rothamsted Park land. Fire Station (St. Albans) have agreed to clear the car parking area.

Work Parties. None.

6. U.L.V.G. Members feel unable to continue to "vet" planning applications. The Plans Group has been doing so and will continue. The Upper Lea Valley Guide is to be re-printed at a cost of £85 (500 copies) and the U.L.V.G. have asked for financial assistance. The Committee agreed to cover the cost.

I.D.G.M.
J.B.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Newsletter. The Secretary reported it had been necessary to photograph 100 copies i.e. 20 Newsletters (4p. each) owing to the poor quality of the printing of the Resources Centre. The cost was agreed, but the Treasurer said a refund should be requested.

I.D.G.M.
J.B.

The Secretary had received requests from organisations for the inclusion of notices in the Newsletter and had always refused these. Information about a W.E.A. meeting was however inserted in the July Newsletter as this was relevant to the work of the Society, the meeting being a talk by Eric Brandreth. The Committee endorsed this decision, but agreed that this would not be the general practice of the Society.

J.B.

Memorial in Public Hall, Eric Morecambe. A request for this had been received but the Committee considered it inappropriate.

Exhibition, Library. Mr. Truslove recorded thanks to those who assisted. The St. Albans Civic Society had not pursued their request to borrow the Society's display stands.

Public Meeting, 18 September. Mr. Truslove will be away and volunteers were required to make coffee. Mrs. Russell and Dr. Moore (if available) would assist. Mr. Truslove to ask the President to Chair the meeting.

A.R.
F.J.M.
E.T.

Ware Society. A reply had been received with a view to arranging a mutually convenient date for a visit. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

J.B.

Harpenden Postcards. Mrs. Wang tabled two Harpenden views on sale in local shops.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

~~Wednesday~~ Tuesday 14 August 1984
Tuesday 11 September 1984



Items lifted from Minutes of Sub-Committees presented to District Council meeting 25th April 1984

1. Revised draft circulars of DOE on green belt and land for housing, Resolved (a) that no further representations be submitted by the Council and (b) that Mr. P. Lilley M.P. be informed that although the revised drafts do not overcome all the criticisms of the originals, they are a great improvement and give a more balanced view.
2. Gypsy Sites. District required to find 15 additional pitches and the 1983 investigation had failed to produce an acceptable site. A new search found 6 sites of which 5 were considered unsuitable, the one remaining being land between Harper Lane and the disused sewage works.
3. County Structure Plan proposed modifications. The DOE proposed a Green Belt area east of Luton to be entirely within the N. Herts District, but touching the ST. Albans boundary on N.E. Harpenden. This was welcomed.
4. Stubble burning. Reported that European farmers do not burn stubble to the same extent as British farmers. Resolved to investigate via the appropriate Government Dept. the methods used in Europe to dispose of stubble..

(The Secretary wishes to apologise for the late presentation of the above due to full Agendas since the receipt of the Minutes.)

Harpenden Town Council meeting 2nd July 1984. The only items from minutes of sub-committees presented to that meeting which are of direct concern and not already known to us come from the Highways Advisory Panel:-

1. Obstruction to footways - enforcement. District Council have advised that the Enforcement Officer will keep a close watch on this.
2. Cravells Road/St. John's Road junction. Council's attention has been drawn to the dangers resulting from bad sight lines further reduced by parked cars. Resolved to approach the District Council for consideration.
3. The Council noted the copy of our letter to District Council re further parking restrictions.
4. Lower High Street. Noted that rainwater is not draining away from outside Ketts/ Dewhursts. Also suggested that the footway should be widened to improve pedestrian safety. Resolved to raise these matters with District Council.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 14th August, 1984
at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall.

A_G_E_N_D_A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's report
5. Membership report
6. Projects report :-
 - Bus shelter
 - Christmas Cards
7. Reports from Groups :-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
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 - ULVG
8. Any other business
9. Date of next meeting

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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 14th August 1984
at Harpenden Hall.

Present:- Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair.
Dr. F.J. Moore, Mr. H.J. Bush, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll,
Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. L.J.G. Matthews,
Mrs. A. Russell, Mr. E.H. Truslove, Mr. M.F. Vincent,
Mrs. L. Wang.

Apologies :- Mr. E. Ward, Mr. J.A. Holderness, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. A. Mellody.

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 24th July were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Page 2 - Harpenden Sign. The post is rotting at the base.

Page 2 - Plans Report. 5/1019/84. The final sentence of this comment refers to 5/1024/84, Housing for Elderly, Townsend Lane.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Harpenden Sign No information yet from Cllr. Slater. JB

Newsletter Page 4 Item 6. The Secretary requested further consideration of the suggestion to claim a refund for bad printing. Agreed not to do so, but to draw the matter to the attention of the operators when handing in the October newsletter. JB

Nicky Line Page 3. The Secretary queried the source of information that the District Council do not require our contribution of £500, and mentioned that he had not been advised of this. Agreed to take no action.

Plans Report Page 3. Mrs. Russell will not now be able to join the Group as she will be moving away from Harpenden. A vote of thanks for all her work for the Society was passed by the Committee.

Ware Society Page 4. Mr. Truslove to suggest Sunday 7th or 14th for the Committee's visit to Ware.

Meeting 18th September Page 4. The President will take the Chair at this meeting.

Memorial - Eric Morecambe Page 4. The President reported via the Secretary that action is being taken and a Trust being formed, and details will be made public in early September.

Greenlawns Page 4. The President reported via the Secretary that the District Council is in fact buying the land for £100 and will negotiate with Whitbreads re landscaping and general improvement. (See also further notes under Plans Report.)

3. WINE & CHEESE PARTY The Secretary reported 26 replies to the Questionnaire in the July newsletter, of which 18 recommended discontinuance of the party. Agreed to discuss further and reach a final decision at the September meeting. JB

4. FIXTURE CARDS It had not been possible to produce these in time for the July newsletter, owing to some difficulty in arranging speakers and the doubt about the Wine and Cheese Party. If the card with the October newsletter does not reach Members until after the October meeting, (which appears likely) it is hardly worth issuing the card. The situation was regretted by the Committee, but Mr. Truslove suggested that the October newsletter contains an explanation and apology and a tear-off section at the end for Members to retain. This suggestion was welcomed. ET

5. TREASURER'S REPORT ^{major} No change since last meeting.
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6. MEMBERSHIP 200 reminders sent out, 105 subscriptions paid and 8 cancellations. Total membership:- 649 paid, 87 unpaid. There is still a trickle of payments coming in.

7. PROJECTS

Bus Shelter The Secretary reported a letter in reply from London Country Buses stating that in 1977 they handed over all the shelters to local authorities, parish councils, societies, etc., and now had no records of ownership. Mr. Haslar referred this back to the Town Council who cannot throw any further light on the matter but are writing to the District Council to enquire if they have any information as to ownership. It was reported that it costs the Town Council £3 per week to keep the shelter in question clean.

Christmas Cards Mrs Russell reported a further consultation with the printer who felt that a black&white card would not be sufficiently attractive or competitive to sell satisfactorily, and that if the project is to be carried out a colour card is a necessity. There is, however, no way in which such a card could, with the quantity we require, be brought down to an acceptable cost. Agreed regretfully to abandon the project for this year anyway. It was reported that the Ware Society sell cards. Resolved to make relevant enquiries. ET

Tunnel Reported that the artist has commenced work in his spare time.

8. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

Plans

- 5/1026/84 - 23 Vaughan Road. Change of use, retail to offices. Application opposed on grounds that Harpenden should not be a centre for further office development.
 - 5/1054/84 - Scout Hut Waldegrave Park. Recommended that the finish should be black, brown or green.
 - 5/1084/84 - Extension 101 Lower Luton Road. If allowed, recommended that treatment is sympathetic to the surroundings.
 - 5/1115/84 - Office development, 4/6 Arden Grove. Buildings of character in conservation area currently used as offices. A large new block would adversely affect the area. Plans not clear. Full comment reserved until clarified.
 - 5/1137/84 - Extension of permission for portable building, Moreton End School. No site plan. If continued need for this, a permanent building of more suitable materials would be preferable.
 - 5/0447/84 - Harpenden Motors. Welcome reduction of height of pointed structure in new plan, but in the absence of a new ground plan the parking area seems to be subject to our previous criticism.
 - 5/0781/84 - E. Anglian T.A. and V.R. Assn. Waldegrave Park. (See previous minutes) Draft letter for Group's consideration to be produced. LM
- Waitrose development - Pavement from Leyton Road to car park entrance agreed and work commenced. This follows the Society's recommendation.
- Quality of Plans - Mr. Matthews has written to the District Council drawing attention to the poor quality of a number of recent plans which are incomplete and unclear. Some examples quoted.
- Greenlawns - Mrs Wang submitted a letter from Mr. McKenna stating that the land concerned would provide a turning and parking area for buses and 16 Car spaces. No mention made of use by the

garage or lorry parking, although it was realised that the latter should be less in view of the lorry ban. The position not satisfactory and made worse by the "Harrow" being located within the Beds border and that customers would have to cross a busy main road for the car park. Mrs Wang to draft a letter to the District Council expressing the Society's views. LW

Commons and Greens Dr. Moore reported that a new litter bin is to be provided. Otherwise no report. A meeting of the Town Council sub-Committee is scheduled for next week.

Transport The Secretary read a letter from Mr. McKenna re Fine Fare car Park approach. A plan was not enclosed, but he stated that this amounted to losing 5-6 car spaces and having a post and rail fence on the corner instead of a brick wall. The letter further stated that the Council was not happy about the approach. Mr. Haslar submitted a plan which involves the loss of only 3 parking spaces. Agreed that this, plus McKenna's idea of post and rail fence, be submitted to the District Council to obtain their views before approaching Fine Fare. Mr. Haslar to draft the letter and plan. Attention was drawn to letters in the Press complaining about the poor standard of work on the A1081 cycleway. Mrs Russell to write to the Press confirming the Society's support for this complaint. GH
AR

Southdown Mr. Truslove submitted a plan for installing a close boarded fence behind the shrubs to screen the Fine Fare service area from Southdown Road and the car park approach. Resolved to offer to help with finance. Mr. Truslove to draft the letter submitting this to the District Council before approaching Fine Fare. ET
ET
No discussion yet with the Vicar re St. John's Road footpath. Mr. Truslove reported a phone call from the Police stating that there was no great evidence of illegal parking in Southdown. It was admitted that this does seem to have decreased. Also reported that the District Council has agreed to replace the 30 m.p.h. limit signs at the top of Cravells Road.

Environmental Mrs. Wang reported phone calls from residents:-

1. Problem of dogs fouling grass verges.
2. Complaints re Roundwood Lane, i.e. car parking on bend by the garage, the overgrown parcel of land at the lower end of the Lane, and the neglected verge at the corner of Park Rise.
3. A query regarding the structure of sleeping policemen.

Mrs. Wang produced copies of letters written:-

- (a) To the County Council re free standing advertisement boards and displayed goods on public footways. This is a request to "get together" with the District Council to ensure effective and consistent action.
- (b) To the District Council expressing pleasure at the planting in front of the Public Hall, but regretting the lack of maintenance on the shrub planting at the rear thereof. The letter requests attention to this.
- (c) To the County Council to try to establish ownership of an area between the Sports Centre and the rear of the Fire Station, in order that permission can be sought for a work party to clear this neglected area.
- (d) To Glovers (Estate Agents) owners of a neglected parcel of land adjacent to 110 and 112 Overstone Road. The letter requests action to clear this site, the condition of which is beyond the scope of our work parties.

There was a work party on 9th August consisting of 7 adults and one child cutting back encroaching growth Sun Lane and Vaughan Road. Reported that in setting up a new tennis court, by Harpenden Tennis

Club, a hedge of mature trees bordering Amenbury Lane car park had disappeared. Mrs. Wang to enquire about replanting.,
 It was requested that in the event of any serious nuisance caused by stubble burning, the matter should be reported to the Herts Society. Mrs Wang or the Secretary will provide the address on request.

LW

ULVG No report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members who accompanied Dr. Moore on the "walk" of the Common enjoyed it greatly and expressed appreciation to Dr. Moore.

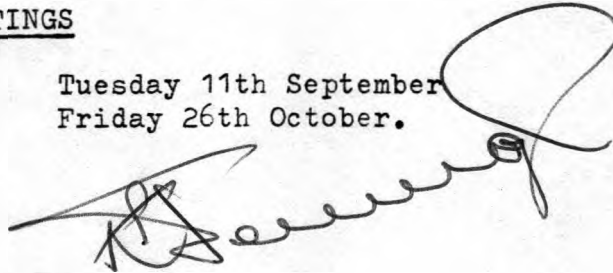
The Secretary reported a letter and questionnaire completed by a Harpenden Girl Guide Company setting out their views on action which could be taken to help the disabled. An appropriate reply expressing encouragement was sent.

Reference was made to the forthcoming departure of Martin Bacon from the District Council. Agreed to send a letter of appreciation for help in the past and good wishes for the future.

JB

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 11th September
 Friday 26th October.

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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th September 1984 at 7.45 p.m.
at Harpenden Hall

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Treasurer's report
5. Membership report
6. Wine and Cheese Party. To discontinue ? An alternative ?
7. Bus shelter. Any progress ?
8. Visit to Ware
9. Harpenden Sign
10. District Council minutes. Notes attached. Any comments ?
11. Reports from Groups :-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
12. Any other business
13. Dates of next meetings

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 11 September 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar,
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. E. Truslove,
Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 14 August 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

Treasurer's Report, p.1. No major change since the last meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Memorial - Eric Morecambe. There is to be an inaugural meeting on 5 October and an official communication requesting subscriptions will be sent to local societies. The Committee would wait until this was received before making a decision at the next meeting.

J.B.

Plans - Green Lawns. An acknowledgment of his letter to the District Council had been received by the Secretary stressing that no firm agreement had been made, no planning application considered and no land purchase completed. The points raised would require consultation with the Planning Section and Legal Division and a copy of the Society's letter had been sent to Cllr. Biggs when a detailed reply would be made.

Southdown - Fine Fare. The Secretary had written Mr. McKenna with the Society's suggestion of a service yard fence.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary presented the Treasurer's Report showing a balance in hand of £2,399.92. There was an outstanding commitment of £90 for the reprinting of the U.L.V. Guide.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

120 subscriptions have been paid out of 200 reminders sent. A general reminder will be included in the October Newsletter.

J.B.

5. WINE & CHEESE PARTY

It was felt there was no great enthusiasm among members for this function and the Committee agreed to its discontinuance and Mr. Truslove would cancel the booking of the Public Hall for May of next year. Alternatives suggested were:-

E.T.

Treasure Hunt by car
Barbacue
Evening Outing
Evening Gathering on the Common (bring your own
supper and folding chairs)
Open Forum, February Meeting
A.G.M. with additional refreshments.

ACTION

Most of these suggestions were considered impracticable but an Open Forum at the February Meeting and additional refreshments at the A.G.M. meeting were considered possibilities. The Secretary would include these on the Agenda for the next meeting, for detailed discussion.

J.B.

6. BUS SHELTERS

Replies had been received to the Secretary's letters to London Country Bus Services Ltd. and the Town Council as to ownership of the Church Green bus shelter. The shelter is ~~owned by~~ ^{believed to be} the District Council, maintained by the Town Council. The Town Council were appreciative of the Society's offer to refurbish the shelter and would cover the cost up to £20. The Committee agreed to proceed on 30 September at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Haslar would require 6 men to rub down (2 reserves); 2 persons washing down formica and the seat (2 reserves). Volunteers - Mr. Haslar, Mr. & Mrs. Wang, Dr. Moore, Mr. Bush, Mr. Truslove, Mrs. Clitherow. Mr. Bastow and Mr. Vincent (p.m. only), Mr. Ward (possible p.m.) There was a possibility that two "environmental gentlemen" (put forward by Mrs. Wang) would also assist. Mr. Haslar would supply materials and make a rota, volunteers to bring brushes.

W.G.H.
All

7. VISIT TO WARE

Mr. Truslove was unable to report to the Committee as contact had not been made with Mr. Perham. The 21 October had been suggested, but Mr. Perham would have to speak to his committee members. Mr. Truslove asked Mr. Perham about Christmas cards and he had promised to let him know the number Ware had printed. Mr. Truslove to telephone the Committee when he had the date of the visit.

E.T.

8. HARPENDEN SIGN

The Town Council have received one estimate and are waiting for more (steel post and good oak post); seats are in reasonable condition and can be resited. The Secretary had requested Cllr. Slater to keep the Society informed.

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

1. Mr. Ward said the District Council were to be congratulated on introducing model byelaws for straw and stubble burning.
2. Mr. Matthews said the Society's comments on a design guide were sent on 16 July (Minutes 24 July 1984 refer).
4. The Society's suggestions on ^{additional} ~~proposed~~ parking restrictions were acknowledged but it was not felt they could be incorporated in this particular traffic order, but would be "put on the table" for future consideration.
6. A letter from Martin Bacon thanking the Society for its good wishes on his taking up a new post had been received.

ACTION

10. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

Quality of Plans. The District Council had replied in detail to the Group's letter. It was agreed that many drawings fell short of what was desirable, but the authority was bound by legislation and providing sufficient details are provided the application must be registered and dealt with within the statutory period of 8 weeks. This item to be included in the next Newsletter.

J.B.

5/1752/83 "White Horse" P.H. Hatching Green. The part played by the Society in the refusal of this application to be included in the next Newsletter.

J.B.

5/0660/83 Waitrose Development. The Society's success in recommending an adequate pavement from Leyton Road to the car park entrance to be an item for the next Newsletter.

J.B.

5/061A/84 Old Bell P.H. replacement of existing internally illuminated signs. This would create a precedent in this locality and would not be in character with the building.

5/1185/84 H.E. Webster Ltd., 80 Lower Luton Road, enlargement of 2 machine shops. Consideration should be given to the control of noise. The U.L.V.G. have made representations to the effect that the premises are bounded by residential property and should be screened.

5/0781/84 E. Anglian T.A. and V.R. Association, Waldegrave Park, erection of hut. Information on proposals for the site have been sought from the District Council on 6 September and suggesting that further buildings be restricted to the Piggottshill Lane side. 3 further applications have been received for this site.

2. Commons and Greens. At the Commons & Greens Committee on 20 August, Cllrs. Slater and Squires submitted plans for the sump to the ponds. All gulleys have recently been cleaned and this may have been a factor contributing to the problem.

This year the Town Council had paid £75 to cut the hay crop on the Common and had written Rothamsted for advice on obtaining a good hay crop next year. Dr. Moore expressed concern that the Common could be turned into a "hay field". It was agreed she should prepare a discussion paper with her Group, together with Dr. J. Thurstan for possible submission at the next meeting.

F.J.M.

The discussion by the Town Council's Commons & Greens Committee on 11 June on non-native planting had not been minuted. The Council wish to plant more willows by the ponds and Lady Bawden has offered one tree.

Dr. Moore had re-iterated her request that the brambles in Walker's Road should be allowed to grow.

Queen's Road footpath has been resurfaced.

ACTION

The Town Council have given responsibility for the Nicky Line footpath to their Commons & Greens Committee and are being asked to elect a representative to a Management Committee. Mr. Truslove suggested members should be given information on access points to the Line and Mrs. Wang had received complaints about the lack of these. The Committee decided it was too soon to include a diagram in the Newsletter. Dr. Moore would ask Cllr. Slater whether the "walk" is planned to end at Ambrose Lane.

F.J.M.

Roger Evans had written on the excess of notices and flags on the Common Golf Course. This will be considered by the Group.

3. Southdown. The Secretary had written Mr. McKenna on the proposed screening of Fine Fare Service Area (see Minute 2). Mr. Truslove suggested consulting residents of St. John's Road on the proposed new footpath and traffic congestion (see Minute 10.5), but in the first instance it was agreed he will contact Mr. Cox, a long-term resident.

E.T.

4. Environmental.

Bowers Way West (lower) car park is being used by BMX tricycles.

Anonymous letter expressing concern over proposed new office blocks in Arden Grove.

Letter sent to District Council on matters relating to landscaping details on planning applications, protection of trees covered by T.P.O.'s and replacement planting.

Maintenance of bed rear car park Public Hall to be carried out by District Council.

Overgrown footpath Roundwood Park/Luton Road reported to District Council.

There has been no response re Rothamsted Park neglected plot, but the Fire Service have verbally agreed on-going maintenance of their land.

Poplar trees Gilpin Green - ownership still not established.

The U.L.V. allotment holders are suing, via the Town Council, the Water Authority for damages on recent flooding. The ~~Authority~~ Allotment Holders maintain U.L.V.G.'s weir responsible.

Mrs. Wang will contact the person who previously maintained the garden at the Police Station, as this is showing signs of neglect.

L.W.

5. Transport. Mr. Haslar attended the Town Council's Highways Advisory Panel on 3 September. They were looking into parking outside the Dolphin P.H. and were referring this to the District Council's Road Safety Committee (North). Ideally, it was agreed gullies in the Town should be cleaned every 8 months (see minute 10.2).

Mr. Haslar and Mr. Truslove had met Revd. Martin to discuss parking in St. John's Road and the proposed new footpath. Revd. Martin suggested a lay-by on the Common, but it was unlikely the

ACTION

Town Council would agree this. The Group would monitor traffic movement in St. John's Road.

W.G.H.

Mr. Haslar had monitored 50 cycles using the cycleway Harpenden/St. Albans in $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours. He would undertake another check in $2\frac{2}{3}$ weeks time. Mrs. Wang had cycled the path and had found it broken and uneven. Regular grasscutting will need to be implemented.

W.G.H.

6. U.L.V.G. No report.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Secretary handed Mrs. Clitherow a letter from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

A request for talks to be given to Cub Packs had been received. It was considered 8-11 year olds would not be interested, but any opportunity should be taken to talk to Scouts/Venture Scouts on environmental matters.

At the meeting on 18 September Mr. Haslar would welcome the speaker, Cllr. Nash. Mrs. Haslar had agreed to prepare coffee, Dr. Moore would assist.

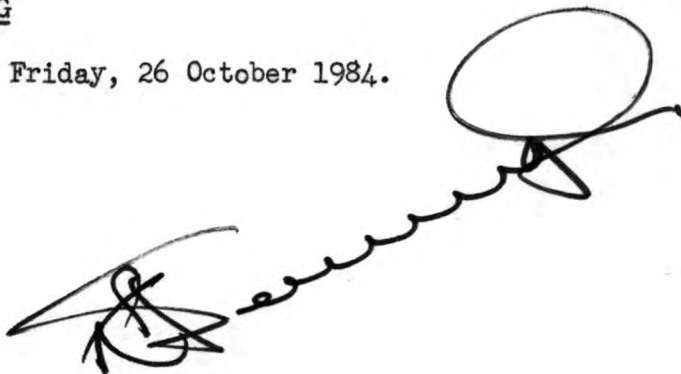
W.G.H.

Mrs. Wang asked that the Library be booked for a date to show the Society's exhibits shortly after the Spotlight Exhibition.

Material for the next Newsletter by 5 October 1984.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 26 October 1984.

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Items of interest lifted from minutes of sub-Committees presented to the District Council meeting of 18th July 1984

1. Straw and stubble burning. The model byelaws designed by the Home Office have been adopted by the District.
2. A design guide for shop fronts and advertisements has been produced and is to be put forward for public consultation. The Harpenden Society is expressly one of the organisations from whom comments are required.
3. County Council to be informed that introduction of more road humps is not justified on economic grounds. County have been asked to review the criteria for introduction of pinch points on residential roads.
4. Parking restrictions in various roads in Harpenden. Resolved that the Order as advertised be made. Director of Works & Tech. Serv. to re-examine Kirkdale Road. Our other comments apparently not accepted.
5. Re Saturday parking. New Order effective 1/6/84 imposes a limit of 4 hours on Saturday in short-stay and dual tariff car parks. Harpenden has no defined long-stay parks. Therefore the new Order will exclude Amenbury and the 2 Bowers Way parks in order to permit all day Saturday parking
6. On his request, Mr. McKenna has been granted early retirement in 1985 at a date to be agreed. In view of Martin Bacon's move, both jobs are to be advertised together.
7. Gypsy sites. My list of items attached to the July Agenda reported that of 6 possible sites, the Gypsy Site sub-committee found that the most suitable was the land between Harper Lane and the disused sewage works. The Highways, Works and Services Committee were asked to give their views from a highways point of view. They agreed that the same site is the most suitable.
8. Owners of 9 Lyndhurst Drive requested ^{permission} to include in their garden the triangle of land at junction Lyndhurst Drive/Carisbrooke Road. This land is used ~~for~~ dumping rubbish and is an eyesore. Request refused but the Director of Works & Tech. Serv. was instructed to ensure that the land is kept free from rubbish and litter.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Friday 26th October 1984 at Harpenden Hall
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Minutes of Town Council Meeting. Notes attached. Any comments?
5. The vacant dates on our programme - February meeting
After the A.G.M.
May meeting
Advice in January Newsletter
6. The Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust
7. **HARPENDEN CENTRAL AREA PLAN - MEETING WITH DISTRICT COUNCIL**
8. Reports from Groups:- Plans
Commons and Greens
Transport
Southdown
Environmental
ULVG
9. Any other business
10. Date of next meeting



Items of interest lifted from minutes of Town Council sub-committees presented to Town Council Meeting of 24th September 1984

1. Ogglesby's Garage. Complaints from neighbours re noise and nuisance from the car wash. The Town Council wrote to Mr. McKenna requesting some action, and resulting from this the Environmental Health Officer investigated and agreed that the matter is unsatisfactory. Some recommendations have been made to the Owners.
2. An undue number of sandwich board displays appeared outside Hockadays, but the Owners agreed to remove these after a request by the Town Council.
3. Two large white arch-shaped signs appeared outside the Old Bell, Luton Road, no application for permission having been made. The Town Council has requested the Owners to seek planning permission.
4. The Town Council to write to the District Council complaining about the poor appearance of the brickwork of Cravells Road car park, and to request a progress report on that part of the work to be executed by the Brewery.
5. The District Council confirmed that the problem of the junction of Cravells Road and St. John's Road is under consideration.
6. No progress re drainage outside Ketts in Lower High St. Town Council to follow this up.
7. Pedestrian Tunnel, Station Rd. The artist, Mr. Key, to be given an honorarium of £100. The poor state of the lighting was reported. The District Council is investigating the installation of vandal-proof lighting.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 20th November 1984 at Harpenden
Hall at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups:-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Membership report.
7. Spotlight on Leisure 1985 - to consider our plans.
8. February meeting and A.G.M. - final arrangements
9. Fixture cards 1985 - an alternative suggestion.
10. Minutes of District Council - attached - any comments?
11. Any other business.
12. Date of next meeting.

Items of interest lifted from Minutes of District Council Sub-Committees presented to the District Council meeting 24th October 1984

1. Refuse collection. The new system started in June now settled down and estimated savings are £20,000 per annum. Agreed that a proportion of this be passed on to the employees concerned.
2. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust. The scheme was welcomed. Stated that if the Hall passes from its present use within 28 years, a sum equal to the value of the improvements be repaid to the Trust.
3. ATC Hut, Crabtree Sports Fields. Resolved that the ATC be granted a 20 year ground lease @ £50 p.a. (review 5-yearly) the tenants to be responsible for all legal costs and necessary accomodation works.
4. Mr. Michael Kenworthy appointed Deputy Director Technical Services.
5. Council owned land off Hickling Way (Manland Ave) is a small parcel of land formerly part of the Hatfield/Harpenden Branch Line. Although previously rejected as unsuitable for housing purposes, now agreed to open negotiations wit the District Valuer re sale to Aldwyck Housing Assn. If they do not want the land, the matter to be referred to the Housing Services Committee.
6. Street Sweeping. Budget costs sought from 5 private contractors, and found that there is little or no improvement over the Council's own service. Flexibility of own service would be lost. Resolved to keep own service and continue efforts to improve it, to increase the staff by 2 plus a supervisor.
7. Scheme of Delegation re Planning Applications. Resolved to adopt this scheme for a trial period of 6 months from 1/11/84. The scheme will delegate to Director of Works and Technical Services and his Deputy the following planning applications:-
 - (a) Small residential extensions, single story, porches, garages, but not rearward extensions along a common boundary and in excess of 9 feet in depth and not 2-story extensions or additions to first floor.
 - (b) Minor industrial/commercial applications e.g. single story extensions to shops, offices, industrial premises provided these are in accordance with the District Plan and cover an area allocated for industry, commerce or shopping as the case may be.
 - (c) Minor applications re reserved matters or conditions imposed on planning permission comprising proposals for car park layouts, landscaping, materials, screen walls and fences, but not siting.
 - (d) The making of TPO's.
 - (e) To determine with recommendations of Landscape and Countryside Officer applications under a TPO for felling, lopping, topping of trees, and consent or refusal thereof in Conservation Areas.

Provisions re the above :-

 - (i) Applications falling within the delegation scheme to be marked * on the weekly list which shall be passed to all Council Members.
 - (ii) Any Council Member wishing a particular application to be considered by a Plans Sub-Committee may request this.
 - (iii) Where an applications is dealt with under the scheme, notice of the decision to be given to Ward Councillors and members of the relevant Plans Sub-Committee.

See further notes on next page

Notes re District Council Meeting - Continued

8. Office Development Policy. The existing policy was re-affirmed. This, relevant to Harpenden, is briefly as follows:-

- (a) New developments in central Harpenden are to be limited to those serving local needs. Arden Grove and Vaughan Road set aside for this purpose.
- (b) There must be suitable named occupiers before permission will be granted.
- (c) Small office developments freed from the above subject to certain provisions.
- (d) Permission for offices is to be restricted to firms serving the local community, essential for existing or proposed industry, and those which need to be located here.
- (e) Small scale activities of a commercial nature may be permitted in residential areas if the proposed use is compatible with housing environment.
- (f) There is a strong presumption against loss of dwellings.
- (g) Applications proposing a significant increase in employment normally refused unless the work needs to be located in the district.
- (h) Reference is also made to parking standards, change of use from shopping to non-retail and listed, historic and special interest buildings, the Conservation Area and TPO's.

It is acknowledged that there is a danger of an excessive amount of office floorspace being created. Whilst a complete ban on all future development is not justified, the general policy must be strictly adhered to.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Friday, 26 October 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. J. Jennings in the Chair
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. J.A. Holderness, Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. E. Truslove, Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Dr. F.J. Moore and Mr. M.F. Vincent.

The Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. McNicoll was to be married on Saturday, 27 October 1984, and he had sent a card expressing the good wishes of the Committee.

The resignation of Mrs. A. Russell had been received following her move to Oxford. The Committee endorsed the Secretary's suggestion that he should write thanking her for her past services to the Society.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 11 September were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:-

District Council Minutes 9.4. "The Society's suggestions on additional proposed parking restrictions"

Environmental 10.4.2. "Anonymous letter expressing concern over proposed new office block in Arden Grove."

Environmental 10.4.8. "The U.L.V. Allotment Holders are suing via the Town Council, the Water Authority for damage on recent flooding. The U.L.V. Allotment Holders maintain the U.L.V.G.'s weir responsible."

Bus Shelters, 6, 2nd sentence. "The shelter is believed owned by the District Council but maintained by the Town Council."

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Newsletter, White Horse P.H. The part played by the Society had previously been reported in a Newsletter.

Bus Shelter, Church Green. The work had been carried out successfully under the direction of Mr. Haslar. The Secretary will claim reimbursement of £12.16 from the Town Council.

J.B.

Fine Fare. The Secretary reported the latest correspondence on the Society's proposed improvements to screen the refuse area and improve the safety of the car park entrance/exit. Fine Fare have agreed to undertake these improvements. The District Council did not inform Fine Fare of the possibility that the Society might be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost.

Environmental, Rothamsted and Gilpin Green. No answers had been received to the letters of enquiry as to maintenance and ownership respectively.

Police Station Garden. After contact by Mrs. Wang the gentleman who previously carried out work to the garden is prepared to continue, although the Committee feel this should be the responsibility of the Police.

Visit to Ware. This visit has now been arranged with Mr. Pernham for Sunday, 28 October 1984 at 2.30 p.m. meeting at St. Mary's Church, Ware. Mr. Truslove had made contact with members of the Committee except Mrs. Ogilvie. He would try to invite her before Sunday.

E.T.

3. TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

- (1) Oggelsby's Car Wash, Noise and Nuisance. The Society had raised this possibility when the application was originally put forward.
- (3) 2 signs Old Bell P.H. It was noted that these had been erected without permission and that the Town Council had requested the owners to apply
- (6) Drainage, Lower High Street. The Society's Transport Group have made proposals.
- (7) Pedestrian Tunnel. Mrs. Wang reported that the work was very disappointing and not an improvement.

W.G.H.

4. VACANT DATES ON PROGRAMME

February Meeting. At the recent meeting with the District Council on the Harpenden Inset Plan, Mr. Truslove had asked whether it would be possible for the Council to provide a speaker, but as the Inset Plan proposals will not be made public until June/July, when they will be on exhibition, it was decided not to pursue this.

Mr. Haslar would approach B.R. for a speaker, as the Station building should be completed by February.

W.G.H.

A.G.M. The meeting would commence at 7.30 p.m. with an interval for refreshments (Wine and 'nibbles') organised by Mr. Truslove, 8.30-8.45 p.m. followed by an Open Forum. Method of payment to be decided at the next meeting.

E.T.

J.B.

May Meeting. The booking for the Public Hall had been cancelled (Minute 5, 11 September 1984) as it would seem there is no social function likely to receive adequate support.

Mrs. Wang suggested a "May Walk", and the Committee agreed this suggestion which would be reported in the April Newsletter.

J.B.

5. ERIC MORECAMBE MEMORIAL TRUST

The Secretary suggested that the sum of £500 allocated by the Society towards the Nicky Line, which had not been asked for by the District Council, could be contributed to the Trust. After discussion, and as the District Council had not definitely refused the money, the Secretary was asked to write and say the Committee would make a decision when more details on how the fund is to be administered are available.

J.B.

6. HARPENDEN CENTRAL AREA PLAN

Although this has been hanging fire for two years, the meeting only took place yesterday, 25 October 1984, the Society being represented by Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Haslar, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Truslove, Mrs. Wang and Mr. Bush. The District Council's representative, Mrs. Davies, was preparing a written report, and a copy would be sent to the Society, after which the Secretary to arrange for copying and circulation for the next meeting.

J.B.

Mrs. Ross and Maurice Smith have made a survey and prepared a list and survey of buildings in the Harpenden Central Area, which had been professionally typed and Mrs. Ross would forward the account to the Secretary. This survey evolved from the lack of information available from the District Council. The Secretary to write with the Committee's thanks to Mrs. Ross and Mr. Smith. Two further copies to be made for the History Society and Library.

J.B.

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Mr. Truslove suggested that the policy associated with the Inset Plan for the centre of Harpenden should be extended to Southdown. When the report is received from the District Council this suggestion to be pursued.

J.B.

L.J.G.M.

Mr. Truslove also suggested a special meeting a month before the Plan goes on display, but after discussion the Committee agreed that providing there is sufficient advertisement the District Council Exhibition would be sufficient. Notice to be included in the April Newsletter.

J.B.

7. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

5/1294/84 Jacaranda, 96 High Street. Society supports policy of District Council in resisting change of use of residential accommodation and recommends refusal.

5/0621/84 R/o 8, 12, 14 Moreton Avenue - 4 bungalows. Site plan has no relationship to the detailed plans and no garages are included. As site is in a Conservation Area time should be given for local residents, Town Council and the Society to study corrected plans.

5/1340/84 Development of 37 Leyton Road. Consideration should be given to the effect on adjoining properties and the site lines at the access from Leyton Road.

5/1416/84 2 workshops adjoining Roundwood Service Station. The Society regards area as residential and recommends refusal.

5/1428/84 Development of rear gardens 5/7 Molescroft. The site is considered to be too cramped.

5/1326/84 Land rear of Gas Holder, south of residential development at the extension of Churchfields. No objection is raised subject to noise control and adequate screening along northern boundary.

5/1334/1335/84 Topstreet Farm - 2 houses (original proposed 3). East side (Topstreet Way) too cramped and out of character and too close to the listed building. West side (Crabtree Lane) preferable if the proposed house were set further back, or the double garage re-sited further from the front elevation of the listed building.

Crabtree Fields. Mr. Matthews had received a reply from the District Council on their proposals for this site. A full layout and landscaping plan, with a programme for implementation is being drawn up. Paul Arnold has been asked to give full consideration to the views of the Society.

Mr. Matthews tabled an invitation from the Royal Town Planning Institute to attend a meeting on 15 November 1984 at Welwyn Garden City. Mr. Matthews to represent the Society at a fee of £5.

I.D.G.M.

2. Commons and Greens.

Excess of Notices and Flags, Golf Course. These have been removed by the Golf Club.

Hay Crop, Harpenden Common. The Group, with Miss Thurstan, met on 2 October 1984. The Group are opposed to the application of fertiliser to obtain an improved hay crop resulting in income for the Town Council. A copy of the Town Council's letter to Rothamsted, asking for assistance has been requested. Thereafter the Group will prepare a report for presentation to the Committee.

F.J.M.

Heather on the Common. It is hoped to monitor this.

F.J.M.

Nicky Line. Dr. Moore had written the District Council for their plans on access points at the Harpenden end and received an acknowledgment. Members of the Society with District and Town Councillors, and other interested bodies were present at a "walk in", organised by the District Council on Sunday, 7 October 1984. The following was noted:-

- (1) Railings have been ordered for the sides of the bridge over the A1081.
- (2) Proposed entry ramp, end of Clarence Road, abandoned because of local objections.
- (3) Negotiations proceeding with the owner of 41 Hollybush Lane for access point down the bank near bridge.
- (4) Councillor Squires asked for erection of a barrier across unmade up path leading to the main line railway.
- (5) Planning permission being sought for 4 car spaces at Park Hill 'site'. The Society will await formal application before commenting.
- (6) A member of the Technical Services Division, with his bicycle had negotiated the barriers with a strong arm lift!!
- (7) Dr. Moore, through the Secretary, suggested the Society might put up some simple "maps" at points where footpaths cross. It was agreed this would be an excellent idea and perhaps part of the £500 already approved could be used. The Secretary to contact the District Council as to whether this sum was still required by the District Council.

J.B.

After discussion, the Secretary was asked to write to the District Council expressing concern over the need to lift cycles over the barriers, and the possibility of steps at access points requiring cycles to be carried up/down.

J.B.

3. Southdown. No progress had been made on the problem of traffic congestion in St. John's Road and Mr. Truslove had been unable to contact Mr. Cox. He would write Mr. McKenna again on the question of the footpath, leaving the car parking problem as a separate issue. The planting areas at the Cravells Road car park have now been filled with soil. Mr. Truslove had spoken to Paul Arnold about the eyesore of Longfield Road.

4. Environmental. Work Parties assisted with refurbishment of the Church Green Bus Shelter (Minute 2.2) It was agreed that the bus shelter looked attractive and had received complimentary remarks.

Mrs. Wang had been approached by June Ryall who was prepared to carry out work on the landscaping near the flats at Queens Road.

Mrs. Wang attended a Seminar ^{on the Environment} at Herts. County Council when Mr. Steeley, Chief Planning Officer, stated that the Harpenden Society was quite exceptional!

A copy of the Society's correspondence with B.R. (previously sent to Mr. Craig of H.C.C.) forwarded to Mr. David Perry of their Environment Department.

A tree at the entrance to Amenbury Lane car park was ring barked and the District Council have been asked for a replacement. Hedge at the car park has been felled to allow construction of hard tennis courts without knowledge of District Council.

The C.A.B. sign on the Common, opposite Harpenden Hall is placed 6' from another sign. This has been brought to the notice of the Town Council.

The Town's Notice Board is in a dirty condition.

What looks like the inevitable loss of a mature copper beech (covered by a T.P.O.) at 30 Douglas Road could have been avoided with foresight.

Lady Bawden raised two points:-

- (a) Mud side of road, Sun Lane adjoining St. George's School. District Council have promised to clear and re-kerb.
- (b) Sycamore saplings, Carlton Road. St. George's School Governors are writing B.R. suggesting these are cut to 2' to create a hedge. Lady Bawden suggests the Society do likewise, but the Committee did not agree this.

5. Transport. Mr. Haslar had arranged to see the new Area Manager of B.R. on 30 October 1984 and would put to him whether there could be a reopening to the Station on the Milton Road side. 385 cars had been parked in the Old Goods Yard at a recent check. The Board has agreed finance for upgrading the goods yard to increase car space density. Mr. Haslar will be meeting the Passenger Manager and will show him "round Harpenden".

W.G.H.

W.G.H.

Cyclepath A1081

Count 11 October 7.30-9.30 a.m. Harpenden/St. Albans 41 Cycles,
11 using the track.

St. Albans/Harpenden 12 Cycles,
1 using the track.

3.30-5.30 p.m. St. Albans/Harpenden 31 cycles,
10 using the track.

Harpenden/St. Albans, 4 cycles
1 using the track.

The Secretary would write to the Herts. Advertiser in response to
a letter on the cycle path.

J.B.

6. U.L.V.G. Care and maintenance in the area between Marquis
Lane Playing Field/River Lea. Severe flooding had damaged banks
and most of this damage has now been repaired. Other work has
included moving a seat at the corner of Station Road/Lower Luton
Road which was in a direct line of traffic; repairing vandalised
seat at Marquis Lane (now damaged again!!); and beginning the
clearance of weeds and nettles from footpath to Mackerye End.
Volunteers from the Luton Youth Hostel Association and Cub Scouts
have been welcomed. Further support for the work parties is
needed and volunteers from the Society would be appreciated.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Open Door Club. Speaker requested for 5 February 1985 at
10.15 a.m. Secretary to attend.

J.B.

2. Redbourn Association. Notice of By-Pass Opening on 29
October 1984 at 11.00 a.m.

3. U.N. Service, 21 October 1984. The Society was not repres-
ented.

4. British Trust for Conservation. The Trust are making
grants for tree planting.

5. Community Council for Hertfordshire. It was decided not to
subscribe.

6. Notification of Modifications to County Structure Plan.
Passed to Mr. Matthews and Mrs. Wang.

7. Agenda, January Meeting. Decision on photographs which are
to be exhibited at Spotlight on Leisure.

J.B.

8. Swimming Pools. Information issued by the Scottish Sports
Council gives a formula for calculating costs i.e. 6 x 12 metres
approx. £120,000 (Minute 5.2, 26 June 1984).

9. Spotlight on Leisure 28-30 March 1985. Library to be book-
ed for the Society's Exhibition thereafter.

J.B.

10. Meetings 1985-86.

Tuesday	17 September 1985	Tuesday	4 February 1986
Wednesday	23 October 1985	Wednesday	5 March 1986
Friday	13 December 1985.		

11. Newsletter. The Secretary reported the possibility of obtain-
ing an editor, a Mrs. Waldren, and would bring her to the next meet-
ing. Copy was required by Christmas for printing approximately
12 January 1985.

J.B.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 20 November 1984.

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for Stella & Jack Bush

Harpenden Society

Wine & Cheese Party 1984

HANDED OVER BY JACK BUSH

Tickets sold at door	£112.50 (including cheque £2.50)
Raffle (nett after £3.50 taken by Jack for raffle prizes)	£ 41.50
Bar	£ 11.80

HANDED OVER BY ANNE RUSSELL

Surplus food	£ 10.70	
	<u>£176.50</u>	£176.50

TICKETS SOLD AT AGM

2 tickets	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
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TICKETS SOLD BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

16 tickets (including cheque £12.50)	£40.00	£ 40.00
5 tickets (cheque £12.50)	£12.50	<u>£ 12.50</u>

TICKETS SOLD AT SPOTLIGHT ON LEISURE

4 tickets (paid in earlier by Stella Bush)	£10.00	£ 10.00
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Taken out of raffle proceeds by Jack Bush		£ 3.50
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£247.50

BANKED 14-5-84 £221.50

[Signature]
19-5-84

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 17th December 1984 at Harpenden Hall
at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Reports from Groups:-
 - Plans
 - Commons and Greens
 - Transport
 - Southdown
 - Environmental
 - ULVG
5. Treasurer's report
6. Membership report
7. The Harpenden Sign - Mr. Ward to report
8. Meeting with District Council Planning Team re Harpenden Central Area Plan - to adopt minutes attached.
9. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust
10. Any other business
11. Date of next meeting.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 20 November 1984 at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Dr. F.J. Moore in the Chair
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. J.A. Holderness, Mr.
I.D.G. McNicoll, Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. E. Truslove,
Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. K. Jennings and Mr. M.F. Vincent.

In attendance Mrs. C. McNicoll.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 26 October 1984 were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:-

Environment 7.4.3. "Mrs. Wang attended a Seminar on the Environment at Herts. County Council"

2. MATTERS ARISING:

Visit to Ware. Mr. Truslove reported 10 members and 2 wives joined in the visit to Ware on 28 October 1984. 4 members of the Ware Society, including Mr. Pernham and a District Councillor, acted as guides. Tea and sandwiches were provided. Mr. Ward, after thanking the host Society extended an invitation for them to visit Harpenden in the Spring. Mr. Truslove to write expressing the Harpenden Society's appreciation.

E.T.

The work involved in their projects was financed by the Ware Society (sometimes with a contribution from the District Council) and partly from their Newsletter, physical work being contracted out.

The Ware Newsletter format was A4 folded to A5 selling advertising space. Christmas cards (initially 2,000) were "obtained" for 3.5p. selling at 20p. or discounted 15p. to shops. "Happy Christmas" was omitted giving the advantage that they can be sold through^{out} the year. Copy of the Ware Society's Newsletter handed to Mrs. Waldren (minute 3.2) for suggestions at next meeting.

M.W.

After ascertaining ownership the entrance area to James Marshall House might be a suitable project for this Society.

Newsletter. Mrs. M. Waldren, already a member of the Society's Environmental Group, was welcomed to the meeting (minute 8.11, 26 October 1984). Her cooption as a member of the Committee proposed by Mrs. Wang, seconded Mr. Ward. Mrs. Waldren agreed to act as editor of the Newsletter, the Secretary was presently collecting contributions.

M.W.

Eric Morecambe Trust. The Trust Committee have informed the Secretary that an Appeal leaflet is being prepared. The Secretary to report further.

J.B.

Vacant Dates on Programme. Mr. Truslove to contact Mr. Haslar for the B.R. speaker, hopefully for inclusion in the next Town Council's Forum.

E.T.

After discussion it was agreed that if a large number of members

ACTION

attended the May Walk it would be necessary to form small groups. The Walk to be reported in the next Newsletter.

M.W.

It was agreed to hold an Open Forum at the A.G.M. payment for wine etc. to be decided at the time of the event.

E.T.

Harpenden Central Area Plan. The report from the District Council has not been received. The Secretary to circulate on receipt. The account (£15) for the typing of the list and survey of buildings in the Harpenden Central Area has been settled.

J.B.

I.D.G.M.

Nicky Line. Dr. Moore has received an answer to her letter to the District Council on access points. She has written again for clarification on matters which were not clear and asked for comments on the entry at Clarence Road. A planning application not yet lodged for proposed 4 car spaces at Park Hill "site".

The Secretary, as requested, had written to the District Council -

- (1) asking for barriers to be positioned to enable cycles (excluding motorcycles) to pass through without the necessity of lifting and
- (2) instead of steps where the road (adjoining) is below the level of the path, possibly a ramp to facilitate easy access/egress for cycles.

Dr. Moore will discuss with the Footpath Society the possibility of maps being displayed along the Line.

F.J.M.

The District Council's letter of 18 August 1983 acknowledged the Society's offer of £500 and its possible use on a specific 'object'. It was decided not to approach the District Council at the present time on the use of the money.

Dr. Moore suggested the Society might like to produce an explanatory note on the Nicky Line, and would prepare a "rough" map of the Line for further discussion.

F.J.M.

As the Line links with Hemel Hempstead there should be future liaison with their Council/Society.

Southdown/Planting. The Chairman, through the Secretary, thought the recent planting at Cravells Road was not that previously agreed. Mr. Truslove to investigate.

E.T.

District Plan. No official copy has been received. The Secretary confirmed he had ordered a copy.

Royal Town Planning Institute, W.G.C., 15 November 1984. Mr. Matthews reported to the Committee on his attendance, the cost of which was £4.30 not £5 as previously stated (minute 7.1, 26 October 1984).

I.D.G.M.

3. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

County Structure Plan. Mr. Matthews reported an invitation to look at sections of the Plan as now published. He suggested members look up any section they are interested in at Harpenden Hall, and that the Society should not purchase these.

- 5/1557/84 Plot 3, Amenbury Lane, landscaping proposals. Clear identification of all existing trees should be shown, few sycamore (if any) should be retained, and alternative trees for retention should be considered.
- 5/1496/84 Rose Cottage, 33 High Street, ground floor change of use from residential to "para medical". Society would prefer Cottage to be retained. If not practicable, use should be confined to one of the purposes stated.
- 5/1539/84 Detached house adjacent 35 Marquis Lane. Two storey house would be too obtrusive from the River Lea and detrimental to the visual amenity of the bungalow 37 Marquis Lane and some properties in Marquis Close. Refusal recommended.
- 5/1559/84 2-storey extension 35 Marquis Lane. The extension would seem to be one metre approx. from the new boundary proposed as part of the site of a detached house (5/1539/84). Refusal recommended.
- 5/084A/84 Threshers, 49 High Street, internally illuminated shop sign. Shop front different from that on plan, and an indication should be given where on the 3 display windows the proposed sign is to be positioned. The application may relate to a projecting sign, but as the shop projects, refusal is recommended.
- 5/1542/84 London & Cleveland Estates Ltd. - new office block. Parking for 7 cars, 2 High Street. The Society regrets the withdrawal of the proposals of 20 July 1984. The present plans seem retrograde representing a building which is too high, too dense and too obtrusive.

2. Commons & Greens.

Harpenden Sign. The Secretary replied to Mr. Ward that there had been no response from the Town Council on the refurbishment of the Harpenden Sign. Dr. Moore to enquire at the Town Council ~~on Commons and Greens Working Party~~ on 26 November 1984.

F.J.M.

C.A.B. Sign. Sign placed 9' from another sign (previously reported as 6', minute 7.4 22 September 1984). Both signs on one post would be preferable. Dr. Moore to raise at the meeting on 26 November 1984.

F.J.M.

3. Southdown.

Cravells Road Car Park & Landscaping. Tree on the east side removed as iron band growing into it. This has been replaced. It was felt the numerous shrubs planted impede vision. Mr. Truslove will look at original plan (see minute 2.7).

E.T.

Longfield Road. Tidying up has been carried out by the District Council. The Committee did not know what was intended and further comment would be made at the next meeting. Mr. Matthews suggested ground cover would be an improvement. Mr. Truslove to contact Paul Arnold.

E.T.

St. John's Road. Mr. Cox, after contact by Mr. Truslove, had said that a photograph he possessed of the Road (at present with a neighbour), might go some way to sway the District Council to make an improvement.

Fine Fare Car Park - Rear of Shops. Mr. Ward made comment on the slum appearance of the backs of the shops. Mr. Truslove to investigate There had been no response from Fine Fare on the promised improvements to the entrance/exit.

E.T.

Southdown Industrial Estate. Mr. Ward pointed out to the Committee the proliferation of notices/boards at the entrance to the estate. Mr. Truslove would make enquiries.

E.T.

4. Environmental.

The Group is in correspondence with the District Council on -

- (1) Possible loss of mature copper beech, 30 Douglas Road, and asking in future for identification on planning applications of trees likely to be felled;
- (2) Replacement of tree at entrance and the felling of hedge on boundary with tennis courts at Amenbury Lane Car Park.

A reply had been received from Mr. Perry of British Rail's Environment Department. Mr. Matthews to meet with Mrs. Wang to give a complete history.

L.J.G.M.
L.W.

Mrs. Wang reported an inspection involving the Station Buildings, Station House and both car parks will be carried out within 6-8 months, and it was hoped for a more constructive approach in the future.

Lady Bawden to obtain any necessary permission for the planting of snowdrops at Harpenden Hall. The Environment Group will assist if required.

L.W.

5. Transport.

In the absence of Mr. Haslar, the Secretary reported the Town Council had refunded the cost of work on the Church Green Bus Shelter. The Council would like the Society to undertake improvement of other shelters in the Spring! These would involve more extensive work. Mr. Haslar to make a survey and report to the next meeting.

W.G.H.

Encroaching hedge growth on the cycle path is being removed and there is evidence of preparation for resurfacing. The Committee reiterated that the real danger occurred between the Silver Cup and Beeson End. The Secretary had obtained Mr. Pepper's file on possible extension of the Path. Mrs. Wang suggested that what has been completed should be brought to an acceptable standard before undertaking further practical involvement.

6. U.L.V.G. It was reported by Mrs. Wang that the Group had been exonerated from responsibility for the flooding of the Upper Lea Valley.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Society is in credit to the sum of £2,200, with no outstanding commitments.

Mr. McNicoll informed the Committee that due to business commitments

he would be unable to attend meetings regularly but, with the approval of the Committee, suggested his wife, Mrs. Caroline McNicoll, represent him. The Treasurer was thanked for his past efforts and the Committee welcomed Mrs. McNicoll. The Treasurer to make the Report at the A.G.M.

I.D.G.M.

5. MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary reported only 50 subscriptions remained unpaid.

6. SPOTLIGHT ON LEISURE

It was agreed publicity should be improved. The Secretary had represented the Society at the exhibitors' meeting. At Mr. Truslove's suggestion, the Secretary would write Mr. Savage a diplomatic letter with the view that the lack of publicity contributed to the low attendance. The event would be publicised in the appropriate Newsletter. A Sub-Committee was agreed consisting of Mr. Bush, Mr. Truslove, Mrs. Wang and Mr. Ward, with power to coopt other members. Mrs. Wang has made contact with Eric Meadows for photographs. Rota for manning of exhibit to be prepared.

J.B.

M.W.

E.T.

7. HARPENDEN SOCIETY AWARD

Nominations will be asked for in Newsletter. Panel to consist of Mr. Ward, with Mr. Holderness. Mr. Ward would endeavour to coopt another member.

M.W.

E.W.

8. FIXTURE CARDS

The fixture card must 'go out' with the July Newsletter, June being the latest printing date. As speakers have to commit themselves 9-10 months in advance, the Secretary suggested a fixture card with dates of meetings, details of officers, Group Chairmen etc. but the name of the speaker left blank, particulars being entered by members as they appear in the Newsletter. This was agreed unanimously by the Committee. The Secretary to prepare a draft for approval.

J.B.

E.T.

J.B.

9. MINUTES, DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Committee discussed the proposed new scheme (for a trial period of 6 months from 1 November 1984) of delegation of 'small' planning applications to the Director of Works & Technical Services and his Deputy. Concern was expressed, particularly with regard to T.P.O.'s and landscaping. The Secretary to request the President, in his capacity as a District Councillor, to ascertain how notification of receipt of applications is to be given, or not!

J.B.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The successful meeting of the R.S.P.B. in the Small Public Hall suggested that the Society consider, in future, the holding of their social meetings in the smaller venue.

National Tree Week did not appear to have been publicised and the Society had no knowledge of any trees planted.

Local residents were taking up the issue of excessive fan noise from Imof Bedco.

ACTION

For the December Meeting, at Mr. Truslove's request, members agreed to supply mince pies and Mrs. Clitherow the Punch. Members were asked to make delivery to the Hall by 7.00 p.m.

M.J.M.C.

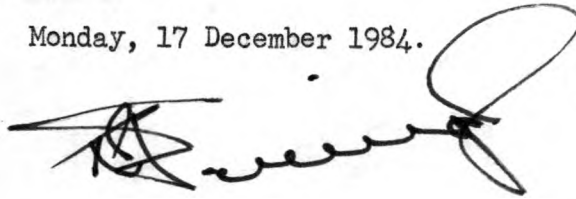
It was noted that no further action had been taken with regard to the D.E.R. Fascia Boards.

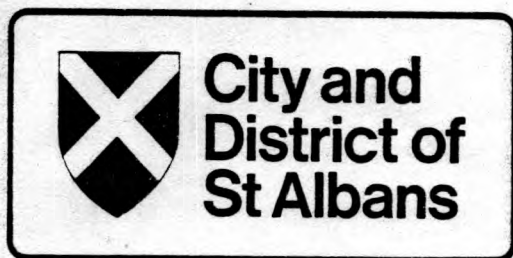
The three signboards and canopy at Timsons in Leyton Road are very obtrusive.

Sarah Salkeld has replaced Juliet Wylie at the Herts. Advertiser.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 17 December 1984.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Salkeld', written over the date.



Mr H J Bush
9 Hawthorne Close
HARPENDEN
Herts

Works & Technical Services

Technical Services:

41 Upper Lattimore Road,
St. Albans,
Herts. AL1 3TZ

Telephone:
St. Albans (0727) 64661/66100

Our Ref: AD/sjl

Your Ref:

Please ask for: Mrs A Davies

Extension: 45

Date: 13 November 1984

Dear Sir

Re Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map

I would like to thank you and your fellow members of the Harpenden Society for attending the meeting last week* to discuss the proposed Inset Map for Harpenden Town Centre. Your time, arrangements for the meeting and ideas were much appreciated.

I have enclosed a note of the meeting and trust that all of the points raised have been adequately covered. If you have any queries please inform me.

At the close of the meeting a point was raised concerning the notification of residents in the extended Conservation Area of their "obligations" or restrictions imposed by this designation. At the present time the form and means of such notification has not quite been resolved but I will inform you in due course. It is likely that general information sheet on the implications of residing in a Conservation Area will be produced. I would like to add that these points were clearly indicated at the public exhibition to illustrate the extended conservation area in Harpenden.

Yours faithfully

P. C. Hughes

Assistant Director (Policy & Design)

* please accept our apologies for the delay in sending out this letter.