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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Wednesday,
4th March, 1987 in the Small Public Hall

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from the President, Mr. Colin Curl, who had been called away on Council duties and from Mrs. P. Mowbray.

In the absence of Mr. Curl the Chair was taken by the Vice-^{President.}Chairman, Mr. E. Ward.

Mr. Ward noted with sadness the absence of the late Mr. Jack Bush who had been Secretary of the Society for many years.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5th March, 1986 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Miss Thurston said that the Executive Committee had approved the provision of a bench type seat on the common as an appropriate memorial to commemorate the work for the Society of the late Dr. Joan Moore. A suitable plaque would be affixed to the seat.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Jennings expressed his sadness at the loss of Mr. Jack Bush and paid tribute to his hard work for the Society.

Mr. Jennings gave a brief review of the year's events, making special mention of the following matters:

- a. the choice of the refurbished Victorian British Rail station building for the Society's Award.
- b. the joint provision with the Town Council of litter bins in Southdown.
- c. The publication of the list of plants of the Common by the Commons and Greens Group.

Matters for attention during the coming year would include the Oval, Harpenden Lodge and the Harpenden Motors site; the proposed legislation for the Change of use of farmland and the devolution of responsibility from the District Council to the Town Council.

Mr. Jennings concluded by thanking the Committee members for their work over the past year and made particular reference to Mrs. Lorna Wang and Mr. George Haslar who were not seeking re-election.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented to the meeting the Harpenden Society and Upper Lea Valley Group audited Analysis of Income and Expenditure for 1986. Particular attention was drawn to

1. a total expenditure of £1,180 to enhance the local environment.
2. an excess of income over expenditure of £322, despite a reduction in receipts from subscriptions and bank interest and a small deficit on the functions account.
3. the sum of £136 had been reimbursed by the Council for bus shelter repairs carried out in 1985.
4. the cancellation of membership of several societies which were marginally relevant to the Society's activities.

The Treasurer said that the financial position of the Society remained strong and it should be able to undertake worthwhile projects in 1987 without any financial strain.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the election of the officers be dealt with en bloc.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved unanimously that the following persons be and are hereby elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the ensuing Year:

Mr. K.P. Jennings, Chairman
Mr. E.H. Truslove, Vice-Chairman
Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll, Hon. Treasurer
Miss I.M. Leek, Hon. Secretary
Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews
Mr. A. Mellody
Miss J.M. Thurston
Mr. M.F. Vincent
Mr. C.B. Ward

The Chairman said that following the election there were three vacancies on the Committee and the Executive Committee would use its powers of co-option during the forthcoming year.

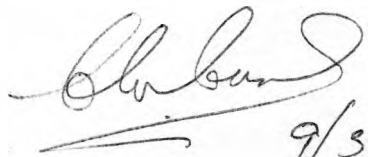
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to an enquiry from Mr. Leckie, Councillor Mrs. Curl explained how some byelaws relating to the Common were being revised in order to close existing gaps. The revisions would ensure, for example, that the public may not drive on, dig, use model aircraft and cut down bushes and or trees.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 9th March, 1988.

8. The meeting closed with the members' endorsement of a vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Joan Thurston, to Mr. E. Ward for taking the Chair.


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