

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1985, at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Public Hall.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 20th March, 1984
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Committee
8. Report on the Society's 1985 Award
9. Forthcoming Events
10. Any other business
11. Date of next Annual General Meeting

If you wish to make a nomination for election of an Officer or Committee Member, please use the form below. In order to verify that the person you nominate is willing to stand for election, please obtain his or her signature in the space provided. Further forms can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary if required. The completed forms must be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than the 27th February, 1985.

To: The Hon. Secretary, The Harpenden Society,  
Mr. H. J. Bush, 9, Hawthorn Close, Harpenden.

I, ..... hereby nominate .....  
 (name of Nominee)  
 of .....  
 (address of Nominee)

for election as Chairman/Vice Chairman/Treasurer/Secretary/Committee Member  
(strike out words which do not apply)

Date ..... (Your signature)

I, the above Nominee, agree to stand for election.

.....

**Signature of Nominee**

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 March 1985 at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Public Hall.

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

1. APOLOGIES: President Cllr. C. Curl, Mr. S. Bastow and Mr. E. Truslove.
2. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 March 1984 were read by the Secretary, and approved.
3. MATTERS ARISING: None.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman spoke of his association with the Society over the past seven to eight years as a committee member and for the last two years as its Chairman. He said the same problems faced the Society, and it had been active in countering threats by developers and other vandals in their attempts to disfigure Harpenden, and continues to be involved in the development of local amenities offering advice and resources.

Members will remember that last year no suitable project had been worthy of the presentation of the Society's Award.

The Society has been deeply involved in the creation of the Nicky Way, now almost complete and improvements to bus shelters, which are still continuing.

During the year some members made a visit to Ware to view that Society's successful restoration of two 18th century riverside gazebos.

Other activities have been guided walks (a further one to take place shortly), continued plans monitoring and close association with the U.L.V.G.

It was with regret he reported the loss of Mrs. Ann Russell, the Society's Press Officer, on her moving from the district.

It had been a successful and stimulating year with the holding of successful well-attended meetings, and continued circulation of the Newsletter. He thought members would like to know that similar organisations, outside Harpenden, admired this Society.

He concluded by thanking the Committee for its support and hard work during the past year.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the audited accounts for 1984 were distributed. At year ending 31 December 1984, the Society had an excess of income over expenditure of £362, with a balance in hand of £2,380. Subscriptions and donations amounted to £1,362, an increase of 5%. £390 had been spent on printing and advertising, including £253 for advertising in the Harpenden Forum.

Proposed by Mrs. L. Wang and seconded by Mr. L. Matthews that the Treasurer's report be approved was agreed unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Ward said all the Principal Officers have agreed to stand again, and there were no other nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman,



Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman:	Mr. K. Jennings	)	
Vice-Chairman:	Dr. F.J. Moore	)	Proposed: Lady Bawden
Secretary:	Mr. H.J. Bush	)	Seconded: Mrs. Haslar
Treasurer:	Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll	)	

The above Officers were duly elected.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: As reported earlier by the Chairman, Mrs. Ann Russell had moved to Oxford and Mr. Ward placed on record the thanks of the Society for all her past work, for and on behalf of the Society.

Mrs. P. Morwood, Minute Secretary, retires under the 3-year rule, and a vote of thanks was recorded.

Three nominations had been received for election to the Committee:-

Mrs. Margerie Waldren, Committee Member	)	
coopted during the past year and now	)	Proposed: Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow
Editor of the Newsletter	)	Seconded: Mrs. L. Wang
Miss Isabel Leek, Minute Secretary	)	
Mrs. P. Mowbray, Committee Member	)	

The above were elected unanimously.

8. REPORT ON THE SOCIETY'S AWARD: The Chairman addressed the meeting on the making of the Society's Award. The Panel consisted of the Society's President, Cllr. C. Curl, former Vice-Chairman Mrs. Ann Godfrey, Committee Member John Holderness and himself. The number of nominations was a record. Some nominations could not be allowed, such as the Nicky Way, Southdown Car Park and Harpenden Lodge which were not complete - for the Award development must have been completed in the previous year.

There was one special nomination, made by Lady Bawden, for Mr. P. Wilson and members of the U.L.V.G. for their work over the past 40 years on the conservation of the Upper Lea Valley, including the riverside walk (former Harpenden East railway line). Mr. Ward said the Panel had not been able to look closely at this proposal, but it would be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and although it does not qualify in the sense of putting a plaque on a new development, he thought the Society might be able to do something special.

He summarized the nominations as follows:-

Marquis of Granby P.H. Not a complete restoration, but rescuing it from some of the maintenance inflicted over the years. Members were told it was well worth looking at. Highly commended.

Oggelsbys. A very busy site on a busy road. Members' attention was drawn to some of its virtues. Detail of the work in the forecourt area is of excellent quality and the engineering treatment of the canopy very good. Planting and fence in sympathy with remainder of site. Best looking filling station for many miles around. Well worth looking at.

Review Travel. Fits in well with existing shops. Good brickwork and a pleasant development.

Office block, south side, Thompson's Close. Two very high quality buildings. Excellent architectural furniture.

Sun Lane/High Street, office block. Both the Society and Plans North (District Council) have been at loggerheads with the developers over the height of the building. Taken to Appeal and District Council overruled. Good quality, but it is too high and overshadows listed building on the corner.

Waitrose. Architects and developers were always willing to discuss local suggestions and recommendations. Very carefully designed and constructed, excellent brickwork, inlaid tiles, hardwood windows and pillars, and standard of shop fittings very high. A welcome addition was 139 car park spaces. The Panel liked the fencing around car park, retention of trees and centre tree and shrub. The provision of the footpath from Leyton Green was due to Mrs. L. Wang who pressed for pedestrian as well as vehicle entry. Altogether a development well suited to Harpenden and this location, in particular. Therefore, the Panel agreed on Waitrose as the Award Winner. Mr. Paul Usher, a former Chairman, had put in hand the preparation of the Plaque, and when it is completed a ceremony in the presence of Architect and Local Manager will take place.

9. FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Attendance at public meetings had been good. For the next session, September 1985/February 1986, topics in mind are Harpenden Town Centre Inset Plan, Stansted and Batford. Another suggestion, made by Lady Bawden, is for a public meeting in Batford to bring out the environmental problems in that area.

It was difficult to complete a fixture card for the whole year, as speakers are unwilling or unable to commit themselves so far ahead, and printing has to be undertaken at the beginning of June. It has been decided to issue the fixture card complete with date, place and time of meetings, with a blank for the name of the speaker, to enable members to enter these particulars, which will be advertised in the Newsletter.

Members were reminded that a walk in Sauncey Woods/Batford has been arranged for 12 May 1985 meeting in the car park opposite the Dolphin P.H. at 2.00 p.m.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Society recorded its thanks to the auditor, Mr. Barnes, for the audit of the accounts:

Proposed: Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll  
Seconded: Mr. W.G. Hasler.

The first half of the meeting was declared closed.

11. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Wednesday, 5 March 1986.



## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 25th June, 1985.

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Present: Mr. K. Jennings, in the Chair  
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. J. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Miss I.M. Leek,  
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mrs. P. Mowbray,  
Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J.A. Holderness,  
Mr. A. Mellody, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mr. E. Truslove, Mr. M.F. Vincent.

### 29. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 28th May, 1985  
Were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following:

- Item 21(b) - paragraph to be amended by the inclusion of the title  
"BR" before "and the Town Council".
- Item 21(c)(i) - paragraph to be amended by the inclusion of the sentence  
"Residential occupation ... satisfactorily rehoused"  
found under paragraph 2(c)(ii).
- Item 21(c)(if) - paragraph to be amended by the deletion of the sentence  
"Residential occupation ... satisfactorily rehoused".
- Item 21 ( ) (iv)- both paragraphs to be headed "Trees".  
and (v)
- Item 21(c)(v) - paragraph to be rewritten as "The occupant was advised  
to write personally to the District Council regarding  
the felling of mature trees and request TPOs as  
possible protection".

### 30. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Programme Cards (Minute 20(g))

Mr. Bush said that the cards had been printed at a cost of £51  
as compared with £108 last year. A sample card was passed  
around and opinions on the production results were invited.

#### b. Transport (Minute 21(b))

Mr. Haslar asked for clarification of the requirement for points  
of agreement between the Transport Group, BR and the Town Council  
to be contained in correspondence. Following lengthy discussion  
it was agreed that written communication was preferable for  
recommendations or specific requests from the Society and replies  
from BR and the Town Council.

#### c. Overstone Road /Gilpin Green (Minute 21(c)(viii))

The Secretary confirmed that he had written to the freeholder's  
solicitors stating that the Society had not given them any  
instructions and would not pay their professional account.

d. Membership Report (Minute 22)

The Secretary reported that 144 subscription reminders had been circulated with the July newsletter.

e. Eric Morecambe Trust (Minute 25)

The Secretary reported that the donation of £300 had been paid and a letter of appreciation received from the Trustee acting as Treasurer.

f. BR Questionnaire (Minute 26)

It was noted that 224 forms had been returned. It was agreed that the response should be reported in the newsletter.

31. REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Plans

5/0709/85 9 and 11 Clarendon Road - erection of 21 flats by H.P. Tolley Ltd.

Objection has been made on the grounds that the proposed development is too dominating and dense for the location having serious repercussions on mature trees.

5/0736/85 Land at 5 Stewart Road - erection of 6 houses  
5/0737/85LB

Objection has been made on the grounds that the development is still too dense and will result in serious parking problems.

5/0696/85 Rear of Poynings Close - change of use from agricultural to residential.

Objection has been made on the grounds that the land is Green Belt. There is an active Residents' Association in this locality.

5/0768/85 28 Leyton Road - change of use to storage and retail of building materials, parking of vehicles and erection of building.

Objection has been made on the grounds that the volume of traffic may create problems at the roundabout and there would need to be tight control over hours of business, height of material being stored and screening.

5/0787/85 6 Vaughan Road - change of use to 100% as offices.

It was agreed to object unless the change of use could be restricted to use by the present occupant in his profession as an optician.

Office Development      The Secretary reported that he had received a letter from the District Council stating that:

- (i) the anticipated ending of 'occupancy controls' would render any existing 'local user' condition an unenforceable condition.
- (ii) while noting the Society's comments on the essential character of Harpenden, Policy 20 of the District Plan permits, in certain circumstances, office development in the Harpenden "inset map area".

The Secretary reported that the Hertfordshire Society 1985 Year Book shows that that Society will support organisations such as the Harpenden Society in action against planning applications.

b. Commons and Greens

Dr. Moore reported on a meeting of the Town Council Commons and Greens Committee on the 12th June, 1985:-

(i) Common

No tenders for hay cutting had been received to date. The Town Council is looking for a farmer who will cut free in return for the hay.

(ii) Harpenden Motors site

The Town Council have agreed that current plans encroach on the green. Their own detailed plan had been sent to the District Council with the request that that authority ensures that any future plans do not so encroach.

The petrol pumps on site are located on the green and covered by a wayleave.

The Town Council will not remove the chestnut tree.

(iii) Litter Bins

The bin sponsored by The Lions to mark their work will be a pebbled type as already in use at Southdown and outside Sainsburys. The Town Council are buying 6 spare bins.

(iv) Public Seats

The Town Council admitted responsibility for weed control at these sites.

(v) Bus Shelters

A list of Town Council responsibilities was tabled but not discussed. This included maintenance and replacement of bus shelters.

c. Transport

Mr. Haslar reported:-

(i) Bus Shelters

Although working party numbers have been very poor, progress has been maintained. After discussion it was agreed that no work would be carried out on the West Common shelter. Common Lane, Batford and Kinsbourne Green shelters remain to be dealt with.

The next working party will be at Kinsbourne Green on Sunday, 14th July. Mrs. Wang said she had details of volunteers for July and August.

Mrs. Wang raised for discussion:-

(i) Fresh Fish Van

This vehicle <sup>had parked</sup> ~~parks~~ on double yellow lines across the pedestrian ramp outside the old Woolworths store. Traffic wardens agree there is a problem. The question was raised as to whether the owner had obtained permission to trade there.

(ii) Parking by Barclays Bank

Pressure should be exerted for double yellow lines to avoid parking on the bend.

(iii) BR Station

The inadequacy of the waiting room on platform 1. The matter had been referred to BR's own environmental organisation due to lack of local funds.

d. Environmental

Mrs. Wang said that:-

(i) Group Meeting

A meeting of all who had been active in the work parties and others who were interested in environmental matters had been held when she had reported on the wider aspect of the Group's work. Points raised included:-

- A. concern over the lack of maintenance of the Cravells Road car park.
- B. maintenance of the cottages in Grove Road which had been bought by a developer.
- C. air raid shelter at Southdown. While the shopkeepers appeared to favour its removal, to the previous occupiers it has sentimental value. It



had been discovered that the shelter had been built for the benefit of Post Office employees. Mr. E. Truslove was asked to write to the local Postmaster to enlist his help if possible.

Other matters discussed and of interest to the Group were:-

(ii) Thompsons Close

Despite an undertaking to do so, the paving had not yet been replaced.

(iii) Litter Bins

Having asked the public to suggest suitable sites, the Town Council had run out of funds. <sup>for 1984/5</sup>

(iv) Dark Lane Tip

Concern was expressed over the lack of organisation. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to propose to the District Council, who administer the tip on behalf of the County Council, that the opening hours be extended by half an hour at the beginning of the day. Concern should be expressed also at the state of disorganisation and the lack of empty skips at week-ends.

(v) Public Toilets

These required upgrading, especially those on the Green by the Harpenden Motors site. Support would be given to the incorporation of new facilities in a development of this site.

(vi) Hospital Sign

The sign at the corner of Carlton Road was considered inadequate. After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should ask the Friends of the Hospital if they could provide a new sign.

(vii) Estate Agents' Boards

Oversized boards were causing concern. Regulations re. maximum sizes would be checked.

(viii) Railway Footbridge

Graffiti had been renewed despite painting the bridge black. The Committee was asked to come forward with suggestions

(ix) St. Albans' Civic Society

Attention of the public had been brought to the problem of old properties being allowed to deteriorate beyond repair.

(x) Work Party

Police Station weeding had been completed. Also the side of The George. This would be the last time this area was cleared and the position would be publicised in the newsletter.

(xi) Photographic Records

The Committee was urged to take a photographic record of matters of environmental concern such as maltreated trees.

(xii) Required Landscaping

A letter of appreciation had been sent to the District Council following action at Green Lawns Garage, 42 Coldharbour Lane and Amenbury Car Park.

The District Council had been asked if there was a requirement to replace dead trees planted as a screen.

The District Council's attention had been drawn to the poor condition of the planting alongside the Tennis Club boundary, Amenbury Lane Car Park.

(xiii) 40 Luton Road

A letter had been sent to the Community Services Administrator, N.W. Herts Health Authority to point out that the treatment of the lime tree at the Luton Road Health Clinic does not conform with BS requirements and that a more sensitive and knowledgeable approach by the contractor could have fulfilled the complaining neighbour's needs without mutilating the tree.

(xiv) Survey of Free Standing Advertisements outside retail premises

The Survey made in 1981 was being updated and extended to cover shop window advertisements.

Mrs. Waldren voiced the appreciation of the Committee for Mrs. Wang's participation in the work parties.

Mr. Ward asked if the Society could remonstrate with the District Council over the use of red paint on Harpenden Hall and in Southdown.

e. ULVG

Mr. Ward's written report was read to the meeting:-

(i) Meetings had been held to discuss the construction and location of the memorial.

(ii) The mutually agreed proposition was:-

A. a squat, stout pillar at the beginning of the Lea Valley Walk bearing a metal plaque and the present

swan sign, this latter to be transferred from its wooden pillar in front of All Saints' Church. The new pillar to be in materials sympathetic to those used in the church.

- B. a second casting of the plaque to be erected at a point central to the main works.
- C. small plaques carrying ULVG identification and dates to be affixed to each of the four main works.

(iii) detailed costings were awaited. The estimated cost of plaques and paint is £248. The pillar, fixings and painting would be carried out by the ULVG as a project.

(iv) the proposed wording would require revision.

It was agreed to fund this project subject to the final details proving satisfactory.

### 32. ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK

The Secretary reported that the Civic Trust was proposing to make this an annual event. It was agreed that Mr. Bush and Mrs. Wang would formulate a project for 1986 with suggestions as to how it may be publicised.

### 33. LITTER AND DILAPIDATION

The scope of an informal meeting called by the Leader of the District Council, Councillor Rigby, on litter and dilapidation in the centre of St. Albans had been extended to cover Harpenden and Redbourn. It was agreed that Mrs. Wang and Mr. Ward would attend the meeting on the 3rd July, 1985.

### 34. ENERGY CONSERVATION

It was agreed that the subject of the recycling of rubbish to provide warmth and energy was too large a project for the Society.

### 35. NICKY WALK

Formal notification of the youth design competition was awaited.

### 36. WAITROSE

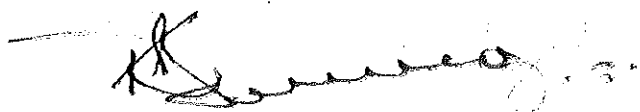
Mr. Haslar queried the whereabouts of the Society's plaque. Mr. Ward was asked to enquire of the Manager.

### 37. NEWSLETTER

The deadline for printing will be the 5th July, 1985.

### 38. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was called for Tuesday, 30th July, 1985.





THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 25th June 1985 at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Environment Week 1985.
6. Litter - District Council Meeting.
7. Any other business.
8. Date of next meeting.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 28th May, 1985

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Present: Mr. K. Jennings, in the Chair

Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. J. Clitherow, Miss I.M. Leek,  
Mr. L.G.J. Matthews, Mrs. P. Mowbray, Mr. E. Truslove,  
Mrs. M. Waldren and Mrs. L. Wang.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. A. Mellody,  
Dr. F.J. Moore, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mr. M.F. Vincent and Mr. E. Ward.

### 19. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 29th April, 1985 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:-

Item 10(e) - paragraph to be amended by the inclusion of the word "office" before "buildings".

Item 11(b)(i) - paragraph to be amended to read "..... Town Council's Commons and Greens Committee had decided ....."

Item 11(b)(ii) - paragraph to be amended to read "Dr. Moore had made, on behalf of the Society, requests for the gorse, ....."

Item 11(b)(iii) - paragraph to be amended to read "..... off oil, although the District Council ....."

Item 11(d)(i) - paragraph to be amended to read "The District Council stated that ..... carpark is the responsibility of Sainsburys, there were no funds, ....."

Item 11(f) - final paragraph to be amended by the addition of the words "with the intention of considering the Society's sponsorship".

### 20. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Meetings (Minute 10(d))

Mr. Truslove said that he had reactivated contact with the Batford Methodist Church and he hoped that their interest would produce some tangible results in the form of speakers for the Batford meeting.

It was noted that the Batford meeting was intended to be additional to the Society's standard programme.

Mr. Truslove said that he was also seeking a speaker for the February 1986 meeting. It was suggested that Dr. Moore might be asked to talk on the management of the Common and it was agreed to consider the matter further later in the year.

b. Harpenden Town Sign (Minute 10(b))

It was reported that a number of members had attended the Acceptance Ceremony on the 11th May and that a cheque for £300 had been handed to the Chairman of the Town Council.

c. Plans (Minute 10(e))

The Secretary reported that his letter to the District Council had been acknowledged only at the present time.

d. May Walk (Minute 10(h))

Mrs. Wang reported that on a cold day some twenty members had attended, some of whom were new. Two separate circular walks had been enjoyed.

e. Newsletter - Ice (Minute 10(i))

The Secretary reported that the District Council had provided the form of words as promised.

f. Waitrose (Minute 15)

The Chairman reported that thirty-five members had attended the presentation of the Society plaque. A letter of appreciation had been received from Waitrose Ltd.

g. Programme Cards (Minute 17)

The Secretary reported that printing was in hand.

h. ULVG (Minute 10(f))

The Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of the ULVG Committee and had been impressed by their unabated enthusiasm. The Committee had appeared to be happy to have the Group's work recognised publicly and had made the suggestion that the weir could be named 'Wilson's Weir'.

Mr. Ward said that Mrs. H. Catterfeld, Mr. P. Usher and he would be meeting the next day.

i. Ware Society (Minute 14)

Mr. Truslove reported that he had been unable to contact the Secretary by telephone and would therefore write to remind the Society of the outstanding invitation.



21. REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Plans

5/0405/85      The Pitts, 102 Grove Road - use of premises for storage and distribution.

Objection has been made on the grounds that the depot is out of character with the surrounding residential district. However, if planning permission, which may be to regularise a contravening use, is given, constraint should be placed on the hours of business and nuisance from noise and restricted to a maximum of five years.

5/0319/85      2 High Street - redevelopment by Colin Grant International to provide ground floor new car showrooms, offices on first floor, 2 flats on second.

Deferment of a decision had given the opportunity for further comment. While urging the Council to stand firm under the multiplicity of schemes submitted, the Society recommended a building which would retain the feeling of spaciousness, would not dominate The George and was not bulky or ugly. Further some unobtrusive off street parking should be provided.

It was understood that, apart from car parking, the current plan had been accepted. The problem of inadequate car parking provision had been referred to the main Planning and Development Committee.

Mrs. Wang said that she had written personally to The Herts Advertiser and to the District Council reiterating the importance of the site. Although the ridge had been lowered and the tower abandoned, the proposed building was still three feet higher than The George and the hard standing of the forecourt encroached on to the publicly owned green. The trees were still not correctly plotted on the plan and the horse chestnut would require lopping for a two storey building. The Committee had said that as the tree was outside the plan area it could not interfere. The Town Council had been asked to investigate both the encroachment on the green and the fate of the tree.

5/0487/85      9 Meadow Walk - erection of detached bungalow and integral garage by E.E. Beatty Estates.

Objection has been made on the grounds that the proposed bungalow with integral garage appears to be too large for the site.

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5/0489/85

Moreton End School, 53 Luton Road - erection of a single storey cloakroom block.

The proposed building replaces a portacabin which appears to be used as a classroom at the present time.

The loss of six conifer trees is regretted.

5/0490/85

Little Fold Cottage, Hatching Green - erection of garage by Harpenden Projects.

A garage more in keeping with the area, with a pitched roof, would be preferred.

5/0547/85

18 Station Road - British Shoe Corporation, change of use of part of first floor from residential accommodation to retail shop.

The loss of residential accommodation should be resisted and the application refused.

5/030A/85

1b Leyton Road - Timpsons, alterations to interior of premises, provision of external sign.

The proposal for the new sign does nothing to improve the appearance of this building.

5/0567/85

The Spinney, West Common, land adjoining.

Objection has been made to the development of a bungalow in the rear garden of 42 West Common on the grounds that no plan has been provided to indicate existing trees and landscaping; double banking and development of backland is unsatisfactory and creates a hazard in the event of fire; and there should be no further crossings of the common land, access in the event of the development being allowed being by way of existing entrances for either no. 42a or 42.

5/1019/84

Junction Roundwood Lane/Luton Road - erection of warden-assisted flats.

The appeal against this refusal to allow the development has been allowed by the DOE, subject to no tree or hedge being removed without consent, the provision of a scheme for landscaping and all landscaping to be completed in the first season of occupation.

The Secretary said that publicity had been given at the District Council meeting to DOE circular no. 185, which gives examples of conditions which are considered unreasonable in dealing with planning applications.

b. Transport

Mr. Haslar's written report was read to the meeting:-

(i) Bus Shelters

The High Street shelters had both been sanded, the one on the west side oiled and the one on the east side cleaned ready for oiling. Time tables, posters and boards had been obtained from Garston Garage to be affixed after oiling.

The Southdown shelters had also both been sanded, the one on the east side oiled and the seat repaired. The unsafe condition of the shelter on the west side was reported to the Town Council, who have put repair work in hand. When this work is completed the shelter will be oiled and time-table boards affixed.

Weather permitting, volunteers are sought to join in work at Southdown from 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 29th May.

Mrs. Wang questioned the <sup>BL and</sup> method of communication between the Transport Group and the Town Council. It was agreed that it was essential for points of agreement to be contained in correspondence and not simply to be the subject of verbal contact.

c. Environmental

Mrs. Wang reported:-

(i) Rear Arden Grove

Mr. J.D. Peters, a director of Jarvis, had written to disagree that the proposed development would affect the mature trees. Following a meeting on site, Mr. Peters had given reassurances regarding the possibility of trees being felled in years after completion of the development following complaints regarding the restriction of window light.

(ii) Vaughan Road

Mr. Peters said Jarvis was hoping to redevelop in this location and to improve the street scene. Residential occupation had not been revealed on the planning application and although officially this amenity should have been replaced, the occupant had been satisfactorily re-housed. \*

(iii) 12 Park Rise

The occupant had sought the Society's assistance with a litter problem on the footpath from Roundwood Park school to Luton Road. It was agreed that the Society would write to the headmasters of all local schools in due course.



- (iv) 40 Luton Road (Trees)

This matter was being followed up.

- (v) Shepherds Way (Trees)

The occupant was advised to write personally regarding the felling of mature trees. *and request TPO's as possible protection to District Council*

- (vi) Work Party *W*

The weeding of the fronts of the Police Station and the Further Education Centre was nearing completion. The litter outside The George had been picked up and, although the landlord's help had been enlisted, his co-operation was unlikely.

- (vii) Lower Bowers Way car park boundary fence

Sainsbury have denied responsibility. The matter has been left to the District Council and Sainsburys for resolution.

- (viii) Overstone Road/Gilpin Green

Following a telephone call to the managing agents of Groundrent Securities, the freeholders, to enquire if anything could be done to improve the site, the agents had suggested that the Society should buy the land. They had been informed that the Society was a charity without funds or facilities for land purchase or on-going maintenance.

An unsolicited offer of a Licence for the Society to look after the property had been received from the freeholder's solicitors, together with a bill for professional services. The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Society had made no requests for legal action nor had it given these solicitors any instructions in the matter and to return the professional account.

It was noted that a letter had been received from a local resident stating that, having brought the matter to the attention of the managing agents, permission had been given for local residents to clear the site if they so wished.

Mr. Jennings said that a disabled pavement slope would be beneficial by The George bus shelter. It was noted that, while this was the responsibility of the District Council, the existing ramps had been installed by the Town Council during the Year for the Disabled.

d. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported:-

## (i) Green

Following a meeting with a representative of the District Council on site it was ascertained that large pebbles were not popular owing to the risk of pedestrians slipping on them. The District Council suggested pea shingle. Although it was thought that pea shingle would spread on to the road, collect dirt and litter and compact, and, resembling a footpath, would attract pedestrians, the District Council's suggestion was accepted as better than no action at all. It was agreed that part of the length would be surfaced as a trial for twelve months and the rockery would be continued round the corner to protect the shrubs.

The District Council suggested that there might be a case for a permanent official footpath across the Green.

## (ii) Road Sweeping and Maintenance

The District Council agreed that it was their responsibility to cleanse around the Cravells Road Garages and Dark Lane and that these matters would be attended to.

The Society had been advised to write direct to the Director of the District Council regarding road sweeping services between Fine Fare and the Tip.

## (iii) It was noted that occupiers of cottages at the lower end of Cravells Road on Grove Road had received letters from a developer seeking to buy their properties.

## (iv) Rear of Shops

Efforts would be made to discover the ownership of the old communal air raid shelter in order to deal with its removal.

## (v) St. John's Footpath

It was evident that this development was being well used.

c. ULVG

Mr. Haggard's written report was read to the meeting:-

- (i) Following the re-siting by the Council of the memorial seat to Mrs. Powlesland in the Marquis Lane Playing Field beside the footpath leading to the river, users have had to negotiate a steep bank between the seat and the footpath. The Group had constructed three steps and provided a hand-rail.

- (ii) A party of volunteers from the YHA in Luton had replaced the barrier below the footbridge which raised the level of the cress bed and cut down and tidied up broken branches of trees along the line of the cress bed between the footbridge and All Saints Church.

It was noted that following the theft of over £100 worth of tools, efforts would be made by the Secretary to include the replacements on the Society's insurance policy.

It was agreed that Mr. E. Ward (substitute Mr. E. Truslove) would attend the meeting called for the 12th June, 1985.

22. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

While over ~~three~~<sup>two</sup> hundred subscription reminders have had to be sent out in July for the past three years, the current number of unpaid subscriptions was one hundred and fifty-five.

23. DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

Items of interest lifted from the Minutes of the District Council Sub-Committees presented to the District Council Meeting on the 24th April, 1985 were noted.

24. HIGHFIELD OVAL

The Society had received details of a proposal for conversion of the facilities of the Highfield Oval for use by the disabled and elderly and for recreational use by the residents of North Harpenden following the sale by the National Children's Home. The proposal contained no suggestions for financing the project.

Mrs. Wang said that she recommended that the Society should write to the District Council to express concern about the future of the land and the use to which it may be put and to support the development proposal.

It was agreed that, although it was difficult to make constructive comments until there are feasibility details, the Society would write to the proposers expressing an interest in further details as they may become available.

25. ERIC MORCAMBE MEMORIAL TRUST

It was agreed that a donation of £300 be given to the Trust immediately.



## 26. B.R. QUESTIONNAIRE


An interest was expressed in the response to the B.R. questionnaire, regarding a through-London railway, which had been completed at Spotlight.

## 27. CIVIC SERVICE

An invitation had been received from the Town Council for a representative to attend the Civic Service on Sunday, 16th June, 1985.

## 28. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was called for Tuesday, 25th June, 1985.



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28th May 1985 at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Treasurer's report
6. Membership report
7. District Council Minutes - notes attached - any comments?
8. Highfield Oval - forthcoming closure of N.C.H. - to consider and state our views on the attached suggestions
9. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust - donation
10. Any other business
11. Date of next meeting

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 29th April, 1985

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

In Attendance: Mrs. H. Catterfeld

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Holderness, Mr. L.G.J. Matthews, Mr. I. McNicoll and Mrs. M. Waldren.

### 9. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 25th March, 1985 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:-

Committee Members present - Mr. J. Holderman to read Mr. J. Holderness  
and Mr. P. Melbury to read Mrs. P. Mowbray.

Item 1 - Committee Members- Mrs. P. Melbury to read Mrs. P. Mowbray

Item 4(d)(iii) - Environ- Green Lanes Garage to read Green Lawns  
mental Garage

Item 4(d)(v) - paragraph to be amended to read "TPO tree  
felling - the suggestions that TPO protected  
trees for felling be listed prior to  
Planning Meetings be treated in the manner  
of planning applications had been rejected."

Item 4(e)(vi) - Mr. Truslove to read Mr. Truslove.

### 10. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Spotlight on Leisure (Minute 3(a))

Congratulations were extended to the organisers of the Society's stand. Favourable comment had been received from the public and six new members had been recruited.

The raffle of the camera had raised £102.

#### b. Harpenden Town Sign (Minute 3(b))

The Secretary said that an invitation had been received from the Town Clerk on behalf of the Chairman of the Town Council for

representatives of the Society to attend the Acceptance Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Saturday, 11th May.

c. Eric Morcambe Memorial Trust (Minute 3(c))

The Secretary reported that the total fund now stood at £7,000 plus secured covenants representing £9,000 over the next three years. A fund-raising ball would be held in the Public Hall in May. With a little more financial help the first project, the provision of tiered seating in the Public Hall, could be carried out.

It was agreed to discuss the Society's contribution at the next Committee Meeting.

d. Meetings (Minute 3(d))

Mr. Truslove reported that three speakers had been booked, although there had been no positive response from enquiries for speakers on the subject of Batford. It was reiterated that the intention was to hold the meeting in Batford with a mixture of historical matter and current local problems on the programme.

e. Plans (Minute 3(e))

The Secretary <sup>office</sup> had in hand the pursuit of the question about the erection of buildings with no tenants in view and how many more of these developments would be built in Harpenden.

f. ULVG (Minute 3(f))

Mrs. Wang said that she considered that the Society's link with the Group was very valuable.

g. Annual General Meeting (Minute 3(g))

All Committee Members were asked to make suggestions for the 1986 meeting's special attraction.

h. May Walk (Minute 3(h))

Mrs. Wang said that arrangements had been made for there to be 'leaders' at the front and rear of the party and that, if sufficient members attended, the party would be split into two.

i. Newsletter - Ice (Minute 3(i))

The Secretary reported that the District Council had offered to produce a form of words suitable for reproduction.

j. Southdown (Minute 4(e))

The Secretary reported that the District Council had replied to his letter (Minute 3(e)(v) refers) to the effect that, subject to the availability of funds, they agreed to the refurbishment of

the Fine Fare area with the construction of a fence, reinforcement planting in front of the fence and rebuilding of the damaged wall. In addition the access road would be widened with the loss of two parking spaces.

k. District Council Minutes (Minute 6)

The Secretary reported that his letter on the subject of the reduction of car parking charges had been acknowledged

l. Any Other Business - County Structure Plan - Alterations  
Minute 7(c)

The Secretary reported that his letter to the County Council on the subject had been acknowledged.

11. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Plans

5/0319/85 2 High Street - Redevelopment by Colin Grant International to provide ground floor new car show-rooms, offices on first floor, 2 flats on second.

This is a fresh application from a different developer and the plans available for public scrutiny are both inaccurate and incomplete. The proposed building appears to be too high and too dominating and there is no on-site parking provision. The Society has suggested that the office and residential accommodation could be confined to the first floor, thus allowing the roof to be lowered.

5/0264/85 61 High Street - Objection has been made in principle to the change of use of High Street premises from shop to office use.

5/0284/85 96 High Street - Although precedents may make refusal for the premises to be used for take-away hot foods difficult, conditions should be imposed in respect of ventilation of cooking smells to avoid nuisance to local residents.

5/0287/85 Roundwood Lane - Light Industrial Units. Objection has been made in principle. The area of the units is considered dense for this site, which is in an area of primarily residential use. If permission is granted for light industry conditions should be imposed regarding noise and fume emission, landscaping and parking.

- 5/0320/85 Crabtree Fields - Erection of Store by Harpenden Light Operatic Society. Reference was made to an exchange of correspondence (our letter of 6th September, 1984 and Mr. Hughes' reply of 17th September under ref. CMH/JPTP/6/10) on the subject of Crabtree Fields. We think that the overall scheme Mr. Hughes states was being prepared should be finalised and approved before the present application is considered, as it appears the building could be encroaching on the outdoor recreational area. Should approval be given eventually the finish of the roof, doors and side walls should be in a dark colour in an effort to make the building as unobtrusive as possible.
- 5/0335/85 71 Grove Road - Erection of two houses by Jarvis (Harpenden) Homes Ltd. The plot is too narrow for two houses, resulting in garages being placed in front of the dwellings. Vehicles leaving the new development would add to traffic hazards. Some quite lofty cupressus type trees, forming a short avenue and something of a local feature, would be lost. These problems would be overcome and others eased if one detached house replaced the two 'semis'.
- 5/0352/85 Agdell Cottage, Hatching Green - Erection of detached dwelling and garage for existing dwelling by R. Allsop. The site is in that part of Hatching Green where the old-world charm still survives. The 'land adjoining' appears to be a large part of the garden of Agdell Cottage. There is a row of modest cottages on either side, one row at an angle. The proposed dwelling, apart from occupying, with garden and garage, a much larger plot than is left for Agdell Cottage, is too high and too large in plan for that part of the Green and therefore too dominating and out of character.
- AMENDED  
5/0319/85 2 High Street. The Society cannot support this application, the latest of a series which has been unacceptably dominating on a site which is not suitable for such high development. In addition, the introduction of a 'tower' as a feature has not been successful; the increase in the area of hard-standing of the High Street forecourt to accommodate long-term parking would extend the unsightly line of cars already parked in front of The George; and inaccurate plotting of trees, commented on in the Society's previous letter, has not been rectified.

The Society favoured Application 5/0447/84 which was withdrawn before it could be discussed by Plans North sub-committee.



b. Commons and Greens

Dr. Moore reported on the meeting of the Town Council held on the 9th April, 1985:

- (i) the report from Rothamsted Experimental Station on the soil sampling of common grassland had been received. Of the alternative courses of action suggested, the Town Council had decided to adopt the policy of wait and see. In the meantime the Council was not applying any fertiliser and was proceeding to tender for the hay. Commons & Greens Committee
- (ii) <sup>Dr. Moore had made on behalf of the Society</sup> ~~there were no funds available for compliance with the Society's~~ requests for the gorse to be cut in the spring as well as in the autumn and for saplings to be removed.
- (iii) there were no funds available during 1985 for the draining of the top pond in Southdown Road or for the provision of a small sump to drain off oil, although the District Council agreed that the work was needed.

c. Transport

Mr. Haslar reported:

- (i) the Town Council had approached the Society after receiving a complaint about litter from the railway embankment and car park. It was agreed not to involve the Society in this private matter.
- (ii) B.R. Station - the Secretary's letter (Minute 4(c)(ii) refers) had not yet been despatched. However, it had been ascertained in advance of a reply, that:
  1. the flower bed would not be reduced in size.
  2. the conversion of the old steps entrance from the goods yard car-park into a ramp for disabled entrance was not acceptable on the grounds that timbers were being replaced across the railway tracks. It was noted that this work had been outstanding for a considerable time.
  3. British Telecom had agreed to install a public telephone in the foyer and also in the car park.
  4. no special arrangements would be made for separate pedestrian access through the car park.
  5. B.R. was investigating car parking payment by 'Pay and Display'.

6. in view of the difficulty in the letting of properties, the redevelopment of the Station House site had been slowed down.

- (iii) Bus Shelters - only one volunteer helper had come forward. An account had been opened with Wilsons for the hire of machinery from the 8th May. Work would commence on the 9th May at Southdown. Woodwork would be obtained from the Pensioners' Workshop.

d. Environmental

Mrs. Wang reported:

- (i) The District Council <sup>states</sup> had agreed that, although the replacement of the missing panels in the fence of the lower Bowers Way carpark is <sup>under</sup> their responsibility, there were no funds available at the present time.
- (ii) Sainsbury have agreed to replace cycle racks in their forecourt.
- (iii) Green Lawns Garage - the District Council had been reminded that the green triangle fronting the garage had still not been planted in accordance with the planning application.

The District Council had been asked for its observations on the quality and proliferation of advertising in the forecourt. The District Council had referred to its Plans Committee the question of whether or not the box signs were in accordance with planning consent.

- (iv) because general standards of advertising had been causing concern, the District Council had been asked for clarification on what advertising is or is not officially acceptable and which type of advertising requires permission. It was hoped to interest the Town Council in these matters. Mrs. Wang asked Committee Members to bring forward items of concern.
- (v) a lime tree at 40 Luton Road had been mutilated by unprofessional lopping. The District Council had confirmed that permission for the work had not been requested and in any event the lopping was not in accordance with British Standards. The matter would be followed up.
- (vi) Work parties - David Newbury Ecob of the Luton Churches Community programme had offered the labour of his young members for work parties.
- (vii) Gilpin Green plot - the freeholders of the plot of land adjacent to 110 and 112 Overstone Road and 35 and 36

Gilpin Green were still being sought. Although it would be possible for a work party to make some superficial improvement, the area required machine work.

- (viii) Rothamsted Park - no progress had been made on discovering the owners of the land between the Sports Centre and the rear of the Fire Station. The County Council was considering the matter.
- (ix) Nicky Line - Mrs. Clitherow referred to the vandalism of private property by users of the path at the top end of Moreton Lane. It was agreed that all concerned should be encouraged to call the police when any problems arose.

e. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported:

- (i) Green - the letter to the District Council concerning pebbles, posts and concrete had been acknowledged. The suggestion had also been made that placing pieces of stone between the pebbles would prevent car parking.
- (ii) Mrs. M. Waldran had not been in touch with him regarding the problem of litter. However, the solution lay in the provision of additional litter bins.
- (iii) The Lions had agreed to provide a litter bin in the centre of the village to commemorate their work.
- (iv) enquiries were being made to ascertain whether, since the public tip had been privatised, services of the road sweeper had been retained by the District Council. Formerly two hours were spent daily between Fine Fare and the tip.
- (v) since the Grove Road/Cravells Road car park had been planted there had been no maintenance carried out.
- (vi) there had been no response from the Vicar following the improvement of the pavement in St. John's Road.

Mr. E. Ward undertook to investigate the <sup>Society's</sup> sponsorship of litter bins.

f. ULVG

Mrs. H. Catterfeld was welcomed to the meeting.

Following the suggestion by Lady Bawden that the work of the Group

should be commemorated in a permanent form, it had been ascertained informally from Mr. J. Haggard that such a memorial would be appreciated by the Group. It was agreed that the Society should recognise this work by a special award. A sub-committee of Mrs. H. Catterfeld and Messrs. P. Usher and E. Ward was appointed to formulate a positive suggestion for the form that the award should take.

Mrs. Wang reported that:

- (i) she had attended the ULVG committee meeting in April. It was agreed that Mr. K. Jennings (substitute Mr. E. Ward) would attend the meeting called for Monday, 13th May, 1985.
- (ii) the next work parties were organised for the 25th and 26th May when the vandalised seat on the railway track would be replaced.

Mrs. Wang undertook to extend the work of the Environmental Group to items which would affect the Lea Valley. The Plans Group would extend its activities similarly.

## 12. MEMBERSHIP OF GROUPS

The membership of the Groups would be subject to the following changes for 1985/86:

Plans	- Mr. M. Vincent - additional member
Southdown	- No change
Commons and Greens	- Dr. Moore had invited Mr. Sanders
Transport	- No change
Environmental	- Mr. P. Usher (?) Miss I.M. Leek - additional member

## 13. HARPENDEN SIGN

Following the announcement of the date of the Acceptance Ceremony, it was agreed that the Society would donate £300 towards the cost. Mr. E. Ward was asked to make arrangements for the payment.

## 14. THE WARE SOCIETY

It was agreed to invite the members of The Ware Society to visit Harpenden and to consult with them to establish suitable alternative dates.

The proposed visit would include a tour of buildings bearing the Society's plaque, the Lea Valley walk and refreshments.

15. WAITROSE

The Society's plaque would be presented to Waitrose on Wednesday, 1st May and a group of members of the Society had been invited to attend and to tour the store.

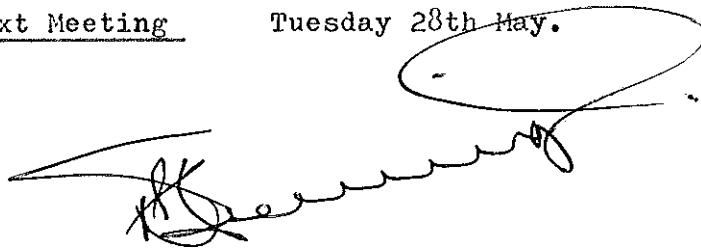
16. CIVIC TRUST ENVIRONMENT WEEK

The week had commenced on the 27th April and the Harpenden Society had been included in the county list supplied to the press for its work on the bus shelters.

17. FIXTURE CARDS

To be issued when the Secretary had received the dates of the booked meetings from September.

18. Date of next Meeting Tuesday 28th May.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. Seaman', is written below the text of item 18. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

A proposal from Batford Methodist Church Prayer Fellowship:

Re: HIGHFIELD OVAL, NATIONAL CHILDRENS HOME

- A. That the present site and houses, Church, Meeting Hall, Offices, School, Workshops, Garages etc. remain as they are.
- B. That they should be modernised and adapted for use as multi-purpose sheltered accommodation for the following groups of people:
- (1) Flats for elderly couples, able to cope by themselves at the time of occupation, but wishing to live in a community setting and able to use the facilities on site, with the possibility of transferring to warden-controlled accommodation when necessary.
  - (2) Flats for couples in need of warden-controlled accommodation because of frailty of one or both of the partners (could be any age; with one or both partner physically handicapped.)
  - (3) Single, widowed, handicapped people needing warden-controlled accommodation.
  - (4) Single, widowed, elderly people, or physically handicapped, wishing to live in 'bed-sit.' or small flat accommodation, sharing on site facilities.
  - (5) Young single parents in need of temporary accommodation while permanent housing is found.
  - (6) Bedsit accommodation for people with a history of mental illness but who would be able to cope in the community given a certain amount of supervision.
  - (7) Flats for 'Care' staff and their families.

The aim of this multi-purpose village would be to provide a certain amount of sheltered accommodation, imaginatively adapted, for use by the above people, who would be referred through Medical and Social Services in the usual way. Each resident would agree to help the Community establish itself and flourish as far as they are able to do so; for example, there would be the opportunity to gain new skills in workshops on site; opportunities for gardeners, allotment holders, help run a shop, drive the mini bus into Harpenden and surrounding towns, activities and games on the ground and in the meeting hall, opportunities to baby sit, granny sit .....

It is envisaged that there would be a need for a convalescent home on site; perhaps this could be the present offices, adapted for this special use, with perhaps even a few long term geriatric beds when people can no longer cope in their own flats.

The scheme would provide employment, both paid and voluntary. There would be need for wardens, care staff, nursing staff, workshop managers, people with craft and leisure skills, shopkeeper (perhaps even a sub-Post Office), Builders, decorators, maintenance people.

The village would be home for people of all ages, ability, colour and creed, but with the emphasis on providing good homes in a lovely setting for those with special needs.

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Signed on 10.4.85.

*Jan Lake.*  
*Brenda Abbiss*

*Janet Spengler.*  
*Ethel Smith.*

*E. Dunningworth*  
*M. Wans.*

Items of interest lifted from minutes of District Council Sub-Committees presented to District Council Meeting on 24th April 1985

1. Reported that A 1081 cycleway not used much due to bad surface. A request sent to County Council to take action.
2. Reply received from County to request for 30 mph limit all along Lower Luton Road. Request refused on grounds that the relevant length of road does not meet with the criteria for a limit and that the environment is such that motorists would not expect a limit there. County to investigate a remedial scheme for black spot at junction Leasey Bridge Road.
3. Traffic hazards - Dolphin P.H. Request to County for road widening to be given higher priority met with the reply that this will be considered as part of the County Transport Policy.
4. Traffic hazard - Wheathampstead Road/Aldwick Road junction. District have received from Harpenden T/Council a request to investigate. Will do so. District will also investigate increasing accident rate at junction A 1081/Redbourn Lane.
5. Parking outside Waitrose - recommended that double yellow lines be requested from the ends of the existing prohibited areas to the car park entrance.
6. Director of Works and Technical Services to investigate the whole problem of on-street parking in Harpenden.
7. Car park charges - Bowers Way. District to investigate a 1 hour/2 hours/3 hours rate at respectively 25p/40p/65p.
8. Parking in Bowers Way by Further Ed. Centre students. A request for a concession refused on the grounds that a cheaper all-day rate (45p) will be available at Amenbury Lane.
9. Parking on pavements. Although illegal, the difficulty of enforcement was referred to, and also the problem of transferring Council staff to this task. A suggestion made for the use of windscreen stickers warning offenders of prosecution.
10. Drainage at Sun Lane/Carlton Road. To be investigated.
11. Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map. Public consultation to be delayed until September/October 1985 and consideration and final approval dealt with in Spring 1986.



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 29th April at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Group Reports :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Membership of Groups.
6. ULVG special award.
7. Harpenden Sign.
8. Ware Society - invitation - programme.
9. Any other business.
10. Date of next meeting.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 25th March, 1985  
at 7.45 p.m.

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Present: Dr. F.J. Moore, in the Chair  
Mr. J. Bush, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. J. Holderman, Miss I.M. Leek,  
Mr. L.G.J. Matthews, Mr. P. Melbury, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang  
and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. Jennings, Mr. S. Bastow,  
Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. E. Truslove and Mr. M.F. Vincent.

### 1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The new Committee Members, Mrs. M. Waldren, who had been co-opted during the previous year, Miss I.M. Leek and Mrs. P. Melbury, were welcomed to the meeting.

### 2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19th February, 1985 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following amendments:-

Item 2.1 - Spotlight on Leisure - "Mr. Truslove had a discussion with Mrs. Davies (District Council) who agreed to provide 'something' for Spotlight" to be extended by the words "on the inset plan".

Item 6 - Treasurer's Report - "excess over income of £362 to read "excess of income over expenditure of £362".

Item 8 - Any Other Business - "St. Albans Civic Society" to read "St. Albans Society".

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Spotlight on Leisure

The Secretary reported that the letters to the Press had been despatched and the posters had been distributed. The Herts Advertiser had given publicity to the exhibition last week and The Review may cover it this week.

The Secretary reported also that he had had difficulty in obtaining volunteers to man the stand, although there remained several people he had yet to contact. Various committee members then offered their services.

It was noted that the plaque for the Harpenden Society Award had been received and would be displayed on the stand. The Chairman of the Award Committee, Mr. E. Ward, was asked to ensure that Waitrose had been informed of the award prior to the exhibition and had been asked also when they would like the presentation made. It was suggested that Waitrose be asked if the plaque could be put on exhibition in the store. It was also hoped to include details of these arrangements in the next Newsletter. The Press would be contacted.

E.W.

b. Harpenden Town Sign

Mr. Ward said that the Town Sign, presented in 1937 by the Harpenden Society, had disintegrated and had been removed for use in casting a fibre glass replica.

Donations already received by the Town Council towards the cost of the new sign included a camera and case from Home Counties Newspapers valued at approximately £100. It was agreed that the Society would raffle this camera on their Spotlight on Leisure stand, thereby obtaining publicity for the Society while helping the Town Council. It was agreed that five tickets would be sold for £1. The legal position had been cleared with the District Council.

The Society had promised a donation of unspecified amount and it was agreed to leave a decision on this matter until the result of the raffle was known.

It was agreed that, subject to its suitability for display, the original sign should be exhibited at Spotlight.

The Town Council had enquired about the final destination of the original sign. It was agreed that the Secretary should write formally to suggest that the sign be offered to the Local History Society.

J.B.

c. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust

It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter for a subsequent committee meeting.

d. Meetings

It was agreed to defer consideration of ideas for meetings until Mr. Truslove was present.

e. Plans

An unsatisfactory reply had been received from Mr. McKenna, District Council, following the Secretary's letter opposing any move to create a commercial centre. The reply explained that the provision that local residents' requirements be considered was not approved by the Minister and that occupancy by non-local firms may have to be permitted. No answer had been received to

the question about the erection of buildings with no tenants in view and how many more of these developments would be built in Harpenden. It was agreed that the Secretary should write back to pursue the two foregoing queries.

J.B.

f. ULVG

Mrs. Wang suggested that the Society's committee members take turns to attend ULVG monthly committee meetings as the Group was feeling isolated and the link could prove useful. It was agreed that, though the link was now very tenuous, Mrs. Wang should attend the Group's committee meeting on the 12th April and thereafter report on whether the link could be of value and the effort involved worthwhile.

g. Annual General Meeting

A report on the AGM would appear in the Newsletter.

It was agreed that following the disappointing attendance at the AGM future annual meetings should be enhanced with a special attraction for which arrangements should be made well in advance.

h. May Walk

Sunday, 12th May, 1985, meeting in the car park opposite the Dolphin P.H. at 2 p.m.

i. Newsletter - Ice

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the Town Council meeting had included this matter. He had therefore asked the Town Council to forward the reply when received from the District Council in order to avoid duplication of effort.

4. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Plans

5/0190/85 John Knighton Ltd. - Erection of dwelling adjacent 23 West Common.

This proposal is a new version of one commented on in a letter of 5th December, 1984. The gable end on the front elevation is still an obtrusive feature; treatment of the frontage should be in sympathy both as regards finishes and structure with existing cottages on either side of the plot.

5/0195/85 Harpenden Homes Ltd. - Insertion of windows and escape doors, erection of front dormer window and fire escape Field House, 8 Townsend Road.

Given that the external fire escapes are unavoidable,

ACTION

an attempt has been made to make them as unobtrusive as possible.

The escape doors, new windows and dormer window in the front should be as sympathetic as possible to those existing.

5/0211/85

Executors of E. Ward - Erection of 14 detached houses with garages - Paddock Wood.

This site is something of a "nature reserve", at least of recent years, and its loss would be a pity. There are three quite fine evergreen trees on the eastern side, the loss of which is deplored.

The scheme is unimaginative and presumably designed to get the maximum number of detached houses on the site. We would like to see 3 or 4 fewer houses on the site allowing for retention of mature fir trees on the eastern boundary and some variety of plan of the houses.

Ten or more houses are certain to create extra traffic in the area, and some problems in relation to existing properties, particularly on the west side.

At present the very sharp bend in Leycroft Way at the S.E. corner of the site is a potential hazard and the sight lines need to be permanently improved.

Appeal

by Maureen Mole, 96 High Street, Harpenden

The Harpenden Society supports the St. Albans District Council's policy of resisting change of use resulting in loss of residential accommodation. To the extent that it would lead to the loss of a viable residential unit, the Society therefore object to the proposal of Maureen Mole.

Appeal

by Mr. J. Arnott - Land adjoining 28 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden.

The Harpenden Society supports the St. Albans District Council in its refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of two detached houses with garages and garage for the existing house on land adjoining 28 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden.

The house at 28 Crabtree Lane, once the Lower Topstreet Farm House, is a listed building and the "land adjoining" forms the garden.

The Society considers that the proposal by Mr. J. Arnott presents a cramped form of development, while the new house on the Topstreet Way side of the site would be so close to the listed building as to be an undesirable development detrimental to the setting of the listed building and detract from its architectural features.

b. Commons and Greens

Dr. Moore reported on the meeting of the Town Council held on the 25th February, 1985:-

- (i) Major work on Bamville Wood - writing to local residents asking them not to use the site as a dump.
- (ii) fertiliser on main grass areas S. and N. Walkers Road - Rothamsted has taken samples and the Town Council has agreed to take no action until next year.
- (iii) lighting on A1081 from Bull Roundabout to Rothamsted entrance - the Society's suggestion that the lamps should be erected on the W. side to avoid spoiling the view across the common had been adopted for three lamps only. Regulations required lamps to be on the outside of a curve in the road however slight the curve.
- (iv) Nicky Way - no progress on planned meeting of relevant Town Councils and interested Societies to form a management committee. However, an invitation should be received from the District Council in due course, although there was no information regarding the committee's proposed terms of reference.

c. Transport

Mr. Haslar reported:-

- (i) B.R. railings repair - completed in 'Midland Railway' style.
- (ii) B.R. Station - inspection of the new station and car park had been carried out by himself, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Wang, Mrs. Clitherow and Mr. Matthews.

In the restoration of the buildings all suitable pieces of old masonry would be re-used. There were no complaints on the standards of workmanship or progress.

The revised plan for the goods yard car-park provided 505 spaces, a greater number of car parking spaces, following the removal of the engineers' railway line and some of the embankment. Only one tree would be felled.

ACTION

It was agreed that the Secretary should write to B.R. to request:-

J.B.

1. reduction in size of island flower bed to avoid obstruction of pedestrians.
2. conversion of old steps entrance from goods yard car-park into a ramp for disabled entrance. It was noted that provision would be made in this car park for two disabled parking spaces.
3. replacement of timber crossing over track.
4. provision of public telephone in waiting room/foyer.
5. pedestrian access separate from vehicular entrance to goods yard car park.

It was agreed to distribute 750 BR survey forms with the Newsletter and to place a further 250 forms on the Spotlight stand.

(iii) Bus Shelters - a progress report would appear in the Newsletter.

A generator and a sander would be hired and a week's programme devised for the heavy cleaning of the shelters at Southdown, High Street, Kinsbourne Green and West Common. A list of volunteers would be displayed at Spotlight. The necessary equipment would cost £500 and application would be made to the Treasurer for appropriate funds.

Mr. Haslar agreed to investigate the feasibility of the Secretary's suggestion that a sign should be displayed indicating that the work was being carried out by volunteers from the Harpenden Society. W.G.H.

The Secretary said that the bus shelter refurbishment had been reported to the Civic Trust as the Society's project for Environmental Week. The Editor of 'Heritage Outlook' had expressed interest and had been supplied with details and photographs.

d. Environmental

Mrs. Wang reported:-

- (i) Ashtons - had responded to the request to clear litter at the side of their offices.
- (ii) Police Station - the gentleman who cleared the garden and planted dahlias in 1984 had said that he intended to do so again in 1985. Assistance had been offered should he require it.



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- (iii) Green Lanes Garage - a newly erected sign is very obtrusive. The planting which formed part of the original application had not been carried out.
- (iv) Review Travel - a new illuminated fascia panel had been installed.
- (v) <sup>TPO</sup> Tree felling - the suggestions that <sup>TPO</sup> trees for felling be listed prior to Planning Meetings and that mature trees for felling be treated in the manner of planning applications had been rejected.
- (vi) TPO on trees, Paddock Wood - a formal request had been made for a TPO on a group of mature conifers growing near the eastern (Leycroft Way) boundary of a site now the subject of planning application ref. 5/0211/85. Attention had also been drawn to the endangering of another group in the SW corner by the proximity of proposed buildings and services.

e. Southdown

In the absence of Mr. Truslove, Mr. Bush reported:-

- (i) the District Council had agreed to provide additional waste paper bins.
- (ii) the laying of the pavement beside the Cravells Road wall was well advanced.
- (iii) the laying of the pavement in St. John's Road had been completed. This achievement had resulted from the Society's public meeting and should be publicised in the Newsletter.
- (iv) at the AGM Open Forum Councillor Mrs. S. Curl had suggested the use of pebbles as a solution to the damaging of the green triangle. It was agreed to raise the matter with the District Council and to publicise the problem in the Newsletter. Attention was also drawn to the necessity for retaining two unsightly lumps of concrete in view of the foregoing.
- (v) following receipt of the letter from Fine Fare (Minute 3, 19.2.85 refers) the District Council had not contacted the Society, although their agreement was known from the proceedings of the Plans North Committee meeting. The Secretary was asked to write to the District Council to clarify the matter. J.B.
- (vi) a problem of litter by Grove Road would be brought to the attention of Mr. <sup>Truslove</sup> Truslove.

f. ULVG

A written report had been received from Mr. Haggard indicating that:-

- (i) work parties added curved extensions to the handrails on the Batford end of the footbridge over the River Lea on the 23rd and 24th February.
- (ii) a number of young people from the YHA at Luton joined the work party on the 24th February.

At the AGM Lady Marjorie Bawden had suggested that a plaque should be erected to commemorate the work of the Group. This suggestion was discussed by the Committee.

5. GROUPS - 1985

The Chairman of the Groups were confirmed as follows:-

Plans	Mr. L.G.J. Matthews
Commons and Greens	Dr. F.J. Moore
Transport	Mr. W.G. Haslar
Environmental	Mrs. L. Wang
Southdown	Mr. E. Truslove
ULVG	Mrs. H. Catterfeld

It was agreed:-

- a. to await the next Committee meeting to arrange the composition of the Groups
- b. to allot a specific task to every Committee member for 1985
- c. to publish names in the Newsletter
- d. to invite Members of the Society, as distinct from Committee members to contact the Chairman if they wished to participate in the Groups.

6. DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES

With regard to item 1. in the following items of interest, the Secretary was asked to liaise with Mr. Haslar and then to write to the District Council with positive proposals for the reduction of car parking charges.

J.B.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESSa. Town Meeting - Monday, 1st April, 1985.

It was agreed to authorise Messrs. Haslar and Matthews to speak on behalf of the Society.

It was agreed to support the Town Council on the matters of the reduction of car parking charges and the control of office development.

b. Leisure Study of St. Albans District Council

Mr. Haslar queried whether Harpenden was included and if so whether or not the Society would receive a copy of the report.

c. County Structure Plan - Alterations

The Secretary reported that he had now received the comments of the Groups and would draft a letter to the County Council based on these comments.

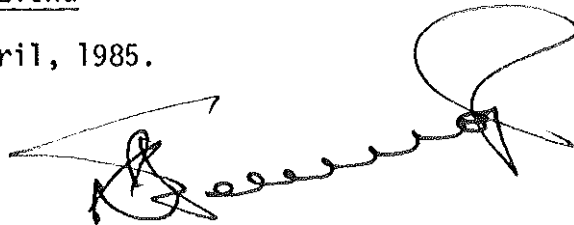
d. Newsletter

It was agreed to leave the report on Spotlight for the next issue.

Efforts would be made to improve the standard of printing.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 29th April, 1985.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Green', is written over the date. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 March 1985 at 7.30 p.m. in the Small Public Hall.

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

1. APOLOGIES: President Cllr. C. Curl, Mr. S. Bastow and Mr. E. Truslove.
2. MINUTES: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20 March 1984 were read by the Secretary, and approved.
3. MATTERS ARISING: None.
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman spoke of his association with the Society over the past seven to eight years as a committee member and for the last two years as its Chairman. He said the same problems faced the Society, and it had been active in countering threats by developers and other vandals in their attempts to disfigure Harpenden, and continues to be involved in the development of local amenities offering advice and resources.

Members will remember that last year no suitable project had been worthy of the presentation of the Society's Award.

The Society has been deeply involved in the creation of the Nicky Way, now almost complete and improvements to bus shelters, which are still continuing.

During the year some members made a visit to Ware to view that Society's successful restoration of two 18th century riverside gazebos.

Other activities have been guided walks (a further one to take place shortly), continued plans monitoring and close association with the U.L.V.G.

It was with regret he reported the loss of Mrs. Ann Russell, the Society's Press Officer, on her moving from the district.

It had been a successful and stimulating year with the holding of successful well-attended meetings, and continued circulation of the Newsletter. He thought members would like to know that similar organisations, outside Harpenden, admired this Society.

He concluded by thanking the Committee for its support and hard work during the past year.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT: A copy of the audited accounts for 1984 were distributed. At year ending 31 December 1984, the Society had an excess of income over expenditure of £362, with a balance in hand of £2,380. Subscriptions and donations amounted to £1,362, an increase of 5%. £390 had been spent on printing and advertising, including £253 for advertising in the Harpenden Forum.

Proposed by Mrs. L. Wang and seconded by Mr. L. Matthews that the Treasurer's report be approved was agreed unanimously.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Ward said all the Principal Officers have agreed to stand again, and there were no other nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman,

Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairman:	Mr. K. Jennings	)	
Vice-Chairman:	Dr. F.J. Moore	)	Proposed: Lady Bawden
Secretary:	Mr. H.J. Bush	)	Seconded: Mrs. Haslar
Treasurer:	Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll	)	

The above Officers were duly elected.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: As reported earlier by the Chairman, Mrs. Ann Russell had moved to Oxford and Mr. Ward placed on record the thanks of the Society for all her past work, for and on behalf of the Society.

Mrs. P. Morwood, Minute Secretary, retires under the 3-year rule, and a vote of thanks was recorded.

Three nominations had been received for election to the Committee:-

Mrs. Margerie Waldren, Committee Member	)	
coopted during the past year and now	)	
Editor of the Newsletter	)	Proposed: Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow
	)	Seconded: Mrs. L. Wang
Miss Isabel Leek, Minute Secretary	)	
Mrs. P. Mowbray, Committee Member	)	

The above were elected unanimously.

8. REPORT ON THE SOCIETY'S AWARD: The Chairman addressed the meeting on the making of the Society's Award. The Panel consisted of the Society's President, Cllr. C. Curl, former Vice-Chairman Mrs. Ann Godfrey, Committee Member John Holderness and himself. The number of nominations was a record. Some nominations could not be allowed, such as the Nicky Way, Southdown Car Park and Harpenden Lodge which were not complete - for the Award development must have been completed in the previous year.

There was one special nomination, made by Lady Bawden, for Mr. P. Wilson and members of the U.L.V.G. for their work over the past 40 years on the conservation of the Upper Lea Valley, including the riverside walk (former Harpenden East railway line). Mr. Ward said the Panel had not been able to look closely at this proposal, but it would be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and although it does not qualify in the sense of putting a plaque on a new development, he thought the Society might be able to do something special.

He summarized the nominations as follows:-

Marquis of Granby P.H. Not a complete restoration, but rescuing it from some of the maintenance inflicted over the years. Members were told it was well worth looking at. Highly commended.

Oggelsbys. A very busy site on a busy road. Members' attention was drawn to some of its virtues. Detail of the work in the forecourt area is of excellent quality and the engineering treatment of the canopy very good. Planting and fence in sympathy with remainder of site. Best looking filling station for many miles around. Well worth looking at.

Review Travel. Fits in well with existing shops. Good brickwork and a pleasant development.

Office block, south side, Thompson's Close. Two very high quality buildings. Excellent architectural furniture.

Sun Lane/High Street, office block. Both the Society and Plans North (District Council) have been at loggerheads with the developers over the height of the building. Taken to Appeal and District Council overruled. Good quality, but it is too high and overshadows listed building on the corner.

Waitrose. Architects and developers were always willing to discuss local suggestions and recommendations. Very carefully designed and constructed, excellent brickwork, inlaid tiles, hardwood windows and pillars, and standard of shop fittings very high. A welcome addition was 139 car park spaces. The Panel liked the fencing around car park, retention of trees and centre tree and shrub. The provision of the footpath from Leyton Green was due to Mrs. L. Wang who pressed for pedestrian as well as vehicle entry. Altogether a development well suited to Harpenden and this location, in particular. Therefore, the Panel agreed on Waitrose as the Award Winner. Mr. Paul Usher, a former Chairman, had put in hand the preparation of the Plaque, and when it is completed a ceremony in the presence of Architect and Local Manager will take place.

9. FORTHCOMING EVENTS: Attendance at public meetings had been good. For the next session, September 1985/February 1986, topics in mind are Harpenden Town Centre Inset Plan, Stansted and Batford. Another suggestion, made by Lady Bawden, is for a public meeting in Batford to bring out the environmental problems in that area.

It was difficult to complete a fixture card for the whole year, as speakers are unwilling or unable to commit themselves so far ahead, and printing has to be undertaken at the beginning of June. It has been decided to issue the fixture card complete with date, place and time of meetings, with a blank for the name of the speaker, to enable members to enter these particulars, which will be advertised in the Newsletter.

Members were reminded that a walk in Sauncey Woods/Batford has been arranged for 12 May 1985 meeting in the car park opposite the Dolphin P.H. at 2.00 p.m.

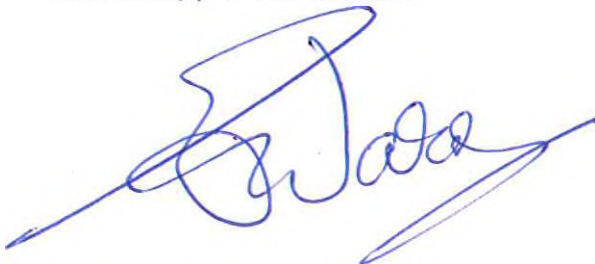
10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Society recorded its thanks to the auditor, Mr. Barnes, for the audit of the accounts:

Proposed: Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll  
Seconded: Mr. W.G. Hasler.

The first half of the meeting was declared closed.

11. DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:


Wednesday, 5 March 1986.



HARPENDEN SOCIETY AND UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP  
Analysis of Income and Expenditure for Year Ending 31 December 1984

1983		1984
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£		£
2018.18	Balance in hand 31 December (less outstanding cheques)	2380.59
1739.34	less Opening Balance	2018.18
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278.84	Excess of Income over Expenditure	362.41
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	<b>INCOME</b>	
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1299.55	Subscriptions and Donations	1362.18
98.31	Interest received	120.42
(12.10)	Functions account (loss)	(11.13)
60.89	Sundry	22.16
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1446.65	Total Income	1493.63
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	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
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36.50	Subscriptions to other Societies	48.50
116.72	Hire of accomodation for public meetings	99.43
288.49	Office expenses (postage, telephone etc)	317.54
304.79	Printing, Advertising	390.81
	ULVG - Expenses 308.18	
47.79	less Income 202.67	105.51
169.52	Photography and Display Equipment	61.77
25.00	Local History Society, use of rooms	27.50
37.00	Insurance	35.00
52.44	Society Award Plaque	-
89.56	Other	45.16
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1167.81	Total Expenditure	1131.22
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278.84	Excess of Income over Expenditure	362.41
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	<b>FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT</b>	
£		
(18.84)	Wine & Cheese Evening	(21.82)
6.74	Other receipts less costs	10.69
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(12.10)		(11.13)
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The above Analysis and Account of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 1984 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  
20 February 1985



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Monday 25th March 1985 at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. To welcome new Committee Members.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of previous meeting.
4. Matters arising.
5. Group Reports :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
6. Formation of Groups for coming year.
7. District Council Minutes. Notes attached. Any comments ?
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next meeting.

Items of interest lifted from minutes of District Council Sub-Committees presented to District Council meetings of 19 Dec 1984 and 20 Feb 1985

1. Car parking at elderly persons' dwellings. Resolved that a higher level of parking be required where the scheme contains a large proportion of 2-bedroom flats, or where it is some distance from the Town centre, or where there is no alternative off-street parking, or where the scheme is aimed at the upper end of the market.
2. Station Road/Harpenden Arms area. A proposal was submitted for an enhancement scheme for this area. Decided to defer this until May. (NO details were given in the minutes, nor do we appear to know anything about it.)
3. Lower Luton Road. In view of accident rate, resolved to ask County Council for a 30 m.p.h. limit all the way from Batford to Wheathampstead. An earlier suggestion of a box junction at Station Road/Lower Luton Road had been agreed by County Council if it could be shown that this would relieve congestion.
4. Traffic hazards - Dolphin P.H. Station Road. Reported that widening of the road at that point is on the list of County Council schemes. Resolved to ask County Council for a higher priority.
5. Dark Lane Waste Site. This is now being operated by a new contractor whose contract runs until March 1987.
6. Car parking standards for office/industrial premises. The interim standards approved in 1984 to be continued until early 1985 then reappraised in the light of recommendations of the Herts Technical Chief Officers Assn. It seems that this will require more space for small offices than is provided by the District Plan.
7. Harpenden Central Area Inset Map. Director of Works and Technical Services reported on the results of preliminary public consultation. (No details given in the minutes.)
8. The A 1081. Following an enquiry by County Council, resolved to inform the County Surveyor that the District has no objection to installation of lighting between Rothamsted and Bull Road roundabout, but to ask for sodium lamps, and also a 40 m.p.h. limit on this section. Also resolved to ask County to investigate the accident situation on this main road in the North Harpenden section.
9. Proposed car parking charges 1985/6:-

Amenbury Lane	20p short stay	45p long stay
Bowers Way East	40p " "	75p " "
" " West	40p " "	75 " "

Note:- The same charges apply to Saturday.
10. A 1081 Cycleway. The "GIVE WAY" signs, which are criticised as confusing to motorists, are to be investigated and removed if this appears justified. Also reported that a privately owned hedge on the roadside between Beesonend and West Common Way was not cut back and is forcing cyclists further into the main road. County Council to be asked to take action.

# THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 19 February 1985  
at 7.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair.  
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. L.J.G.  
Matthews, Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mrs. P. Morwood, Mr. E. Truslove,  
Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. S. Bastow and Dr. F.J. Moore.

In attendance Miss Isobel Leek.

Secretary reported that Dr. Moore was now home from hospital.

## ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 16 January agreed as a true record subject to the following amendments:-

Transport - Pedestrian Tunnel. The vandalised lights have been replaced by the Council and 5 are now working.

U.L.V.G. - New Year Work Party. "Mrs. Wang reported on her attendance at what was a most enjoyable morning; prior to watching ducks sail down the river (which raised £450 for charity), the Group removed protective fencing from tree planting area."

2. MATTERS ARISING:

1. Spotlight on Leisure. The Secretary had agreed with Mr. Savage for the Society to draft letters to Press (3) and Chiltern Radio, and prepare posters. Mr. Savage gave wording and Mrs. Wang provided design of poster to be printed by St. Albans Photoprint. Mr. and Mrs. Bush would ask shops in Southdown, High Street and Station Road to display these. The Secretary produced the posters and asked members to display them. Mr. Truslove had a discussion with Mrs. Davies (District Council) who agreed to provide 'something' for Spotlight. The Council is unable to announce the date of their exhibition but it will probably be June/July.

J.B.

J.B.

E.T.

Mr. Truslove reported the Sub-Committee had decided not to include Stansted. Mr. Ward considered it a fairly dead issue, but this makes it possible for Luton to be considered and this is being investigated by Ladacan. Cllr. Samson has made a resumé of all information and will forward copy to Mr. Ward which he will pass to the Secretary.

E.W.

Mr. Truslove had suggested to Mr. Savage the use of the Society's display frames at the Further Education in addition to the Library and Mr. Savage had agreed.

Eric Meadows has the Society's photographic requirements and had been waiting for the weather to change!

Spotlight Sub-Committee to let Mrs. Wang know lettering requirements.

E.T.

2. George P.H. The Secretary had written the Landlord (Minute 3.4(iii) 16 January 1985 refers).

3. Harpenden Town Sign. Mr. Ward enquired as to progress. Mrs. Wang confirmed work was in hand and had been reported in the Press.

4. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust. The Secretary reported that the Fund was standing at £4,000 plus. The Trust would proceed with works to the Public Hall as and when funds permitted. Mrs. Wang gave the view that nothing visual had been presented and after further discussion it was agreed to reconsider at a later date.

J.B.

5. Bus Shelters. A reply had been received from the Town Council who agreed to meet the cost of work on 4 bus shelters, but requested Mr. Haslar meet Cllr. Slater to discuss the improvements to the two shelters in the High Street.

6. Meetings - 5 February 1985. There had been difficulty in hearing and a microphone would have helped.

Batford. Heather Catterfeld possessed a film (other than U.L.V.) which takes about a quarter of an hour. She has supplied names of people who might make a contribution. Mr. Truslove to make contact.

E.T.

Mr. Truslove again asked for ideas for meetings.

E.T.

7. Green Lawns. The reply received from the District Council states that the legal position has still not been clarified but the Society will be advised of the outcome!

### 3. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

#### 1. Plans.

5/0015/85 Harpenden Building Society, 16 Station Road - Change of Use - Shop to Office (adjoining existing premises)  
Normal policy opposes any change, but as present building is established Society raised no objection. Mrs. Wang thought this was an error and might have far reaching implications.

5/0035/85 North West Thames Regional H.A. Erection of 8 4-bedroom  
5/0036/85LB houses with garages - 5 Stewart Road. This is a revision of an earlier application 5/1637/84. The detached houses appear unchanged, but the 3 terrace and one detached house have been replaced by 4 semi-detached dwellings. The Society's opinion is that the development is too dense compared with houses opposite in Stewart Road and nearby Grant Gardens. It is noted that the lime trees fronting Stewart Road are to be preserved, but the Society urged that T.P.O.'s be made as a safeguard. Refusal recommended.

5/0779/84 Amended Outline Plan - Homes for the Elderly, Harpenden Rise. There was insufficient time for the Society to respond in writing and its views were made to Cllr. D. Walker who referred to them at the Plans (North) Meeting. Not opposed in principle, but existing and new planting to be clearly marked before a decision is reached. Present landscaping shown on two plans is contradictory. Existing established informal garden along part of western boundary of site with mature trees and hedge should be considered for retention as an amenity area, although this would affect siting/number of buildings. Car parking now appears satisfactory.

- 5/008A/84 Illumination of existing sign - A.B.N.S. - High Street. Site is well illuminated and the Society sees no need for existing sign to be illuminated.
- 5/0088/85LB Erection of Conservatory - Harpenden Lodge, Luton Road. Design of conservatory appears to harmonise with house. No information on material to be used, and this needs careful consideration.
- 5/0127/85 Demolition of 1 & 3 Shakespeare Road. Existing houses  
5/0128/85 appear sound and could be refurbished, perhaps into flats. The Society suggests this possibility be investigated.
- 5/0070/85 Erection of 11 houses - 1 & 3 Shakespeare Road. Parking space only just adequate and development dense, generating more traffic in the narrow roads of Shakespeare and Cowper.
- 5/1115/84 Office Development - 4/6 Arden Grove. Society responded to revised plan which showed some visual improvement of elevation from Arden Grove. Building still too dominating for the area. Landscaping too vague. Society has already objected to demolition of 4, 5 & 6 Arden Grove and if unaltered retention is out of the question, support a scheme that proposes sensitive extensions to rear of the two buildings, retaining the present frontages. Provision for the small user should be made. The Society recommends refusal.
- 5/0127/85 Change of Use - 96 High Street - Ground Floor Shop to Restaurant. Plan poor; one outside W.C. only. Society would not raise any objection provided proper facilities are furnished - W.C., Hot & Cold Wash etc. and development does not cause nuisance to neighbours. Recommend refusal unless these amenities are provided.

Appeal Development corner of Roundwood Lane/Luton Road. Society supports District Council refusal as follows:-  
(1) Overdevelopment of site; (2) Proposed buildings too dominating in scale in relation to neighbouring dwellings and (3) proposed finishes unsympathetic to surroundings.

The Secretary had written Mr. McKenna on the subject of office development, opposing any move to create commercial centre, that many units remain empty, and that this is contrary to the District Council's statement of a few months ago, and suggesting permission be "held back" until suitable tenants were found.

The proposed letter to the Press (Minute 3.1 16 January 1985 refers) had not been sent.

2. Commons & Greens. No report.

3. Southdown.

Footpath, St. John's Road. Response from District Council (Mrs. D.G. Blair) that the matter has been passed to County Council for reconsideration. Mr. Cox's photograph to be reproduced for Spotlight.

E.T.

Fine Fare. Mr. Truslove referred to the very icy conditions of Fine Fare car park. He had approached District Highways who disclaimed

responsibility, the park belonging to Fine Fare and maintained by them. Copy correspondence sent to Fine Fare.

Letter received from Fine Fare that screening of refuse area and improvement to safety of car park entrance/exit (Minute 2.3 26 October 1984 refers) will be commenced in the near future, and confirming car park and shrubs are their responsibility.

Cravells Road Car Park (Public House Area). Work at a standstill because of weather.

#### 4. Environmental.

Bovis House. Mrs. Wang had approached management re litter in garden. Now cleared and Mr. Meadows had taken photographs for Spotlight.

Abandoned Cars - rear of Fire Station. County Council has still not confirmed whether they are owners of this land and Mrs. Wang has again reminded them. The cars are in Fire Station's plot and their removal is being arranged.

Douglas Road - Copper Beech. The Society has acquired a new member, Mrs. M. Holden, via the copper beech!! Mrs. Wang has written the freeholder, Mr. J.D. Davies, on the preservation of the copper beech. District Council also asked if they have made a decision.

Arden Grove. Request for tree survey on redevelopment of 4 Arden Grove made to District Council.

Amenbury Lane Car Park/Tennis Club Hedge. District Council informed of the Society's regret at loss of original hedge.

Gilpin Green. Freeholder now traced and Mrs. Wang has written.

Fells. Very pleased when Mrs. Wang congratulated the proprietor on the appearance of the shop. She had taken a photograph which will be 'blown up' for display at Spotlight.

Request for planting Green Lawns Garage, 42 Coldharbour Lane and Industrial Extension, Batford Mill.

#### 5. Transport.

Signs - Limbrick Road. Mr. Haslar reported no response received from Cllr. Slater re signs (2) B1081/Limbrick Road which are still obscured.

Meeting - 5 February. This meeting addressed by Mr. Shooter of B.R. was well attended. After difficulties with the projector, Mr. Haslar suggested the Society purchase its own. Mr. Truslove to look into cost. E.T.

Mr. Shooter addressed the meeting about the Station improvements and said the car park capacity will be increased to 560, possibly June/July with new entrance at goods yard.

Mr. Shooter mentioned proposed B.R. plan for travel from Harpenden direct to destinations South of London, and asked whether members of the Society would assist with B.R. market research. After discussion the Committee agreed a questionnaire prepared by Mr. Haslar to be available at the A.G.M. and Spotlight. This could be printed by the Resources Centre.

W.G.H.

Mrs. Wang suggested questions on local railway matters could be included, but the Committee decided against this.

Bus Shelters. Mr. Haslar brought to the Committee's attention a substance, mentioned in the T.V. Programme Tomorrow's World which would remove graffiti and dirt from stone, wood etc. Contact to be made with B.B.C. for information on manufacturer. The costing of work to the bus shelters would have to be amended as the Town Council would only agree to finance 4 shelters.

W.G.H.

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6. U.L.V.G. The main work of the Group has now been completed leaving only maintenance. Work Parties are monthly and attendance varies. The Group holds Committee Meetings at 91 Lower Luton Road on the 12th of each month. Members of this Committee welcome to attend. The Secretary to acknowledge, saying this Committee would welcome any member of the U.L.V.G. to attend our meetings.

J.B.

#### 4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mrs. P. Morwood, Minute Secretary, would be retiring under the three-year rule and a vote of thanks was recorded.

The following officers agreed to stand for nomination:-

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

Committee Member (previously coopted):

Mrs. M. Waldren	Proposed	Mrs. L. Wang
	Seconded	Mr. E. Truslove

Minute Secretary (after A.G.M.):

Miss Isobel Leek	Proposed	Mr. J. Bush
	Seconded	Mrs. M. Waldren.

Mr. Truslove asked whether a microphone would assist at the A.G.M. - cost £6.90. After discussion it was decided it would not be suitable.

For the Open Forum it was decided Group Chairmen should sit at the front of the meeting to be available to answer questions. Mrs. Wang suggested Group Chairmen should give a two minutes resumé of the work of the past year.

Mr. Truslove confirmed liquor licence obtained. He may not be able to attend and has asked Mr. D. Weston to officiate with Mr. Haggard, Mr. Haslar and Mrs. Clitherow.

Cost of wine 30p. per glass. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available with peanuts, savoury biscuits, crisps etc.

#### 5. HARPENDEN SOCIETY AWARD

There had been a wide response and nominations were being perused by the Society's Panel, consisting of Cllr. Curl, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Godfrey and Mr. Holderness.

#### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Draft account was circulated unaudited. Closed the year with a balance of £2,380; excess over income of £362. Subscriptions and donations up by about £70. More had been spent on advertising and

less on display equipment. No plaque purchased for the Harpenden Society Award. Functions account showed some small loss.

7. REGISTRATION AND AFFILIATION TO OTHER BODIES

At the meeting of 26 October 1984, the Committee had agreed with the Secretary's suggestion that the Society should discontinue membership of the Community Council for Herts. The Secretary had now notified this organisation of our withdrawal. He now felt that the Committee should be aware of the other bodies to which the Society subscribes, as follows:-

Civic Trust. We buy an extra copy of the magazine at £7 p.a.

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (£8). Enables Society to get cheap insurance for work parties.

Hertfordshire Federation of Amenity Societies (£3)

Hertfordshire Society (£3)

Council for Voluntary Service, St. Albans (£5).

Herts. & Middx. Trust for Nature Conservation (£7.50). Requests have been received to continue the Society's support.

The Secretary reported disappointment at the lack of volunteers from the Council of Voluntary Service. The Committee agreed with his suggestion to try this organisation for some help with the bus shelters. The Secretary suggested that Mr. Truslove should contact Herts. Society for a speaker.

J.B.

E.T.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Redbourn Society Newsletter - Railway Line. This was being used by horses and there is serious damage to gates and stiles. This was not Harpenden's 'The Nicky Way'.

St. Albans Civic Society. Mr. Ward complimented them on their Newsletter and quality of production. It has been decided to change the name to the St. Albans ~~Civic~~ Society. Every article is named which enables readers to get in touch direct with the person responsible. Mrs. Waldren to consider introducing this into our Newsletter. Mr. Ward suggested a social evening with a Committee to Committee relationship.

M.W.

Meetings. A member had complained about Harpenden Society and History Society meetings being held on successive evenings.

Donation. Mr. Paul Usher had presented the Society with £10 in return for borrowing the Society's display frames.

Ware Society. Mr. Truslove reminded the meeting that the Ware Society had been invited to Harpenden 'in the Spring'. Mr. Ward suggested not earlier than May and Mr. Truslove will follow this up.

E.T.

May Walk. Mrs. Wang suggested a walk in Sauncey/Woods/Batford. Agreed to lead the walk on Sunday 12 May 1985 meeting in the car park opposite the Dolphin P.H. at 2.00 p.m. Mrs. H. Catterfeld to be invited by Mr. Bush.

J.B.

Salt/Grit Bins. Mr. Matthews suggested the District Council be asked to provide salt/grit bins at various points in the District for use during icy weather.

Newsletter. Item on ice, including the condition of Fine Fare car park. Secretary to ascertain the facts from the District Council.

M.W.

J.B.



Waste. Secretary produced a pamphlet on various ways of using waste to provide fuel.

Open Door Club. The Secretary gave a talk to this organisation (Minute 8.1, 26 October 1984 refers).

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 25 March 1985.

*F. Joan Moore*  
*25 March 1985*

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th February 1985 at Harpenden Hall at 7.45 p.m.

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A G E N D A.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Annual General Meeting. Nominations  
Final arrangements
6. Treasurers Report
7. Registration and affiliation fees to other Bodies  
The Secretary to report
8. Any other business
9. Date of next meeting.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday, 16 January 1985  
at 7.45 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence received from Mr. J.A. Holderness, Mrs. C. McNicoll  
and Dr. F.J. Moore.

The Secretary reported, with regret, that Dr. Moore had been admitted to  
the Middlesex Hospital. The Committee agreed to send a "Get Well" card  
to her Harpenden residence for forwarding to her.

The Chairman received, on behalf of the Society, a marquetry plaque "The  
Harpenden Society" crafted by the Secretary.

### ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 17 December 1984 agreed as a true record  
subject to the following amendment:-

Spotlight on Leisure 2(ii). Incorrect spelling of Stansted.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

1. Spotlight on Leisure.

(i) Publicity. Mr. Savage had replied to the Secretary accepting  
the Society's offer of assistance on publicity. Mrs. Wang was  
willing to prepare a poster and Madesco's could print this in  
colour. It was agreed a meeting with Mr. Savage would be  
beneficial to discuss better publicity and whether "education"  
would be prepared to meet the cost.

J.B.

(ii) Stansted. The Secretary had received from the County Council  
a copy of a Press Release which was passed to Mr. Truslove.  
He had spoken to Brig. de Butts of the Hertfordshire Society  
who was keen on the Society including a display on Stansted  
at Spotlight, with a map showing the area of noise nuisance etc.  
and how the proposed airport would transform Hertfordshire.  
It was agreed to support the County Council's view and oppose  
the third airport.

(iii) Inset Map. The Secretary had written the District Council  
thanking them for their report and reiterating Mr. Matthews  
request for a record of the growth of office space in Harpenden.  
Mr. Truslove was awaiting a reply from the District Council  
(Mr. Hughes) as to whether the Council would like to take the  
opportunity of advertising the exhibition of the Map in June/  
July. He had also asked Mr. Hughes for a speaker on the Map.

E.T.

E.T.

(iv) British Rail. Mr. Shooter of B.R. had been contacted by  
Mr. Truslove as to whether he could provide material for  
Spotlight, particularly in relation to the Station, though it  
was understood B.R. were themselves asking for exhibition space.

E.T.

(v) U.L.V.G. Mrs. Catterfeld had notified Mr. Truslove that the  
Group would not be submitting material for display at Spotlight.

ACTION

(vi) Batford. Lady Bawden suggested that a Society Meeting could be based on the Batford area with an exhibit at Spotlight. Mr. Truslove to contact Mr. Pat Wilson for his views. Mrs. Wang said, if appropriate, the May Walk could be through Batford and the Lea Valley.

E.T.

(vii) Display Boards. On enquiry Mr. Truslove had ascertained that Velcro covering would cost £17 per board - 10 boards = £170. Mr. Ward suggested that one side only should be treated and this was agreed unanimously, although this would not materially alter the cost.

E.T.  
C.M.

2. Town Guide. After the Secretary had written the Town Council pointing out discrepancies, an explanatory reply had been received that these will be corrected in any subsequent edition.

3. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

5/1638/84      Parking 4/5 cars opposite Nos. 29/30 Park Hill. The Society objects (1) there is no need for such provision and (2) it would encourage unrestricted and uncontrolled parking other than by users of the Nicky Way.

5/1790/84      Land between Roundwood Lane and Brackendale Grove, 21 detached houses, roadway and open space. It is not considered that the offer of part of the site as public open space would compensate for erosion of green belt.

4, 5 and 6 Arden Grove - replacement with large 3-storey office block. Criticised by Plans (North) Sub-Committee. New plan now received. The Society in favour of extension of existing properties to the rear and keeping present facade. The Secretary and Mr. Matthews will prepare detailed letter to the Press.

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

Fascia Signs - D.E.R. and Review Travel. These are out of keeping with Council's Guide to shop fronts.

Mrs. Wang to convey to the proprietor of Fells Shop, Station Road, the Society's appreciation of the shop's new layout. A photograph could be included in the Spotlight Exhibition.

L.W.  
E.T.

2. Commons and Greens. No report.

3. Southdown.

Mr. Truslove confirmed that the first two or three cottages in Grove Road were included in the Conservation Area.

The District Council unsuccessfully tried to obtain a maple tree for planting at Cravells Road, and this had been replaced by a spruce. Miss Bessant (District Council) would inform Mr. Truslove of the names of the other trees/shrubs which had been planted for the landscaping.

E.T.

Mr. Truslove had made enlargements of two photographs of St. John's Road showing the footpath, supplied by Mr. Cox and these had been forwarded to Mr. McKenna. Originals were handed to Chairman for return to Mr. Cox.

K.J.

ACTION

If the District Council were in a position to supply plants for ground cover at Longfield Road (garages) the Society would assist with the planting.

L.W.

After Fine Fare agreeing the proposed improvements to screen the refuse area and improve the safety of the car park entrance/exit (Minute 2.3, 26 October 1984) no progress had been made.

4. Environmental.

(i) District Council had replied agreeing that damaged trees/shrubs in Amenbury Lane car park had been caused by over-zealous mowing. The damaged sapling will be replaced.

(ii) Permission has been given for the felling of the copper beech, Douglas Road. Two residents of Douglas Road had voiced their concern, but the matter was now out of the District Council's hands and Mrs. Wang would write to the Developer/Owner giving the Society's views.

L.W.

(iii) The landlord of The George had previously said he would be responsible for clearing the litter from the Alleyway, but this had not been done. The Secretary to write that we would be willing, once again, to clear the rubbish if the landlord would thereafter carry out maintenance. The planting was flourishing. If nothing is done it was suggested that these areas should be shown as "Nasties" at Spotlight.

J.B.

E.T.

(iv) The Secretary had been asked for a return for Environment Week 1985 and it was agreed this should include the Society's work on bus shelters.

J.B.

5. Transport.

Pedestrian Tunnel, Station Road.

*Vandalised light replaced  
lights have been vandalised, 5 now working.*

Station Waiting Room/Shelter. Vandalised over Christmas period. Mr. Haslar would suggest to Mr. Shooter of B.R. that metal "windows" replace existing glass reinforced with wire.

W.G.H.

Mr. Haslar had informed Cllr. Slater that road signs 1081/Limbrick Road were completely covered (west side). Kerb stones also covered by shrubbery.

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

The Secretary had enquired of Mr. Haggard whether the Group's New Year Work Party had been held, but received no reply. Mrs. Wang reported on her attendance at what was a most enjoyable morning, watching the ducks sail down the river, raising the sum of £450 for charity. *The fencing from the tree planting area was removed*

The Secretary would make a personal approach to Mr. Pat Wilson as the Committee felt the Society was losing touch with the Group.

J.B.

4. HARPENDEN TOWN SIGN

As requested (Minute 6, 17 December 1984), the Secretary had written the Town Council that the Society would consider our contribution after it was clear what funds had been raised from their appeal.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary informed the meeting that the Society's credit stood at £2,753.

6. MEMBERSHIP

As at 31 December 1984 total paid membership was 701, including 441 family memberships. Assuming a family membership is two people, membership in real terms is  $260 + 882 = 1,142$ . There were 72 new members including 37 from the "Forum" campaign. 36 members remain unpaid and 25 were lost from the membership for various causes. Mr. Ward expressed appreciation of the Membership Secretary's hard work and this was endorsed by the Committee.

7. ERIC MORECAMBE MEMORIAL TRUST

The Secretary was meeting a Trustee on 17 January 1985 and would report further at the next meeting. J.B.

8. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Existing members had expressed their willingness to continue for a further year, with the exception of Mrs. Morwood who would be retiring after three years. It was suggested that Mr. Saunders of Childwickbury might be prepared to either join the Committee, or one of the Groups. The Chairman had been approached by a Mr. and Mrs. Ward who might be willing to assist. In the first instance the Secretary to make contact and ask whether they could help with refreshments at meetings. J.B.

9. BUS SHELTERS

The Church Green shelter had been slightly vandalised, but was not serious and the timetable was still intact! Mr. Haslar assumed the Committee had read his report on possible costs. He suggested obtaining a generator from Wilsons with an electric sander to cut down time, cost and energy, though it would not be possible to carry out the entire work at weekends. Dunstable Laminates could supply 10 x 4 sheet laminate put on hardboard (cut to appropriate size) at £50 a sheet. After detailed discussion the Committee agreed to aim at an expenditure of approx. £550, work commencing April/May and meanwhile to send a copy of Mr. Haslar's report to the Town Council. The Society would make no offer of payment at this time to the Town Council. J.B.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Truslove asked for a volunteer to operate the projector at the meeting of 5 February 1985. He would ask Mr. Les Casey if he was willing. E.T.

Mr. Truslove would like suggestions for speakers/subjects for 1985/86, in addition to Batford and the Inset Plan. The Secretary suggested Stansted with a speaker from the Hertfordshire Society. E.T.

The Secretary was asked to follow up with the District Council the Society's letter re Green Lawns of 31 August 1984 (Minute 2.2, 11 September 1984). Planting which was part of the planning permission has not yet been carried out. J.B.

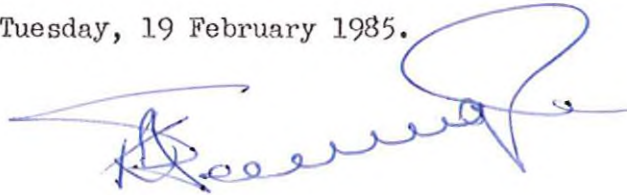
The Secretary handed out Newsletter bundles for delivery.

In the absence of the Vice Chairman Dr. Moore in hospital, Mr. Ward agreed to take the Chair, when necessary.

E.W.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19 February 1985.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Ward', written over the date. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the end.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16 January 1985 at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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A G E N D A

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2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups:-
  - Plans
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  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Harpenden Sign.
6. Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust.
7. New Committee Members 1985/6.
8. Bus shelters. To consider the attached Report and Cost Estimates.
9. Any other business.
10. Dates of next meetings.



THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair.  
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mrs. C. McNicoll, Mr. L. J.G. Matthews, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. E. Truslove, Mrs. M. Waldren, Dr. F.J. Moore, Mr. M.F. Vincent.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

ACTION

1. MINUTES of the meeting of 20 November agreed as a true record subject to the following amendment:-

Page 3, item 2, Harpenden Sign. Delete the words "Commons and Greens Working Party".

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (i) The Secretary had received a copy of the latest District Plan. Passed to Mr. Matthews. Cost £7.00

L.J.G.M.

- (ii) The Society has been booked into Spotlight on Leisure 1985 and the Secretary has written to John Savage offering our help on publicity. The Secretary to seek County Council's help on some information for display about Stanstead, and Mr. Truslove to enquire of District Council if we may display something about the Inset Map.

J.B.  
E.T.

- (iii) A complaint from a member of the public was reported concerning the C.A.B. sign on the Common.

- (iv) The Secretary had discussed with the President the operation of the new delegation scheme for planning applications, and it is confirmed that, where plans are dealt with by the Officers (as opposed to a Plans Sub-Committee) we will be notified of the decisions. It is necessary, in view of the new scheme for the Plans Group to get their comments in quickly. The President felt that we would be unlikely to secure any alteration of the system by which applications to fell trees protected by T.P.O.'s would appear on the list of plans. The Society is urged to keep an eye on trees when considering the plans and to include our comments at the time of first writing, although it is appreciated that there are often difficulties in this.

- (v) The Secretary has given to the Harpenden Library a copy of the survey of buildings in the Central Area.

- (vi) Mr. Truslove reported that there will be a B.R. speaker at the February meeting. It is hoped that he will include the Station in his talk.

- (vii) Mrs. Waldren had considered the Ware Society Newsletter, but did not favour the idea of an A4 sheet folded. The middle pages tend to drop out whilst reading the letter. The quality of the paper was poor and printing showed through from one side to the other. It was agreed to retain our

ACTION

present set-up. Mrs. Waldren suggested that in future we might include names of New Members with a "Welcome" note. This was agreed.

M.W.

3. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

1. Plans.

5/1726/84 LB Broad St. Place Developments. Demolition of 4, 5,  
5/1727/84 LB 6 Arden Grove prior to re-development and creation  
of new office block. Refusal recommended. The  
Society objects to further offices in Harpenden.

5/1637/84 N.W. Thames Regional Health Authority. 5 detached  
and 3 terraced houses, land at 5 Stewart Road  
(outline application). The large detached house  
already there, which would be demolished, is capable  
of refurbishment and conversion into flats. The  
proposed new houses would be very cramped with small  
gardens. The "town-house" type is unsuitable for  
this area and some local houses will suffer loss  
of visual amenity. Refusal recommended.

5/1638/84 Priorities & Finance Committee. Parking area for  
4-5 cars on Nicky Line entrance, Park Hill. This  
access from Park Hill to Nicky Line already exists.  
M/cycle barriers will be needed; also suggested  
some replanting of shrubbery.

5/1642/84 H.P. Tolley Ltd. Demolition of bungalow and 2  
garages and erection of 14 one-bedroom flats, 9-11  
Clarendon Road. The larger block is very close to  
properties across the road and would be better to be  
smaller and moved further back. The loss of 2 trees  
is deplored and there are other mature trees at the  
rear - this needs consideration as also does the  
impact of additional local traffic.

5/1645/84 J. Knighton Ltd. Erection of 4-bedroom house adjoin-  
5/1646/84 ing 23 West Common and alterations to the latter.  
The extension to No. 23 needs to be in sympathy with  
the rest of the terrace as also does the proposed  
new house. Finishes need consideration.

Appeal re development rear of 8, 12 & 14 Moreton Avenue. The  
Council's refusal is supported because the plan  
represents over-development and also because of loss  
of environmental amenity to nearby properties.

Mr. Matthews has written to Mr. McKenna mentioning that sometimes  
the Society's comments are omitted from agendas, and asking if he  
can give us a reasonable deadline for submission of comments.

2. Commons and Greens. (see also item 4 re Harpenden Sign)

Dr. Moore had earlier attended a meeting of the Town Council's  
Commons & Greens Committee. There is no report from Rothamsted yet  
on the subject of fertilisers aimed at producing a larger hay crop.

ACTION

The programme for the Common in the immediate future was described as "tidying up" although Dr. Moore stated that it was not clear what this meant, but that our Group would keep a watch on it. It was also reported that street lighting had been agreed from the Bull Road roundabout up to the Rothamsted bus stop, but that this is to be on the east side of the A1081. The Committee felt that we should press the County Council to change this to the west side of the road.

The Nicky Line Path is to be known as "The Nicky Way". There is to be a meeting in January between the District Council and the Town and Parish Councils on the subject of future management of the path. The planning application 5/1638/84 for a car park at the Park Hill access point was discussed further and the Committee agreed that we should have "second thoughts" and oppose the plan. Mr. Matthews to write accordingly. The Secretary has received a reply from the District Council on the subject of the barriers and the need to lift cycles over them. This points out (and the Committee agreed) that it is difficult to design a barrier which will prevent entry of motorcycles but allow free access to pedal cycles. The letter suggests that once it is established that motorcycles and horses are prohibited the barriers could be modified. The main access points on the west side will be at Moreton End Lane and Park Hill. The provision of a balustrade-protected ~~and~~ flight of steps to the A1081 bridge is being surveyed. The Clarence Road access point is abandoned, but the Ambrose Lane point is deferred pending a decision as to the future of the Ambrose Triangle. A further access on to Hollybush Lane is also under discussion. Finally, the letter confirms that all access points will cater for pedestrians and cyclists depending upon location and safety.

L.J.G.M.

3. Southdown.

Mr. Truslove has obtained some old photographs which show that there was once a footpath in St. John's Road. "Fair copies" of these are being made for submission to the District Council. Attempts are being made to trace the ownership of the land around the air-raid shelter behind the Southdown shops in order that steps can be taken to tidy it up.

Mr. Truslove has written to the Manager of Fine Fare regarding litter left uncleared in the car park.

He has also written to the District Council re the unsightly signs at the entrance to the Industrial Estate.

The planting around the Cravells Road car park has been inspected further and compared with the original plan. It would seem that a fairly satisfactory job is being done. The Committee's attention was also drawn to the planting of shrubs at the end of Coleswood Road.

4. Environmental.

The ownership of the parcel of land Gilpin Green/Overstone Road has now been traced. The solicitors are awaiting notification from the owners as to what steps they propose taking about the upkeep of the land.

Re the felled hedging Amenbury car park/Tennis courts, the District

ACTION

Council have replied that replanting will be in sympathy with the existing hedge. However since that hedge is mixed, we really don't know what is to be planted.

The District Council have given an unfavourable reply regarding the copper beech tree in Douglas Road. Mrs. Wang hopes to enlist support from local residents as a back-up to our request to retain this tree, at least for the present.

5. Transport.

On 7 December 1984 a meeting took place between Mr. Haslar and Messrs. Shooter and Robinson, respectively Area Manager and Passenger Manager of B.R. The following facts emerged. In 1985 about £80,000 will be spent on increasing the car park area, re-surfacing and marking bays for 460 cars. A new type of entrance machine is under consideration. Parking charges will not be increased in January 1985, but will be when this work is completed. It does appear that St. Albans station car park will be completed as B.R. and St. Albans D.C. have agreed future plans for area owned by B.R. Suggested that the steps from Harpenden car park be moved nearer to the footbridge. This entrance to be manned during peak periods. The unsatisfactory condition of the waiting room on Platform 1 was noted. No provision in present rebuilding plans, but this will be considered; also the enclosing of the north end of the platform roofed section. Flower bed at entrance of the new station building discussed - to be considered by B.R. The Area Manager is not concerned with Station House rebuilding (this concerns B.R. Property Board) but states that 36 car spaces will be provided south of the new station building. Mr. Haslar mentioned lack of lighting for travellers using cycle racks. This has now been put right.

Re Bus Shelters. See report attached. To be dealt with as a separate item.

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

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. C. McNicoll reported a current total of assets amounting to approx. £2,200.

5. MEMBERSHIP

The unpaid subscriptions for the current year are now down to 40.

6. THE HARPENDEN SIGN

In Mr. Ward's absence the Secretary read a letter from Cllr. John Slater stating that the Town Council has placed orders for the renovation at a cost of £1,065. This includes replacement of the rotted post and damaged seat, replacement of the oak shield and leaves by a fibreglass copy painted as per the original and a contingency sum of £50. The work to be done during February 1985. Dr. Moore had attended a meeting of the Commons and Greens Committee from which it emerged that the Committee proposed to canvas local businesses for contributions, and that they would

ACTION

organise this appeal themselves. The Society is to be asked for financial help. The Committee felt that whilst we agree in principle to support this, it is better to await the outcome of the general appeal and to gear our contribution to this. The Secretary requested to write accordingly to Cllr. Slater.

J.B.

7. CENTRAL AREA PLAN AND INSET MAP

At the recent meeting with District Council Planning Team, the Society was represented by Mrs. A. Godfrey, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. W.G. Haslar, Mr. L. Matthews, Mr. E. Truslove and Mr. J. Bush. The minutes of that meeting were adopted and the Chairman recorded thanks to the members concerned. Mr. Matthews mentioned a request at that meeting for the District Council to provide a schedule showing the development of new office accommodation over the years. Not yet received. The Secretary to follow this up.

J.B.

8. ERIC MORECAMBE MEMORIAL TRUST

The President had, at the recent public meeting, handed out several copies of an appeal letter and pamphlet, but the Secretary reported that he had not yet received these items formally addressed to the Society. As it was felt that a delay would not be harmful, it was decided to postpone consideration of this appeal until the January Committee meeting.

J.B.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) The Secretary reported receipt of a circular letter from District Council requesting all interested parties to notify the Council of any historic buildings which become in need of repair or are at risk in any way. It was pointed out that the Society does this anyway.

(b) The Civic Trust have notified "Environment Week 1985 - 27 April - 6 May" and are issuing a booklet called "Ideas to get you started". The Secretary has requested a copy.

J.B.

(c) Mr. Matthews had previously reported that much value was gained from the recent meeting of the Royal Town Planning Institute. The Secretary has written to District Council mentioning this and asking that we may be notified of any future valuable meetings such as this

(d) Mrs. Ogilvie has resigned from the Committee.

(e) Mr. Truslove requested that the next meeting consider, for use at public meetings, the purchase of a lectern, and a projector screen, and the provision of some voice amplification.

ACTION

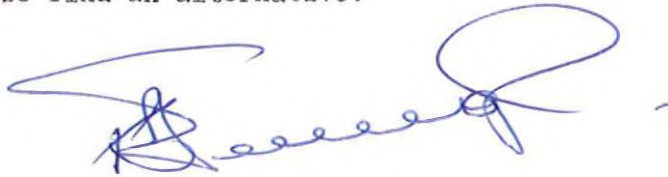
- (f) A copy of the new Town Guide was produced and it was noted that in the paragraph dealing with the Society there were some inaccuracies. The Society was not officially notified that this booklet was to be reissued and the Secretary was requested to write to the Town Council expressing concern that we were not given the opportunity to bring this information up to date.

J.B.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 16 January 1985.

Note: We had previously arranged Thursday, 21 February, but as the Minute Secretary will be unable to attend on that date, may we please find an alternative.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by a surname, with a large loop at the end.

## BUS SHELTERS

### West Common

Clear area around the shelter. Side windows missing, so suggest south side be glassed in (or suitable material). Woodwork and seat in fair condition - requires Church Green treatment. An area 41" x 51" requires section of heavy block board inserted where metal board had been - can then have adverts pasted on.

Cost £40.

### Southdown (east side (Fine Fare))

Seat needs urgent attention. Very dirty inside. Woodwork in fair condition. Considerable work required on it to reach good standard.

Cost £25.

### Southdown (west side)

Notice Board as Church Green. 5 boards need replacing at rear of shelter. Same condition as the other one.

Cost £25.

These two shelters are in constant use by travelling public.

### Kinsbourne Green (off Farm Avenue)

Needs good clean. Seat requires rebolting to back of the shelter.

Cost £20.

### High Street - Two Shelters

Both require a lot of hard work to bring up to a reasonable condition. I would suggest that these should be repaired to the standard of Church Green shelter i.e. cleaning inside and then faced with formica sheeting screwed into the existing woodwork. This would at the moment push the cost up in the region of £200 per shelter, but worth it in the long run. If the Society are to be involved, we must insist in working to a high standard, as these, like Church Green, would be Harpenden Society showpieces.

Geo. Haslar

## HARPENDEN TOWN CENTRE INSET MAP

Minutes of Meeting: 10 a.m. Thursday 25 October 1985  
held at the Harpenden Outdoor Bowls Club  
Spencer Road, Harpenden.

Present:

John Chapman	)	
	)	
John Hoad	)	S.A.D.C. Local Plans Team
	)	
Anne Davies	)	

Representatives of the Harpenden Society

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1. Introduction:

- 1.1 John Chapman opened the meeting by explaining the background to the preparation of the inset maps and their relationship to the District Plan.
- 1.2 The programme of work was briefly explained leading up to the major public participation exercise on the Draft Inset Map which will be held in June/July 1985.
- 1.3 It was stressed by all present that this should occur prior to the school holidays for maximum participation. It was explained that an exhibition concerning the Draft Inset Map will be held in Harpenden - venue as yet to be decided. Harpenden Society (thereafter referred to as H. Soc) Members stressed need for a good central location e.g. Methodist Church or possibly the Public Hall: good advance publicity and directional signs in the town are most important.
- 1.4 H. Soc offered to help with publicity: SADC accepted gratefully.

2. Issues:

- 2.1 The following issues were raised by the H. Soc for discussion and on items to be considered in the preparation of the inset map.

2.2 Harpenden Lodge Site:

H Soc members expressed great concern about the future of this site. S.A.D.C. reps concurred. This site is part of inset map area and a detailed study is intended. Some of issues discussed e.g. some residential development some open space - many possibilities for site.

2.3 Transport/ Car parking:



- 2.3.1 Harpenden Station/Goods Yard: Station currently being refurbished: use of station generates high car parking (400 cars parked on 23.10.84 according to survey by H Soc) and traffic movement problems. Possibility of an additional access/exit point from Crabtree Lane (adj Aysgarth Close) discussed - also pedestrian access only from Crabtree Lane and Milton Road. However this may generate more parking on the surrounding residential roads by station uses and therefore create further problems of safety and congestion.
- 2.3.2 St Johns Road/Cravells Road: traffic uses these as short cut to Southdown - creates general build up of traffic - however not part of inset map area.
- 2.3.3 National Childrens Home will close in 1985: H Soc concerned that any further private housebuilding would increase traffic/ congestion in the town centre.
- 2.3.4 Concern about general level of congestion, traffic, car parking in Harpenden Town Centre.
- 2.3.5 Question raised of roundabout at Station Road/High Street junction could ease congestion: would closure of slip road adjacent to Harpenden Motors help.
- 2.3.6 Arden Grove used as a "rat run" to evade the Station Road/High Street junction: should this continue?
- 2.3.7 Waitrose Impact: more traffic in Leyton Road but parking and circulation generally working well - new car park spreads the parking problem: free parking is advantageous: some problems of servicing by artic. lorries - need review of parking restriction by entrance/exit to Waitrose due to visibility difficulties.
- 2.3.8 H Soc asked whether income from Bowers Way car park had dropped due to use of Waitrose car park: suggested that this would be better as a free car park, could attract B Rail commuters: (JC indicated that generally a review of parking charges is necessary) also question of purchase of International site by Bejams, could this create further parking problem.
- 2.3.9 Amenbury Lane car park discussed: H Soc said not well used - possibility of checking discussed: JC pointed out problems involved particularly cost.
- 2.3.10 Suggestion by JC that part of Harpenden Lodge site should be used for a car park.
- 2.3.11 Cyclists: need racks: requirements should be incorporated in car park layouts: racks could be provided adj. to Wellington House instead of part of the landscaping.
- 2.3.12 Bowers Parade: no additional problems from new industrial units to the rear.
- 2.3.13 Lower High Street (ie outside Ketts etc) flooding problems/very narrow pavement causes problems for pedestrian. Widening of the pavement would ease this problem.

2.3.14 H Soc not in favour of pedestrianisation because the slip/service roads are useful.

2.3.15 Full traffic/parking survey to be carried out March 1985.

## 2.4 Shopping:

2.4.1 H Soc asked whether there was sufficient retail floorspace particularly non-food floorspace in Harpenden. JC explained the problems of the calculation of the appropriate level of retail floorspace. Agreed that whilst there probably is a lack of non-food floorspace, this provision was solely a matter of market forces.

## 2.5 Environment/Conservation:

2.5.1 H Soc welcomed the Shopfront Design Guide produced by S.A.D.C. but concerned about those items which cannot be controlled e.g. bills on shop windows, plastic fascias, advert boards on the pavement and resulting obstruction.

2.5.2 Street furniture: can there be consultation before furniture/signs are put in position.

2.5.3 In full development: mature planting should be retained: planning applications do not adequately show existing planting. Retention of trees and hedges in the town is very important.

## 2.6 Office Development:

2.6.1 H Soc identified a need for small offices for local uses: important that local offices and services are retained: ideal use for historic buildings: however despite local need, still support policy to retain residential use (at first or second floor level) in conjunction with commercial use in town centre).

2.6.2 H Soc suggested that vacant units at Batford Mill could be used for offices. JC pointed out that industrial land in Harpenden is limited: S.A.D.C. would not be happy to support this.

## 2.7 Elderly Persons Dwellings:

2.7.1 Harpenden Lodge site suggested as a good location for single storey EPD.

2.7.2 Concern expressed about level of car parking for EPD schemes. AD explained S.A.D.C. view and the new study to be started on all residential parking standards county wide.

## 2.8 Other Points:

2.8.1 Southdown should be included in study area since the need for policies is similar. JC explained that at the present time the St Albans and Harpenden Inset Maps had priority - but this did not preclude a study in the future.

2.8.2 H Soc expressed concern that those people resident in the extended part of the Harpenden Conservation Area were not totally aware of the obligations that this imposed. It was suggested that perhaps a separate note outlining the implications of the Conservation Area status could be delivered with the Town Forum newsletter. H Soc members indicated that they could help with this. S.A.D.C. reps agreed to check what efforts had been made to notify the relevant residents.

AD/sjl  
7.11.84

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th December 1985 at Harpenden  
Hall at 7.45 p.m.

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Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. The Harpenden Town Centre Plan and Inset Map.
4. Date of next meeting.

NOTE. The main purpose of this meeting is to deal with Item No. 3  
above. If time is available after this, the meeting will deal with:-

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes
6. Any other business.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Monday, 18th November, 1985

Present: Mr. K. Jennings, in the Chair,  
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. J. Clitherow, Miss I.M. Leek,  
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Dr. J. Moore, Mrs. P. Mowbary,  
Mr. E. Truslove, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. S. Bastow, Mr. G. Haslar  
Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Mr. A. Mellody.

#### 66. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 8th October, 1985 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following:-

Item 56(a) - paragraph 1 to be amended to read "Planning applications were commented upon".

- 5/1209/85 to be amended to read "Change of use opposed".

- paragraph 3 - "Mr. L. Matthews" to replace  
"Mr. E. Ward".

Item 57 - paragraph 1 to be amended to read "the DOE and the S.E. Regional Planning Conference requested even greater development in the Green Belt".

- paragraph 2 to be amended to read ..... evenly over the County. The Committee endorsed this".

#### 67. MATTERS ARISING

##### a. Comments and Objectives to Applications (Minute 55 (a))

Mrs. Wang and Mr. Matthews will meet with the Assistant Director - Control on the 21st December, 1985.

##### b. Southdown Cottages (Minute 55(b))

The Secretary reported that there was no history of an owner taken to Court and served with a mandatory injunction to take action. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance while keeping a watchful eye on any possible redevelopment.

##### c. Environmental (Minute 55 (c))

The Secretary reported that he had written to thank the Manager of Sainsburys for the repair work.

d. Future Events (minute 55 (d))

Although Brig. De Butts had not taken a fee, he had suggested that the Society make a donation to the Hertfordshire Society. It was agreed to send £10.

e. County Structure Plan (Minute 57)

All responses to the Plan will be laid formally before the <sup>County</sup> Committee in January.

Following a request in the minutes of the Federation of Amenity Societies for all member societies to write to their M.Ps. opposing this further development in Hertfordshire, it was agreed that the Secretary should write to our M.P.

f. Council for Voluntary Service (Minute 60)

The Secretary reported that having informed the Council that the Society wished to withdraw from membership, the Council had requested reconsideration. It was agreed to reconsider withdraw in one year's time.

g. Spotlight on Leisure - 1986 (Minute 62)

The Society had been informed by the organiser that a 1986 Spotlight would not take place. The loss of this exhibition plus the loss of its transfer to the library was discussed. The introduction of a computerised system at the library would reduce the floor area available there for other public displays.

Following discussion it was agreed that a joint exhibition by local environmental societies would be worthwhile and that the other societies should be canvassed with a view to holding it during the Civic Trust Environmental Week 1986 which was to be held from the 3rd to the 11th May, 1986.

h. Town Council (Minute 63)

Mrs. Wang said that both Mr. Nash and Mr. Hammond had been approached on this matter which was believed to be of importance as the Society's 'objections' were on important planning matters. No response to date.

68. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Plans

Planning applications were commented upon:-

5/1308/85 6 Redbourn Lane, Hatching Green - erection of front porch by J. Wharton.

The proposed porch would be obtrusive and out of place in a terrace of cottages without external additions.

The proposed new fence would break the existing front line. Any replacement windows should match existing.

5/1385/85      40 Coldharbour Lane - erection of six light industrial workshops by D.C. Jones Ltd.

No objection in principle but attention drawn to parking, vehicular access and landscaping.

5/077A/85      Green Lawns Garage, Luton Road - display of two pole-mounted signs by Bowers Motor Caravans.

Refusal recommended on the grounds that the proposed altered signs are still obtrusive.

5/1394/85      Rose Cottage, 33 High Street - change of use from  
Conservation    residential to dental surgery.  
Area

No justification for change of use as refurbished cottage must be very acceptable as a complete unit.

5/1395/85      Queens Moat House Hotel - erection of two-storey  
Conservation    bedroom suite.  
Area

Single-storey suggested if proposed block on rising ground will be visible from the road.

5/1425/85      New Taj Mahal Restaurant, Station Road - new shop  
Conservation    front.  
Area

Retrospective application regretted for work reported by the Society. The new front does not conform and is unsympathetic to neighbouring shops.

5/1437/85      26 Hollybush Lane - conversion of house into two  
Conservation    flats.  
Area

Recommend deferment pending submission of more accurate and detailed plans.

5/1440/85      Woolwich Equitable Building Society, 33 High  
Conservation    Street - alterations to shop front to accommodate  
Area            automated telling machine.

Refusal recommended on grounds that positioning unacceptable and design unsympathetic.

5/1448/85      Westfield Road - new shop with flats above.

Recommend deferment pending submission of adequate plans.

5/1488/85

Hickling Way - erection of 6 flats by Aldwick Housing Association.

No objection in principle but attention drawn to need for adequate plans and clarification of number of flats intended.

b. Transport

Mr. Haslam's written report dealt with the following:-

BR Station House- changed management at BR Property Board are reconsidering this building.

BR Station - interior telephone installed in booking hall  
exterior telephone box installation awaited.

shrub beds planted satisfactorily.

problem of pavement space by shrub beds when parked cars overhang the pavement. BR Architect will be asked to investigate with a view to the protection of foot passengers.

shelter on platform 1 has been repaired and painted. Heating installed.

approach road and pavement to be partly re-surfaced.

car park work awaiting completion of work at St. Albans.

Bus Shelter - assistance requested for week-day work on Batford shelter.

Group Meeting - joint meeting of Transport and Plans Groups on 21st November, 1985.

c. Commons and Greens

Dr. Moore reported:-

Southdown Ponds - cleaned

Commons and Greens Committee of the Town Council had consulted the Group to ascertain the Society's news on:

Haycrop - the contractor wished to roll, chain harrow and fertilise, followed by an extra cut to control the gorse. The Group wholeheartedly endorsed the ~~unanimous Town Council~~ view that no fertiliser be used on the Common. The Town Council has accepted that there will be a cost for keeping the area as open grassland and the contractor has been asked to quote for cutting, carting and a second gorse cut. *members of T/C agreed*

Car Parking, Pimlico - one resident had suggested individual hard parking bays on common. All other residents objected. Group supported Town Council in agreement with majority.



d. Environmental

Mrs. Wang reported:-

- BR Station ladies' lavatory - problems over regular cleaning and grafitti.
- Automated Telling Machines - District Council urged to set out clear guidelines on the installation of these machines in existing buildings.

As a result of publication of her telephone number in the past issue of the newsletter:- *Members have phoned concerning*

- Cottage, Marquis Lane - regret at permission for demolition. Outline permission for two semi-detached houses.
- Sight lines Leyton Road/ Church Green - Plan traffic management should give these attention.
- Nicky Line - Residents continue to complain about rubbish left by school children. The Society's views are being made to through its representation on the DC Committee.
- Work Parties - offer of weekend help passed to Mr. G. Haslam.
- Ambrose Lane Residents Association - enquiries received regarding NCH land. Details of Inset Plan exhibition passed on.
- Coffee House - letter of thanks for the Society's concern received following cessation of visits of hot dog van in Church Green.
- Fish Van - parked in restricted area in Lower High Street for excess time. Police matter.  
*the walkabout will District Officers concerned with*
- Mrs. Wang read her report on advertising. A copy is to be sent to St. Albans Civic Society.

e. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported:-

- Fine Fare - letter of thanks written for improvement works. No reply as yet to enquiry regarding owners of air-raid shelter land.
- Green/Road boundary - no activity on this matter. Reminder due.

f. U.L.V.G.

The report.

The value of this Committee's representation at U.L.V.G. committee meetings was discussed. Mr. E. Ward will attend the meeting to be held on 12th December, 1985 in order to deal with the matter of the commemorative plaques.

Mr. Ward reported that <sup>Maurice</sup>~~Morris~~ Smith had designed a cairn for the main plaque to be sited outside, All Saints' Church. Planning permission was not required. The cairn would be constructed to match the church, from spare available stone.

69. MEETING WITH DC RE LITTER

Mr. Ward reported that, following preliminary meetings, he would report after the meeting to be held on 21st November, 1985. The Society will be represented on a steering committee formed by the DC.

Mrs. Wang said that as the DC had insufficient funds to provide the requisite number of litter bins it was proposing their sponsorship at a cost of £250 for bin and plaque. The DC would be responsible for repairs.

Mrs. Wang said also that there was a need to identify litter-generating sites so that the bins could be located usefully.

70. HARPENDEN <sup>TOWN</sup>~~TRUST~~ CENTRE INSET MAP

At the meeting held on the 29th October the Town Plan was considered area by area, illustrated by slides and referred to the forthcoming exhibition.

The TC had complained to the DC that in the District Plan, Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map brochure no acknowledgement had been made that much of the content was at the instigation of the T.C. and the Society. The DC would include an appropriate reference in the finally approved plan.

An extraordinary meeting of the Committee was called for Wednesday, 11th December, 1985 to discuss and formulate the Society's response to the District Plan, Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map.

71. NEWSLETTER

Mrs. Wang requested that several Committee contact telephone numbers be included in the next and forthcoming issues as she had received many calls following publication of her own telephone number in the last issue.

Copy date for next issue - 20th December, 1985

Publication date - 6th January, 1986

72. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached.

73. HARPENDEN YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Committee had received an invitation to attend an open evening on the 10th December, 1985.

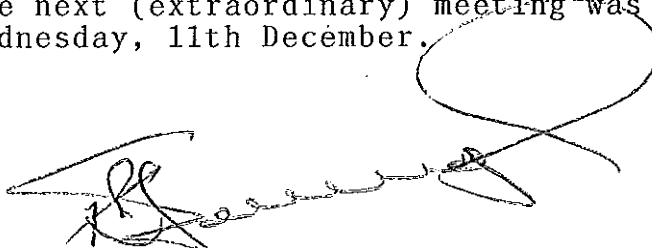
74. PUBLIC MEETINGS - 1986/87

1986 - Tuesday, 16th September  
Wednesday, 5th November  
Wednesday, 10th December

1987 - Wednesday, 25th February  
Wednesday, 4th March

75. NEXT MEETING

The next (extraordinary) meeting was called for Wednesday, 11th December.

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15 November 1985

UNAUDITED

HARPENDEN SOCIETY AND UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP  
Analysis of Income and Expenditure for Nine Months to 30 September 1985

Twelve Months 1984 ----- £		Nine Months 1985 ----- £
2380.59	Balance in hand 31 December/30 September	2128.19 X
2018.18	less Opening Balance	2380.59
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362.41	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-252.40 X
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	INCOME	
	-----	
1362.18	Subscriptions and Donations	1259.80
120.42	Interest received	98.27
-11.13	Functions account (loss)	-12.00
22.16	Sundry	6.88
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1493.63	Total Income	1352.95 X
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	EXPENDITURE	
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48.50	Subscriptions to other Societies	36.00
99.43	Hire of accomodation for public meetings	109.19
317.54	Office expenses (postage, telephone etc)	227.79
390.81	Printing, Advertising	205.62
	ULVG - Expenses 41.80	
105.51	less Income 83.00	-41.20
61.77	Photography and Display Equipment	220.86 —
27.50	Local History Society, use of rooms	.00
35.00	Insurance	36.66
.00	Society Award Plaque	58.37
	Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust	300.00 =
	Repair of Town Sign	300.00 =
12.16	Bus Shelter Repairs	120.06 —
33.00	Other	41.03
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1131.22	Total Expenditure	1605.35 X
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362.41	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-252.40
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	FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT	
		£
-21.82	Wine & Cheese Evening	.00
	AGM Refreshments	-12.00
10.69	Other receipts less costs	.00
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-11.13		-12.00
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I.D.G. McNicoll  
Treasurer

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee meeting to be held at Harpenden Hall on Monday 18th November 1985  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Report on meetings with District Council re litter.
6. Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map. To report and to consider the Society's response.
7. ULVG Plaques.
8. Minutes of District Council and Town Council. See notes attached.
9. Any other business.
10. Date of next meeting.

BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS - ANNUAL DRAW

May I please have ..... All unsold tickets  
Counterfoils for sold tickets  
The money.

at this meeting



Items of interest taken from District Council Sub-Committee Minutes submitted to the District Council meeting of 23rd October 1985.

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1. County Structure Plan, New Issues. The Council have reviewed this and their views, communicated to the County, are consistent with ours.
2. Reported that the cost of clearing rubbish from bottle bank sites exceeds the receipts from sale of glass. The intention is to try to negotiate a new contract.
3. Dark Lane waste disposal site - opening hours for the winter are :-  
12.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. weekdays  
9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
4. The policy for "Question Time" at meetings was defined. At any ordinary Council meeting a resident may ask any question provided written notice of the question is given 7 days in advance. If the resident is not called to present his question, a written answer will be sent.
5. By-Laws for stubble burning have been made. The burning is not allowed between one hour before sunset and sunrise. The fire is to be contained by firebreaks not less than 15 metres from the trunk of any tree, hedgerow, fence or telegraph pole.
6. Complaints were made regarding the frequency and adequacy of grass cutting. Various places in the District were mentioned (not the A 1081 verges) and an investigation was promised.
7. Attention was drawn to the lack of consistent standards of street sweeping. Investigation promised.
8. The Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust will contribute £7,000 towards the cost of new seating in the Harpenden Public Hall, the balance to be taken from a previously agreed budget by the District Council.
9. The District Council have sent an objection to Luton Borough Council regarding proposed development at Stopsley, on the grounds that it could lead to further development at Caddington and thus erode the Green Belt between Caddington and Harpenden/Slip End. A further objection was sent to Luton B.C. regarding expansion Of Luton Airport unless measures are taken to restrict noise and avoid increased traffic problems.
10. Complaints were made about the bad condition of some pavements. It was reported that Highways Inspectors were detailed to survey pavements in Town Centres twice weekly (!!) and in other areas at a minimum frequency of 3 months. Reference was made to damage caused by pavement parking. Reported that notices prohibiting this would shortly be posted, following which enforcement would commence.
11. Comments were made about advertising boards on pavements. It was pointed out that Inspectors were under orders to take steps to have the boards removed but where there was a private forecourt, it was not always possible to define the limits of this.

12. Request by a resident that some of the buses between Batford and the Town Centre be diverted to serve Westfield Road. Reported that this would reduce to an unacceptable level the service along Station Road. Also, an extension to Route 307 had been tried out some time ago, but there were difficulties in finding a turning point and there had been complaints from residents. The matter to be investigated further.

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Items of interest taken from Town Council Sub-Committee Minutes submitted to the Town Council meeting 23rd September 1985.

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1. The Highways Advisory Panel reported that the District Council are prepared to consider a concession on car parking charges to students of the Further Education Centre.

2. Cllr. Vass introduced a motion to negotiate with the District Council for the Town Council to take over the running and maintenance of Westfield Cemetery. This was defeated, and instead one was passed for a communication to be sent to the District Council insisting that they put the Cemetery in order and keep it so.

3. A complaint by Cllr Vass that the landscaping at Cravells Road car park is still not completed and that the gardens were a disgrace despite the £5000 having been paid by the Town Council. The Chairman promised to take the matter up with the District Council.

4. The Kinsbourne Green Triangle. Cllr Mrs Parker advised that the Town Council had written to the District Council suggesting that the Town Council should purchase the land. There is an objection to the land being used as a pub car park.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday, 8th October, 1985.

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Present: Mr. K. Jennings, in the Chair  
Mr. J. Bush, Mrs. J. Clitherow, Mr. J.A. Holderness, Miss I.M. Leek,  
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Mr. E. Truslove, Mrs. M. Waldren.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. S. Bastow, Dr. J. Moore,  
Mrs. P. Mowbray, Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. E. Ward.

### 54. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 3rd September, 1985 were approved as a true record, subject to the inclusion of the following:-

Item 49(d) - paragraph 4, item (c) to be amended to read "the fact that ..... to be demolished without being reinstated contrary to .....".

### 55. MATTERS ARISING

#### a. Comments and Objections to Applications (Minute 48(d))

Following the Secretary writing to the County Council concerning the lack of response to objections and comments re. planning, Mr. Braddon had agreed to the Society's offer to meet with a Planning Officer.

#### b. Southdown Cottages (Minute 48(e))

Following the Secretary writing to the District Council about the dilapidated state of these cottages in a conservation area, the Council had replied sharing the Society's concern but stating that no application had been received for their redevelopment.

There had been no reply to the query about possible Council pressure to repair on owners of dilapidated property in conservation areas. The Secretary was asked to obtain clarification of the legal position.

#### c. Environmental (Minute 49(d))

Gilpin Green/Overstone Road - Mr. Ings was anticipating permission to proceed being received from the Manpower Services Commission.

4 Arden Grove - Mrs. Wang's letter to the District Council had been acknowledged. It was doubtful if any further progress could be made in this matter.

Lydekker Estate - the tree lopping was a fait accompli.

Sainsburys - Sainsbury had replaced fencing panels, repaired the bicycle rack and the litter bin as suggested by the Society.



d. Future Events (Minute 51)

October public meeting - Brig. De Butts of the Hertfordshire Society would speak on "The Work of the Hertfordshire Society including the Stanstead Airport debate".

Batford meeting - no further progress

56. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Plans

Planning applications were <sup>commented</sup> ~~objected to~~ upon the following grounds:-

- 5/1099/85 11 Sauncey Ave. - erection of extensions by Gibson  
The proposed extensions would deprive the next door house of light, air and visual amenity to an unreasonable degree. The Society does not involve itself with extensions, but had received a direct appeal from the next door owner.
- 5/1170/85 17 Leyton Road, rear Inn on the Green - erection of 5 workshops by Trustees James Marshall Foundation  
Application premature as the Harpenden Inset Map is currently under review
- 5/1175/85 9 and 11 Clarendon Road - erection of 18 flats by H.P. Tolley Ltd.  
Reduction from 21 flats in scheme no. 5/0709/85 (Minute No. 31), but development is still too dominating and dense for the location having serious repercussions on mature trees. TPOs requested on mature trees.
- 5/1209/85 Carpenders Close - erection of houses and garages by Douglas Catton Ltd.  
A proper tree survey is required. TPOs requested on mature specimens as the re-siting planned seems unlikely to actually happen. Schedule of planting proposals referred to not available.
- 5/1240/85 Roundwood Lane - erection of two industrial units.  
As with a previous application, No. 5/0287/85, opposed by the Society, despite a reduction in floor space, industrial units would adversely affect the value of local residential properties, especially if their use changed in the course of time, and would add to traffic congestion.
- 5/1255/85 Waldegrave Road - A.T.C. site  
While the necessity for a "steel palisade fence" is regretted, it is hoped that it will be painted to be as unobtrusive as possible.

5/1287/85 8 Vaughan Road - change of use from residential  
to office by C. & F.T. Steer  
Change of use. *opposed.*

Mr. Matthews reported that, having been asked by the Environmental Group to ascertain the fate of Station House, he had been informed that there had been a change of plan so that the site would be marketed openly within current planning permission limits.

It was agreed that Mr. ~~E. Ward~~<sup>Matthews</sup> would represent the Society at the County Council Planning Department Design Seminar on "new building in conservation areas" on the 20th November, 1985.

Mr. Bush reported receipt of an invitation from the District Council to a Planning Seminar on Development Control to be held on the 10th October, 1985. Unfortunately the invitation had been received only today as it was wrongly addressed.

Mr. Truslove reported that the District Council had offered to meet the Society again regarding the Town Inset Map on the 29th October, 1985.

b. Transport

A report had been received from Mrs. Wang that the work promised on the bicycle way and verges on the A1081 was almost complete.

c. Environmental

Following receipt of copy correspondence from Mrs. H. Willey of 20 Kinsbourne Close regarding land by Bowers Garage, Kinsbourne Green, which involved herself, Mr. John Pigott of Thrales End and the Director of Legal Services, it was agreed that the Society should not become involved pending an outcome of the discussions now in hand.

It was anticipated that Forum would publish the article by Mrs. L. Wang on the conservation of trees in the Winter issue.

It was agreed to recommend to the Police acceptance of the offer by Jarvis Builders to include maintenance of the Police Station garden in their own regular garden maintenance work.

A copy of a Public Statement on Railway Linesides, highlighting the principal features of their new Code of Practice, had been received from British Rail.

Although complaints were still being received about schoolchildren leaving litter due to lack of supervision, it was agreed that it was still inappropriate to take any action.

The District Council had invited the Society to attend an informal meeting on litter on the 24th October, 1985.

d. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported that the railings had been erected at the Fine Fare exit.

A meeting of the Group would be held mid-November.

57. COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN

The original plan provided for additional housing units in the area. The DOE and the S.E. Regional Plan <sup>Conference</sup> requested even greater development. <sup>in the Green Belt</sup> These were resisted by the County Council whose plans included:

a. incremental growth by small additional areas around the fringes of towns

b. major growth by estates.

*Committee ordered the proposal*  
The Plans Group ~~favoured~~ (a) spread evenly over the County. However there was the danger that incremental growth could make towns join up, cause undue strain on the facilities already existing mainly in town centres and exacerbate traffic problems.

The development planned for Harpenden was an unknown quantity as it formed part of the St. Albans area. However, it was understood that the development of housing estates was planned to be between St. Albans and London.

58. LIAISON WITH SCHOOLS

Following approaches from schoolchildren regarding the work of the Society (Minute No. 52(e)), it was agreed that the Secretary should provide all local schools with suitable information.

59. BRITISH TRUST FOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The Secretary reported an invitation to participate, to which he had replied that the Society was primarily concerned with the urban aspects of Harpenden within the town boundaries.

60. COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

It was agreed to discontinue membership of this Council whose subscription was £5 p.a., as no benefit had been received.

61. COMMUNITY COUNCIL FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

It was agreed not to join this Council.

62. SPOTLIGHT ON LEISURE - 1986

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the organiser, Mr. John Savage, who was attempting to assess the general enthusiasm for participation in a 1986 display. As the main showcase for the Society, it was agreed that the Society would like Spotlight to continue in its present form. The Secretary was asked to enquire what practical help would be required to ensure its successful continuation.

63. TOWN COUNCIL

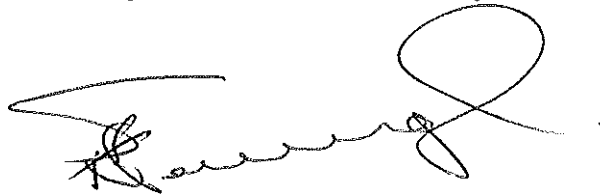
It had been noted that the minutes of the Town Council meetings refer to letters which the Plans Group had written to the District Council as "grumbles". It was agreed that this was an unfortunate description of the correspondence. Mrs. Wang was asked to bring the Society's concern to the attention of Mrs. Parker.

64. COMMITTEE

Mr. E. Truslove drew to the attention of the Committee that he would retire as a Committee Member and Events Secretary at the forthcoming AGM.

65. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was called for Monday, 18th November, 1985.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'E. Truslove', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8th October 1985 at Harpenden  
Hall at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. County Structure Plan - see Item 48 (c) of previous minutes.
6. Liaison with Schools - see Item 52 (e) of previous minutes.
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next meeting.

Addendum to Environmental Group Report - Page 4.  
Please add the following to attached minutes at ~~X~~ :-

Attention was drawn to the severe lopping of trees in Salisbury Avenue. Mrs. Wang has sought confirmation from District Council that this unseasonal work will not affect the trees long term.

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd September, 1985

Present: - Dr. F. J. Moore in the Chair  
Mr. S. Bastow, Mr. H. J. Bush, Mrs. M. J. M. Clitherow,  
Mr. W. G. Haslar, Mr. L. J. G. Matthews, Mrs. P. Mowbray,  
Mr. E. H. Truslove, Mr. M. F. Vincent, Mrs. M. G. Waldren,  
Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies for absence received from :- Mr. K. P. Jennings, Miss I. M. Leek,  
Mr. A. Mellody, Mr. I. D. G. McNicoll, Mrs. L. Wang.

47. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 30th July, 1985, were agreed as a true record, subject to the following adjustments:-

Page 3. Commons & Greens. Amend penultimate line to read -  
" ... make efforts to try to find a contractor ... "

Page 4. Transport. Line 5. Two folding signboards are being produced.

### 48. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Waitrose Page 1 Item (a) The Secretary had received a reply from the John Lewis Partnership re-affirming their intention not to display the plaque publicly. Enclosed was (at the Secretary's request) a draft for our Newsletter, explaining the situation to Members.
- (b) 23, West Common Page 3. Mr. Matthews read his original letter to District Council and their reply. Approval was given for the materials used and, notwithstanding complaints, there seemed to be nothing further we could do. The effect of weather would, in time, make the appearance less striking.
- (c) Country Structure Plan Page 3. The Secretary had now received the further consultation document which was passed to Mr. Matthews. We have to comment on this prior to 11th October. Resolved to discuss this at next meeting.
- (d) Comments and Objections to Applications Page 3 The Secretary had received an acknowledgement of his letter to Mr. Braddon.
- (e) Southdown Cottages Page 4 (e) The Secretary had received an acknowledgement of his letter to District Council.

### 49. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

- (a) Plans. Mr. Matthews reported a Group meeting on 13th August. Mr. M. F. Vincent had joined the Group. General matters were discussed, in particular Harpenden Lodge and the N.C.H. The following planning applications were commented on: -

5/0965/85 J. Lok. Alterations to shop front, 96, High Street.  
The suggested fascia sign and frame out of place.  
Refusal recommended.

5/0974/85 11 Terraced houses, R/O 56, Cowper Road (renewal of previous outline permission). The development rather cramped and not in keeping with nearby properties. The road bears a lot of traffic and street parking which the development would make worse. Mature trees on the site should be retained.

- 5/1049/85 High Street Methodist Church. Extension of entrance  
5/1050/85 hall. No objection in principle, but a drawing was  
submitted showing different glazed windows which we  
suggest would be more in harmony.
- 5/054A/85 Fascia signs and display panels, Abbey National Bldg.  
Society, High Street. The plan is contrary to District  
Council's guidelines, and a number of gaudy signs are  
also unacceptable. Refusal recommended.
- 5/1035/85 Automatic Machine in shop front, Abbey National Bldg.  
Society, High Street. A more restrained colour scheme  
suggested.
- 5/1103/85 Land to N.E. boundary of Cowpers End, Cowper Road.  
Road access must be considered, also the loss of garages  
on the site.
- 5/1108/85 44, Crossway. The house is too small for conversion  
into two flats.
- 5/1124/85 1, Harding Parade. We oppose the change of use from  
shops to offices.
- 5/1126/85 7, Willoughby Road. The storage of piles of cars and  
car breaking would cause disturbance and be visually  
unacceptable.
- 5/1060/85 16, Southdown Road. The majority of the alterations  
would be to the interior and we raise no objections.
- 5/0990/85 Jarvis. Office development, 3A, 7, 9, 11 Vaughan Road.  
The Society's view is that further offices in central  
Harpenden are unnecessary. However, if the plan is  
accepted, some reduction in height of the building  
(3 storeys) is required; the effect of the develop-  
ment on the glass suppliers at the top end of Vaughan  
Road must be considered, provision must be made for  
on-site parking for occupants of existing shops, and a  
check made as to whether any part of the existing  
building is in residential use.
- 5/1137/85 This is a modification of the application immediately  
above.
- 5/1138/85 The Society's comments are as before.
- 5/1163/85 5, Station Road. Change of use from retail to Estate  
Agents. The Society opposes this type of change.
- 5/1144/85 2, High Street. Erection of car showroom, ancillary  
offices 1st floor and 2 flats 2nd floor. There is still  
a parking problem here, both in Leyton Road and the High  
Street. Vehicular clutter and awkward shuffling around  
would be undesirable. This new plan does not get over  
the problem. (See also Commons & Greens report).
- 5/1076/85 35, Marquis Lane. Erection of 2 dwellings and a single-  
storey extension.
- 5/1085/85 Previous application - November, 1984, commented on by  
the Society, and some comments still apply. Because the  
site itself is on higher ground than the Lane, 2-storey  
houses would have an obtrusive effect from the river  
area. Refusal recommended.

5/1061/85   Erection of 16 houses, Lower Luton Road. This land is in the Green Belt and we see no reason to depart from the District Plan. Refusal recommended.

(b) Commons & Greens

Dr. Moore reported on a meeting of the Commons & Greens Committee of the Town Council. Regarding the Harpenden Motors site (2, High Street), the Council agreed that part of the large pavement area on the West side could be taken for parking, but in no circumstances would any encroachment on to the Green be allowed.

The contractor who undertook to deal with the hay crop on the Common has not yet done the work, and he blames the weather. He will, however, cut the grass and remove it. The Council is hoping to obtain a 3-year contract for this work.

The Rovers Football Club requested a new junior pitch on the West side of the bank boundary of the present pitch. This was refused.

Regarding the Nicky Line, the Council is to send a letter to District Council regarding the accumulation of litter on the path, encroachment of foliage, and still no protecting fence at the end of the path adjoining the main line.

The Council has put in a bid for the purchase of the triangle of land at Green Lawns, Kinsbourne Green, with the intention of converting it to Common. It was recognized that there are some legal problems.

(c) Transport

Mr. Haslar reported that a meeting of the Group had recently taken place. Regarding Harpenden Station, Mr. Haslar mentioned that the two telephones are now awaiting connection by Telecom, and he drew attention to the refurbishment of the Waiting Room on Platform 1, and the fact that the line crossing is now complete so that wheelchairs can now be taken across. When the Portacabin is removed we will have a better appreciation of how the problem of the garden beds will work out. It was acknowledged that B.R. had made a very good job of the Station building and it was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to B.R. Letter to be drafted by Mr. Haslar.

The bus shelter in Batford is the last one yet to be done. Mr. Haslar called for some assistance on this. All the other shelters have been dealt with.

Reference was made to a letter appearing recently in the Press regarding the bad state of the A1081 cycleway. The Secretary also produced a copy of a letter from Mrs. Wang to County Council (written as a private individual) repeating this complaint, and mentioning also the overhanging verge growth on the main road between Beesonend and West Common Way. Mr. Haslar reported that very recently some work on the cycleway had commenced (with tarmac) and it was resolved to monitor results.

The Secretary reported a complaint from a Member regarding a pot-hole in the High Street near Station Road junction, which resulted in the breaking of a spring on his motorcycle. Mr. Haslar will investigate.



(d)

Environmental

The Secretary read a report from Mrs. Wang. The District Council has sent a letter confirming that there will be a 4 ft. footway from Leyton Road to the footway constructed by Waitrose. This is, in fact, now complete.

An on-site meeting had taken place at the neglected area Gilpin Green/Overstone Road, attended by Mr. Ings (Project Manager of the Churches' Community Programme), local residents and the Chairman of the Town Council. Mr. Ings has agreed to recommend his team to clear, level and seed the site. A local resident will advise the District Council, and request regular mowing. The lady will also advise the agents for the freeholder, as residents have been given permission to do this work. At this point the Secretary produced a letter from the Owner's solicitors giving permission for the Society to undertake this work. Letter passed to Mrs. Wang. The removal of all the growth will need skips, and Mrs. Wang has enquired about provision of these from District Council. The question of the Society sharing the cost was raised, but it was felt that we could not commit ourselves without having some idea of the cost.

Two further site meetings took place at the neglected ground near entrance to Rothamsted Park, (1) Mrs Wang and Mr. Ings (2) Mrs Wang and Mr. Barry a Representative of the County Land Agent/Valuer Dept. It was established that the major part of the area (both car parks) is the responsibility of the Fire Service and the wide verge between the footpath and the wall is the responsibility of Social Services. Mr. Barry agreed that the Churches' Community Programme could do the work, and Mr. Ings agreed to include it.

Regarding 4 Arden Grove, the Committee was advised of correspondence from Jarvis (Harpenden) Ltd., notes of telephone calls relating thereto and a letter from Mrs. Wang to the District Council. The substance of this matter is (a) the plans submitted did not show existing trees, (b) one mature tree was recently felled despite the Society's request that it be retained and the fact that permission to fell the tree was not applied for, (c) the fact that a small residential unit - again not shown on the plans - is to be demolished contrary to District Council policy.

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*See note on Agenda sheet.*

*without being reinstated*

Attention was drawn also to lopping and felling of trees on Lydekker Estate, for which permission had been given but no public notification. Mrs. Wang proposes to refer again to this at the next meeting.

Photographs were produced of missing fence panels, Sainsbury's service area. Mrs. Wang has contacted the Manager.

Two 'phone calls from Residents reported : - (1) re the Cowpers End development proposed, and mature trees (not shown on plan) at risk and (2) a van parked at Church Green selling hot dogs during weekday evenings - noise, smell etc. Mrs. Wang advised the people who complained to take action.

(e) Southdown

Attention was drawn to the completion of the work on Fine Fare car park and service area. Mr. Truslove had tried to get Press publication of some credit for the Society's efforts, but without success. Regarding the unofficial 'footpath' on the Green, nothing has yet happened, but it seems that District Council prefers the use of shingle. They say this can be laid only during the autumn, although

it is not clear why this should be so. Although the Committee had previously agreed to drop the matter, it was noted that the question of the old air raid shelter had recently been brought up by the Press. No decision on this was made.

(b) U.L.V.G. No report.

50. MEMBERSHIP

With the July Newsletter, 148 reminders had been issued and 100 of these Members have since paid their subscriptions. There have been 6 cancellations due to moving away, death, resignation, leaving 42 still unpaid.

51. FUTURE EVENTS

Mr. Truslove reported that arrangements are complete for the September meeting. Since the date of publication of the Town Plan has been deferred, it is recognized that some questions might arise on matters which are either not yet finalised or are confidential. The meeting would be informed accordingly.

It was agreed that the October Newsletter should contain advice of the public meetings in October, December and February. The Newsletter had been booked for printing on 3rd October, and Mrs. Waldren requires all material by mid-September. It was agreed that we continue to provide punch and mince pies at the December meeting. It was suggested that, in view of the Resources Centre Christmas closure, the date of future February meetings be a little later in the month to allow time for circulation of the January Newsletter.

52. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Noted that Waitrose had started charging for the first hour of car parking. It was confirmed that they had previously indicated an intention to do so, and also that they had the right to do so.
- (b) The Secretary had received material from N.W.E.E.H.P.A., indicating that they proposed to continue the fight against Stansted Airport development, and that they were seeking donations. The Committee decided not to make a donation, although we might think again after hearing what Brigadier de Butts has to say at the October meeting.
- (c) The Secretary distributed tickets for a Draw organized by B.T.C.V.
- (d) The B.T.C.V. are anxious to raise a meeting of representatives of Herts local Groups, and the Secretary has received a letter to this effect. The subject of the first proposed meeting is National Tree Week, but the Committee felt that, whilst not against the idea of a meeting of Groups, the question of further trees in Harpenden is inappropriate. The Secretary will reply accordingly.
- (e) The Secretary reported having been contacted by two school students who are working on a project concerned with Harpenden, and wanted details of the Society, its work and its views on a number of matters. The Secretary had provided the required information, which was gratefully received, but it raised the question of whether we should reconsider our contact with schools in some form, since perhaps a gap was left by the closure of our former Schools Liaison Group. Resolved to consider later.

53. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, 8th October, 1985

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held at Harpenden Hall on Tuesday 3rd September 1985  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups:-
  - Plans.
  - Commons and Greens.
  - Transport.
  - Environmental.
  - Southdown.
  - ULVG.
- ( 5. Membership report.
6. Notes re District Council minutes attached.
7. Future events.
8. Any other business.
9. Date of next meeting.

Notes taken from minutes of District Council Sub-Committees submitted to the  
District Council Meeting of 17th July 1985

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1. Shop Fronts Resolved to update the Council's Guide to shopfronts with particular reference to shutters, dutch blinds and advertisement design.
2. Developments resulting in loss of off-street parking and Garage Courts. Resolved that there be a presumption against such developments unless certain criteria can be met. These include availability of convenient alternative parking nearby, lack of use of existing parking, the proposed development being an environmental improvement, etc.
3. Scheme of Delegation - Planning Applications. Resolved to continue this for further 6 months, following a report that it is working well. Resolved also to extend the scheme to include single storey extensions (previously restricted as to size and location) and advertisement consent and shop front approval outside conservation areas.
4. Social Area - Harpenden Sports Centre. Accepted proposals for restructuring this area to allow a more intensive use of this facility.
5. Dogs in Parks and Open Spaces. Resolved to prepare a list of play areas and other sites which could be fenced off and defined as "dog free areas" and to prepare by-laws covering this.
6. Parking on Pavements. Concern expressed that the Police are not taking action. Resolved to make further request to the Police to take required action.
7. Mobile Homes Resolved to ask the Assn. of District Councils to make representations to the Sec. of State for Environment to ensure that mobile homes for residential purposes stationed within the curtilage of dwellings are brought within planning control.



## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Minutes of a Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th July, 1985

Present: Mr. K. Jennings in the Chair.  
Mr. H. J. Bush, Dr. F. J. Moore, Mr. I. D. G. McNicoll,  
Mr. L. J. G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Mrs. P. Mowbray,  
Mr. M. F. Vincent, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. E. Ward

Apologies for absence received from Mr. S. Bastow, Mrs. M. J. M. Clitherow,  
Mr. J. A. Holderness, Miss I. M. Leek, Mr. E. H. Truslove.

39. MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th June were agreed as a true record, subject to the following adjustments:-

Page 4, Transport, Item (i) Fresh Fish Van. Amend 'parks' to read 'had parked'.

Page 5, Litter Bins, Item (iii). After 'funds' add 'for 1984/5'.

Page 7, Minute 33, Litter and Dilapidation. Amend spelling in line 2 to 'Councillor Rigby'.

#### 40. MATTERS ARISING

##### (a) WAITROSE (Page 7, Item 36 25.6.85)

The Secretary had written to the John Lewis Partnership, asking if the plaque could be fixed to the outside of the building, and pointing out that this has been the practice with all our previous awards. A reply had been received from the Managing Director of Waitrose, resisting this request on the grounds of - "an invariable rule not to seek or wish for any public demonstration of achievement", and therefore the plaque will remain in the Partners' Dining Room. The Secretary read this reply to the meeting. In the following discussion it was pointed out that the plaque was awarded for the building, not for the work of the staff, and that, perhaps, Waitrose should not have accepted the award. It was also agreed that, for all future awards, we would have it understood by the recipients that the plaque would be publicly displayed. The Secretary was requested to reply to the letter, expressing our disappointment and requesting permission to publish the facts to our Members in the Society's Newsletter.

##### (b) HOSPITAL SIGN (Page 5, Item (vi))

The Secretary had written to the League of Friends, and a reply had been received stating that they would attempt to get a new sign from the Area Health Authority, failing which the League would consider the provision of a new one.

##### (c) DARK LANE TIP (Page 5, Item (iv))

The Secretary had written to the District Council explaining the shortcomings of the waste site. A sympathetic reply had been received from the Director of Works & Technical Services, noting the contents of our letter and promising to bring them forward for discussion, with particular regard to the alteration of the opening hours.

##### (d) ENVIRONMENT WEEK, 1985 (Page 7, Item 32) The Secretary had written to the Civic Trust explaining the Society's actions and involvement in this.

(e) RAILWAY FOOTBRIDGE Item (viii).

It was requested that the Minutes should draw Mr. Haslar's attention to this, with the suggestion of the application of anti-graffiti paint.

41. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

(a) PLANS The following applications were commented on :-

- 5/0764/85 Natwest Bank, 21, High Street - installation of additional service till and re-positioning of night safe. The building has a distinctive appearance which would be adversely affected by the change. Refusal recommended.
- 5/042A/85 Bowers Motor Caravans, Green Lawns - illuminated pole sign. The pole is too tall and intrusive.
- 5/0813/85 Detached bungalow R/O 6, 7 & 8, Amenbury Lane. This is back-land development; the building would be visually intrusive and the siting would prejudice adjacent properties. The question of access requires consideration. We dislike this.
- 5/0822/85 Office building, 37, Leyton Road. A revised scheme which is more sympathetic, but the views of neighbours should be sought. The question of sight-lines should be considered.
- 5/0859/85 Jarvis (Harpenden) - 1 detached house adj. 71, Grove Road. A revised scheme which would now be acceptable provided there is adequate screening (in particular the existing silver birch), to mitigate the mainly blank north-facing wall.
- 5/0884/85 Dixon Developments Ltd. - 3 houses adj. 7, Eastmoor Park. This development would be too cramped and close to the railway line. The application fails to respect the area's carefully balanced amenity spaces, trees and dwellings. Refusal recommended.
- 5/0896/85 A. L. Tilley. Change of use to Funeral Directors, 121, Lower Luton Road. The small brick building to be divided into two is screened from Lower Luton Road and Station Road. The Society's only concern is the traffic problem, with traffic entering and leaving the site by the narrow entrance close to a busy road junction and bus stop.
- 5/0900/85 M. P. Bentley - residential caravan, Claygate Nursery, Townsend Lane. A previous application for a bungalow was refused on appeal because the owner could not demonstrate that any significant commercial activity was carried on there. This situation apparently not changed. Approval not recommended.
- 5/0917/85 British Shoe Corpn., 18, Station Road. No elevation plan provided to show details of the new front of the building. The rear extension appears to occupy so much of the existing garden that it might extinguish the right of way to the garage at No. 20. Although car parking is shown, it is difficult to see how this

could be achieved in such a limited space. No objection would be raised if the above matters were satisfactorily resolved.

APP/BL930/A/85/32184  
APP/BL930/E/85/800899

Appeal by N.W. Thames Regional Health Authority  
re land at 5, Stewart Road - 4 detached houses.

The District Council's refusal is supported on grounds that (1) the proposed development is too dense (2) the houses would have very small gardens, made smaller by having rear garages and (3) at least one of the existing buildings could be refurbished and adapted for residential purposes.

Detached dwelling, 23, West Common. Permission was granted, subject to approval by the District Council re materials used for external work. The work has proceeded, and complaints have been received about the appearance of the building which shows that little thought was given to materials used externally. A letter had been sent to the District Council asking what approval was given and what steps taken to comply with the original permission. The Council's reply was unsatisfactory; it was resolved that the matter be followed up by a further letter.

County Structure Plan. The Secretary reported that Herts. C. C. had issued a booklet detailing "Amendments No. 1". A copy (£5.00) was obtained and is in circulation among Members who studied the original Plan. The Secretary also reported having received a further letter from the County Planning Officer, stating that there would be a further public consultation from 30th August to 11th October, dealing mainly with housing land. Further details will be sent to us.

Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map. The Secretary reported having received from the Town Clerk two copies of the comments made by the Town Council to the District Council. It was agreed that copies of the Minutes of our meeting with the District Council Planners should be sent to the Town Clerk.

Wellington House. Mrs. Wang reported having been assured that the footpath alongside the wall would be 4 ft. wide.

Comments and objections to applications. Members of the Group reported that it is frequently the case that these - not only from the Society - are not made known or referred to at Plans (North) Meetings. It also appears that sometimes neighbours are not advised of an application. It would seem that the administration is not functioning properly, and it was resolved that Mrs. Wang should draft a letter for the Secretary to send to the Chief Executive, raising this general matter.

(b) COMMONS AND GREENS

The Town Council have now obtained a contractor to cut the grass, but he needs to hire the necessary equipment. The Group will keep a close watch on the outcome of this. Dr. Moore also stated that the Group will make efforts to obtain a contractor for next year and thus help the Town Council.

*try to find*

(c) TRANSPORT

In Mr. Haslar's absence, no full report, but it was reported that there has been much local appreciation of the bus shelter work. Some better immediate publicity was called for, and it was arranged that Mr. Ward would contact Mr. Barley of the Day Centre, with a view to the workshop producing 2 folding signboards which could be set up alongside any site where a Society work-party is operating. This board would indicate that it is a Society work-party. Comments were also made about the re-surfaced roads still unmarked with yellow lines, often leading to dangerous parking. A question was also raised about the delay in the re-development of Station House; the building now has a somewhat unsatisfactory appearance.

(d) ENVIRONMENTAL

Mrs. Wang tabled a copy letter to County Council regarding the neglected area in Rothamsted Park between the Sports Centre and the Fire Station. The letter repeated the question of ownership and responsibility for maintenance. Whilst the Fire Service has admitted responsibility for part of the area, it, too, is unclear as to exact boundaries. The letter suggests a site meeting with a C.C. representative. It was reported that Mrs. Joan Jennings has recently carried out a survey of advertising and boards in the Town, from which it is clear that the volume of such advertising has recently increased. Dr. Moore suggested, and it was agreed, that a write-up of this survey should form an article in the next Newsletter. Mrs. Wang reported complaints from Members re the proposed Stewart Road development (see Plans Group report) and also re the Kinsbourne Green area. It has become apparent that many people resident in the Conservation Area are not aware of that fact, or of the significance of it. This was discussed during a telephone conversation with a District Council officer, who referred to the immense size of the job, but hoped to get around to all the people concerned in due course. Mrs. Wang is hoping to meet a representative of the District Council, and asked Members to bring to her notice any environmental matter considered worthy of discussion. Mrs. Wang also referred to a forthcoming site meeting by the neglected area Overstone Road/Gilpin Green. The meeting would be attended by Councillor Mrs. Parker, local residents, and Mr. Newbury-Ecob of the Luton Churches Community Programme. Mrs. Wang finally referred to the lack of helpers on recent work-parties. The situation is becoming so bad that continuance of work-parties is in question. This was noted by the Committee.

(e) SOUTHDOWN

The Secretary read a report from Mr. Truslove, as follows. A letter was sent to Director of Works & Technical Services regarding the unsatisfactory state of the Cravells Road car park. Some tidying-up was done shortly afterwards. The letter also pressed for attention to the unofficial footpath on the edge of the green and the weeds in front of the garages at the corner of Coleswood Road. The Fine Fare car park entrance has been widened. Following discussion re the semi-derelict cottages in Grove Road, some of which are in the Conservation Area, it was decided that the Secretary should write to the District Council in an attempt to take the matter up with the owners. A letter was received from Miss J. Slaughter regarding old Insurance Firemarks on some Southdown Road houses. It was resolved that this letter be referred to the History Society. Finally, the matter of the air-



raid shelter behind the Post Office was brought up, and it was resolved that the Environmental Group should contact the St. Albans Observer, with a view to some publicity being given to the possible danger to children.

(f) U.L.V.G. No report.

42. LITTER

Mr. Ward reported on the meeting with Cllr. Rigby and the Secretary had received Minutes of that meeting, which was well attended. The various causes of an increase in litter were mentioned, together with a number of suggestions for dealing with the problem. Cllr. Rigby is proposing to call a further meeting in September to report on the progress made by the District Council. Meanwhile, Mr. Ward has been discussing the Harpenden problem with the Town Council, and he produced a catalogue illustrating various types of litter bins on the market. This was studied by the Committee. It was noted that those with lids prevent animals from extracting the litter, but the cost of these bins is higher. Reference was also made to offers of help from the Lions, but we have no details as to type of bin, location, suggested cost etc., and the possibility of the Society's participation was also mentioned. It was resolved to await the outcome of the further meeting with the District Council.

43. U.L.V.G. PLAQUE

Mr. Ward reported on a meeting with Paul Usher. The proposal is to erect a squat, stout pillar, carrying a metal plaque, at the beginning of the Walk, and 3 x 7" diameter circular plaques carrying U.L.V.G. identification and dates, to be positioned along the Walk. The proposed wording of the large plaque was studied and approved. The total cost is to be £220. This was duly authorized, and the project can now proceed.

44. HERTS COUNTY STRUCTURE PLAN

Item 7 on the Agenda was brought up under Plans Group Report - see 41 (a).

45. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Events. Mr. Truslove reported (via the Secretary) that arrangements were in hand for a Batford meeting, but not yet finalised. Further, he wishes to discuss with Dr. Moore the February, 1986, meeting dealing with management of the Common. He also appealed for a volunteer to "look after the Speakers" at the September meeting, and Mr. Ward agreed to do so.

(b) History Society The Secretary read a letter from this Society, advising that the premises will no longer be open for visitors on Wednesday evenings, except by appointment.

(c) Abeyfield The Secretary reported telephone conversations with Mrs. Piggott, one of the founders of this Home, regarding a seat which was once at the junction Clarence Road/Luton Road, but which has now been moved further north along Luton Road. The point about this seat was that the elderly occupants of Abeyfield, having walked back from the High Street, took a rest on the seat before climbing the hill of Clarence Road. A letter from Mrs. Piggott to the Town Council (passed on to District Council) brought the reply that funds were not available to provide an additional seat, but that if the money were forthcoming from an external source the District Council would provide the seat. The price quoted as £155 plus V.A.T. Since the seat had been moved only a short distance away, the Committee did not feel that the Society should help, and the Secretary was requested to advise Mrs. Piggott.

(d) FUNDS

The Treasurer distributed copies of an analysis of Income and Expenditure for the six months to 30/6/85. Total fund shown as £2,104.15 and excess of expenditure over income as £276.44 (due to expenditure on donations).

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 3rd September, 1985.

*F. Joan Moore*  
*3. Sep 1985*

17 July 1985

UNAUDITED

HARPENDEN SOCIETY AND UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP  
Analysis of Income and Expenditure for Six Months to 30 June 1985

Twelve Months 1984		Six Months 1985
£		£
2380.59	Balance in hand 31 December / 30 June	2104.15
2018.18	less Opening Balance	2380.59
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362.41	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-276.44
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	INCOME	
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1362.18	Subscriptions and Donations	1046.30
120.42	Interest received	98.27
-11.13	Functions account (loss)	-12.00
22.16	Sundry	3.00
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1493.63	Total Income	1135.57
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	EXPENDITURE	
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48.50	Subscriptions to other Societies	36.00
99.43	Hire of accomodation for public meetings	41.18
317.54	Office expenses (postage, telephone etc)	176.13
390.81	Printing, Advertising	160.98
	ULVG - Expenses 41.80	
105.51	less Income 83.00	-41.20
61.77	Photography and Display Equipment	220.86
27.50	Local History Society, use of rooms	.00
35.00	Insurance	36.66
.00	Society Award Plaque	58.37
	Eric Morecambe Memorial Trust	300.00
	Repair of Town Sign	300.00
12.16	Bus Shelter Repairs	111.03
33.00	Other	12.00
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1131.22	Total Expenditure	1412.01
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362.41	Excess of Expenditure over Income	-276.44
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	FUNCTIONS ACCOUNT	
		£
-21.82	Wine & Cheese Evening	.00
	AGM Refreshments	-12.00
10.69	Other receipts less costs	.00
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-11.13		-12.00
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I.D.G. McNicoll  
Treasurer

HARTENDEN SOCIETY

Dates of public meetings 1986/7

1986

Tues. 16 September  
Wed. 5 November  
Wed. 10 December

1987

Wed. 25 February  
Wed. 4 March

E.H. Truslove  
18-11-85

RING ROAD  
& IONA HOTEL

TURN LEFT  
JUST AFTER  
EDINBURGH  
CITY BOUNDARY  
SIGNPOSTED  
ROUTE AVOIDING  
CITY CENTRE  
GLASGOW A8

TURN LEFT  
100 YARDS  
AFTER  
HUNTERS TRYST

TURN LEFT  
AT FIRST  
LIGHTS AT  
BEGINNING OF  
BUILT-UP AREA  
SIGNPOSTED  
PRINCESS  
MARGARET ROSE  
HOSPITAL TO  
RIGHT

SEE OTHER  
MAP

CHURCH

SPYLAH ST

BRIDGE RD

HUNTERS  
TRYST  
PUBLIC  
HOUSE

A702  
FROM BIGGAR

OXGANGS ROAD

REDFORD ROAD

FROGSTON ROAD

CAPTAINS ROAD

NEWTOFT ST

FERNIEHILL ROAD

OLD DALKEITH ROAD

DALKEITH

STAIR ARMS  
HOTEL

PATHHEAD

A68

FROM JEDBURGH

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2 MILES

5 MILES

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30th July 1985 at Harpenden Hall  
at 7.45 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Matters arising.
4. Reports from Groups :-
  - Plans
  - Commons and Greens
  - Transport
  - Environmental
  - Southdown
  - ULVG
5. Litter - meeting with District Council.
6. ULVG Plaque - Mr. Ward to report.
7. Herts County Structure Plan - Amendments.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Date of next meeting.