

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

held on

Wednesday, 25th November, 1987

Present: Mr K. Jennings, Chairman
 Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow
 Mrs A. Godfrey
 Miss I.M. Leek
 Mr L.J.G. Matthews
 Mr A. Mellody
 Mr E. Truslove
 Mrs M. Waldren
 Mr E. Ward
 Mr C. Ward

Apologies were received from Mr M.F. Vincent.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th October, 1987 were approved as a true record following amendments, viz:-

Minute 230(c) "Common path" to read "footpath"

Minute 231(b) add ".....to press for 3 litter bins for Batford"

(e)

(f)

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MATTERS ARISING

- a) Keep the District Tidy Management Committee (Minute 231(b))

Mr E. Ward having attended this District Council Management Committee meeting on the 14th October, 1987, reported a firm promise of the provision of three litter bins in Batford.

- b) Southdown (Minute 231(d))

Mr Matthews said it had proved difficult to judge precisely, but all the cottages under review in Grove Road appeared to be in the Conservation Area. Mr Truslove said that the two adjacent to the Cravells Road car park were definitely in the Conservation Area.

- c) Bucket & Mop Week (Minute 234(iv))

It was understood that Mrs Wang had further ideas to put forward to mark Environment Week.

GROUPSa. U.L.V.G.

A written report from Mrs Catterfeld revealed that the Group had been busy with

1. concreting-in of Eric Labrum seat at the south edge of Marquis Lane playing field
2. work on bottom step of amphitheatre access steps to river to prevent further erosion
3. tidying up after storm damage
4. planting 4,000 daffodil bulbs donated by Herts Groundwork Trust, helped by some local residents. New members recruited.
5. insufficient notice given to negotiate siting with DC. Mr E. Ward to suggest further suitable sites to the Keep Britain Tidy Group. See Minute 237(a).

b. Southdown

Mr Truslove reported:

- i) edge of green - formal notice had been received from the DC that resources had been made available for the construction of a footpath along the edge of the green. A full report regarding the DC's proposal would be presented to the Planning and Highway Sub-Committee (North) on the 25th November, 1987.

The Committee agreed that it was totally opposed to the DC's proposition and Mr Truslove undertook to write to the press expressing the Society's strong disapproval of the provision of such a footpath and belief that it would be dangerous.

- ii) Grove Road cottages - the DC having stated that Wilsons had complied and removed their equipment, similar equipment had been seen in numbers 17 and 19. The matter had been taken up with the DC.
- iii) litter bins - the TC had confirmed that the bill had been paid and the Treasurer had been requested to reimburse the TC appropriately. The TC had agreed to investigate the possibility of modifying the bins so that the canopies could be retained securely when emptied.

c. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

- i) hurricane damage - an oak and ash had been lost from the Baa Lamb Trees, two larches by the top pond, a horse chestnut at the south end of the Paddock and others on Eastmoor Park.

- ii) Alzey 25 year twinning celebration 1988 - it was agreed that the requested tree would be better planted before the spring and the plaque fixed later.
- iii) Mr E. Ward was asked to investigate the availability of tree thinnings from the Golf Club which could be offered to the TC.
- iv) Sites had been found for six replacement willows around the pond.
- v) Having found that the loss of water in the second pond was due to a lost sluice gate, a bung was to be fixed.
- vi) road works at the bottom of Crabtree Lane to improve drainage of storm water appeared to be leading water on to common rather than into third storm pond. To be investigated.
- vii) Photographic evidence re Amenbury Lane hornbeams now being available, DC to be contacted re removal and killing. Copy to TC for their support.
- viii) a member had reported slow-worms in July in St. John's Piece.

Miss Thurston was asked to suggest to DC the provision of a footpath in Hay Lane.

d. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

- 5/87/1735 Land adjacent 'Plovers', Redbourn Road, Newby-Ricci Ltd, two semi-detached dwellings. Considered earlier approved application for two cottages sufficient development.
- 5/87/1796A 113 Southdown Road, Barclays Bank, illuminated fascia board and illuminated projecting sign. Recommended refusal as out-of-keeping with area of shops.
- 5/87/1787 Fox PH, Kinsbourne Green, Ind Coope Baskins Ltd, extension to car park. Recommended refusal as visually unattractive in rural area.

5/87/1866	W. Side railway between Cravells Road and Walkers Road, British Rail Board, residential development. Suggested inclusion of single person accommodation and extension of Church car park.
5/87/1875	R/O 29-33A Grove Road, Hill, detached 2-bedroom bungalow. Recommended refusal as site unsuitable.
5/87/1880	Cross Keys PH, 39 High Street, R.E. Whitbread, addition of lettering to front elevation. Presentation of what could be an attractive proposition was poor.
5/87/1881	10-12 Douglas Road, conversion of 10 and 12 to five flats and erection of 2 dwellings in Moreton Avenue. Recommended refusal as provision for car parking for flats inadequate.
5/87/2011	5-17 Milton Road, Fairclough Homes Ltd. conversion of existing dwellings and erection of 61 flats. Recommended refusal on grounds that could not condone demolition of three Edwardian houses in Conservation Area; scheme would dominate surrounding area; trees would be endangered; tennis court could be a nuisance; would constitute considerable over-development.
5/87/2016	BUPA Hospital, change of use of first floor area to wards and provision of 10 additional car parking spaces. Recommend deferment of decision pending clarification of formal application for expansion, landscaping planting and drawing A1 10.
5/87/2025	2/4 Harpenden Rise, Claridge & Hall, four flats. Recommend refusal in favour of 2 small houses for which outline permission was approved in 1986.
5/87/1925	31 Crabtree Lane and land to rear, Dorsit Construction Ltd, 15 houses and flats, Recommend refusal on grounds of over-development.
APPEAL APP/B1930 A/87/077152	100 High Street, Barwell Gurney Advertising Ltd. Supported refusal of DC for change of use of ground floor to retail and distribution and use of flat and second floors for storage and ancillary office.

TP/153/87	Homedell House, Roundwood Lane, McCarthy & Stone (Developments) Ltd. Work to trees and hedges. Recommended retention of planting along boundary.
TP/162/87CA	27A Wordsworth Road, Y.D. Lees Permission to fell 3 trees at front of property. Objection.

Harpenden Motors site - Plans North has referred to Works Committee for a policy decision as proposals for on site parking do not meet requirements of District Plan. The Society to make representations on grounds that there would be parking problems and that the Inset Map provision for mixed development including retail had not been taken up properly.

Protest Groups - Mr E. Ward said that the protest groups formed in Milton Road, Crabtree and The Avenues would be meeting the MP early in December. It was agreed that Mr Matthews should write to press outlining the Society's views.

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EVENTS

a. Public Meetings

9th December, 1987 "All about Trees", Paul Arnold

9th February, 1988 Possibility of a devolution debate

b. Publicity Sub-Committee

- i) It was noted that twenty-seven posters had been displayed re the last public meeting
- ii) Harpenden Building Society had agreed to have a Society display in their window the first fortnight in February.
- iii) an exhibition would be arranged in the Library for Environment Week.
- iv) permanent space would be sought on the TC Notice Board.
- v) Programme cards and hand-out leaflets were thought useful.

c. Press publicity

Mrs A. Godfrey had assumed responsibility for this.

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SAVE-A-CAN BANK

It was agreed to contact the DC with a view to developing this idea.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman ascertained that the following committee members

- a. would stand for re-election

Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow
Mrs A. Godfrey
Miss I.M. Leek
Mr A. Mellody
Miss J. Thurston
Mrs M. Waldren
Mr. L. Matthews

- b. would not be standing for re-election

Mr K. Jennings
Mr E. Truslove
Mr C. Ward

The intentions of Messrs M.F. Vincent and I.D.G. McNicoll and of Mrs S. Bush were not known.

The date of the AGM was the 9th March, 1987.

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ST. ALBANS CITY & DISTRICT FESTIVAL

Mrs Godfrey to attend Festival Steering Committee meeting.

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NEXT MEETING

Arranged for Monday, 11th January, 1988.


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Mr E. Ward
Mr C. Wood

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th September, 1987 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Nicky Line Management Committee (Minute 224(b))

Mr Jennings reported on a meeting held on the 7th October, 1987. It was hoped that the budget sum available from the DC from April 1988 would be supported by voluntary groups and sponsorship. The Committee would co-ordinate this. A descriptive leaflet would be produced.

Mr Truslove said that it should be ensured that the leaflet covered access points, car parking facilities as available and connecting and adjacent footpaths.

Details to be included in next newsletter.

b) Southdown (Minute 225(c))

It has yet to be confirmed that all the cottages in Grove Road are in the Conservation Area.

Miss Thurston reported that the spruce tree was ^{though barely} alive ^{was not diseased.}

Despite a TC letter requesting the Society's contribution of £268.22 following completion of the litter bin project, Mr Truslove said that the canopies were still loose. Mr Truslove was asked to clarify the matter before sending the account to the Treasurer. If the TC were withholding payment the Society to do likewise.

c) Commons and Greens

No further contact as yet from Grove School re common walk.

Nicky Line steps have a handrail.

^{Foot} Common path by Rothamsted had been trimmed - whether or not agricultural weeds to be investigated.

d) Chairman's Letter

The Chairman was congratulated for his recent letter, published in The Herald and reproduced in the last Newsletter.

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GROUPS

a. Transport

Mr Jennings reported that a survey in connection with the projected by pass was to be carried out. It was feared there would be distortion due to the current closure of M1 access points.

b. Environmental

Mr E. Ward said that he would attend the DC Keep the District Tidy Management Committee on the 14th October.

c. U.L.V.G.

Mrs Catterfeld to be asked to negotiate with the DC re litter bins in Batford and the possible extent of their provision under the projected general scheme rather than a special scheme.

d. Southdown

Mr Truslove reported

i. the DC had confirmed that all plant hire equipment had been removed from the Grove Road cottages and no further action would be taken.

ii. no reply from DC re the edge of the green.

Mr Matthews was asked to check on the extent of the Grove Road Conservation Area and to write to Wilsons to ask them their intentions for the future of the cottages.

e. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported from the TC Committee meeting

i. straw bales had been fitted to the pond and rain awaited to test their efficiency as an oil filter.

- ii) new byelaws now with DOE.
- iii) itinerants had been removed from common.
- iv) the footpath by the N.bound bus-stop ^{at the bottom of Crabtree lane} had been ~~extended~~ ^{needed extending and estimates were being obtained}.
- v) Christmas lights would be illuminated 4th November to 4th January.
- vi) agreement had been reached to limit hard standing for parking opposite Pimlico to the present amount.
- vii) comments sought on cleared areas in St. John's Piece.

Miss Thurston reported further

- i) straw bales demolished by exceptionally heavy rains.
- ii) plant lists selling slowly. An additional fern had been discovered.
- iii) recording of birds, butterflies and mammals in hand.

The use of new, unofficial parking areas in Limbrick Road were discussed.

The opening and paving of the gateway by The Three Horseshoes for the transportation of hardcore to be investigated.

f. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:

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| 5/87/1613 | 49 Southdown Road,
use of ground floor rooms of
dwelling house for nursery.
Recommend restriction to 5-day use
to mitigate nuisance from noise
and consideration of additional
traffic hazard. |
| 5/87/1614 | R/O 43 Ox Lane, Mr & Mrs Nagle,
detached bungalow and garage.
Unrelated and undesirable backland
development. |
| 5/87/1621 | Land adjacent The Forge, Lower
Luton Road, PJ and DH Ward.
Non-compliance with condition 2
of permission 3143/71 of 28.2.72.
Urge refusal for dangerous access
and loss of trees. |

5/87/1639	14/15 East Common, Hill, garage and conservatory. Recommend more sympathetic materials for forecourt and planting of some trees.
5/87/1645	R/O 4a/4b Coleswood Road, detached dwelling. Site cramped and detrimental to 4a/4b.
5/87/1648A	42 High Street, Stimpsons, externally illuminated fascia sign and non-illuminated hanging sign. Consider projecting sign superfluous and illuminated sign lettering too large. Refer to previous correspondence re proliferation of hanging/ projecting signs outside non-retail premises.
5/87/1662	133 Southdown Road, Barclays Bank, shopfront. Objection to lowered stall risers and aluminium frame which are below Conservation Area standards.
5/87/1669	10 High Street, K.M. Keenan, change of use to Class A2 (Estate Agent's Office). Objection to loss of another retail shop in primary shopping area.
5/87/1704 1727	Station Road, Imhof-Bedco Special Products Ltd. erection of 72 flats. Recommend refusal on grounds of over-development, lack of amenity space and too high; plus danger from increased traffic and loss of trees.
5/87/1720	19 Townsend Lane, Mr & Mrs K. Brennan, detached house. Overdevelopment.
5/87/1768	13 Church Green Parade, Fennemores, change of use to Estate Agency. Objection to loss of shop in centre.
5/87/1601	2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Ltd. three-storey office and retail building, including public toilets and basement car park. Fears for maple trees on south side following amendments to shape matter for expert opinion. Other views unchanged from 2.3.87 and 23.9.87.

Appeal

R/O 57-59 Cowper Road, S. Ledwidge,
Support refusal by DC based on loss of
amenities and garages.

County Structure Plan Review - related primarily to St.
Albans with reference to the maintenance of the Green Belt
within the District. *Broad-brush treatment of issues for H the
most important issue is maintenance of the Green Belt. More
direct matters would arise with review of the District Plan.*

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PUBLICITY

Publicity sub-committee - Mrs A. Godfrey, Miss I.M. Leek,
Mr A. Mellody and Mr L.J.G. Matthews

Mrs Godfrey said that exhibition space had been booked in the
Library from the 23rd April 1988 to the 2nd May, 1988 to mark
Environment Week.

The sub-committee was asked to consider an additional earlier
exhibition at the Library at Christmas and displays in local
shop windows.

It was agreed to include an information sheet on the Society's
activities together with a membership application form in the
next Newsletter.

It was noted that Lady Bawden had offered to write an article
on The Society for Forum. Mr Ward said that he would contact
Lady Bawden in this regard.

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EVENTS

Mrs Godfrey said

- i) 1988 Public Meetings Tuesday 20th September
 Wednesday 2nd November
 Thursday 8th December
- ii) The possibility of a mid-week, afternoon meeting
at the Day Centre was being investigated.
- iii) To mark European Year of the Environment a scheme
to vote on best and worst shop fronts.
- iv) To mark ~~European~~ Environment Week - a Bucket &
Mop Week was envisaged. It was agreed to invite
Mrs Lorna Wang to attend the next Committee
Meeting to discuss this matter.

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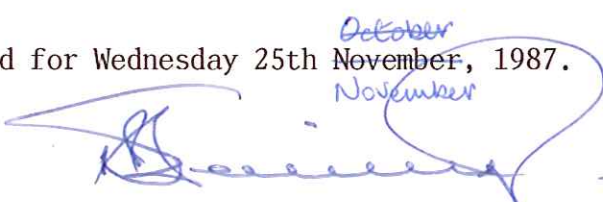
SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Secretary was asked to investigate membership of the
London Green Belt Society.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was fixed for Wednesday 25th ~~November~~ ^{October} 1987.
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Mr M.F. Vincent
Mrs M. Waldren

Apologies were received from Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow,
Mrs A. Godfrey, Mr A. Mellody.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th July, 1987 were approved as a correct record subject to the following addition:-

Minute 217(e) heading to read
"Milton Road Area Action Group"

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Litter Bins (Minute 217(b))

Mr Jennings said he had had no success in making contact with the DC.

b) Nicky Line (Minute 217(c))

The inaugural meeting had identified the work which needed to be done and considered how to monitor this. The next meeting had been called for October.

c) Milton Road Area Action Group (Minute 217(e))

The meeting had been postponed following the production of plans.

d) Southdown (Minute 218(c))

It had been ascertained that the shelter had been demolished by Barclays Bank.

The pile of bricks, etc., had been removed.

REPORTS FROM GROUPSa) Transport

Mr Jennings outlined the DC report on the results of the consultation documents and the public response to the DC and the recommendations of the Council officer regarding enhancement measures for the town centre. A meeting of the DC main committee would consider the report on the 7th September.

b) Environmental

The DC Performance Review sub-committee had met to deal with street cleaning and litter matters.

c) Southdown

Mr Truslove reported due to the poor design of the new litter bins screws can be mislaid when the tops are removed for emptying. It was agreed to recommend to the DC that the design is inadequate and should be avoided in future.

The plaques are still incomplete.

The DC had replied to Mr CwCurl that a permanent footway was to be provided along the north and west edges of the green. Mr Truslove said that the Group was in favour of no further action. However, after discussion the Committee agreed that

- i) the DC be asked to provide evidence that a footway is necessary
- ii) the views of the Society be reiterated that such a footway would be hazardous in use, a detrimental encroachment on the small green and an encouragement for additional illegal car parking.

Having noted that the cottages, 9-11 Grove Road, were full of equipment the DC had been asked if there had been planning permission for change of use. The DC had confirmed that Charles Wilson had been requested to cease changed use pending a retrospective planning application.

Miss Thurston agreed to inspect the spruce tree in the car park which appeared to be dying.

d) Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

The growth of ferns and grasses around the memorial seat had been cut back.

Following the grass cutting the harebells had come into flower.

The hay bales had been delivered to the ponds but were not yet in place. The weeds had been removed from the bottom pond. Two willow trees on the bank were dying, probably due to lack of water.

The possibility of a common walk for Grove schoolchildren was being discussed.

Complaints had been received that the Nicky Line access steps were dangerous and that the Pimlico/Hatching Green path had been trimmed, thus destroying the flowers. This latter would be investigated to discover who was responsible.

e) Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

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|-----------|---|
| 5/0626/86 | Vienna House, Park Avenue South,
A.P. Pearson Ltd.,
change of use of two first floor rooms
as offices.
Recommend refusal in conservation area. |
| 5/87/1323 | 36 High Street, UB Restaurants Ltd.,
change of use to restaurant, installation
of shop front and ventilation duct.
Recommend refusal under Policy 36 of
District Plan.
In addition proposed materials totally
out-of-keeping. |
| 5/87/136A | 36 High Street, UB Restaurants Ltd.,
Illuminated fascia and projecting signs.
Object to unsympathetic materials proposed.
Urge DC to give clear directives on
projecting signs in conservation area. |
| 5/87/1057 | 32 Station Road, Mr & Mrs Rispoli.,
change of use to shop/restaurant.
Urge to consider reduction of primary
shopping principle under proposals of
draft Inset Map 1985. |
| 5/87/0385 | 2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Ltd.,
three storey office block with toilets
and basement car park - amended plan.
Main objections re height and design
unchanged from 20.3.87. Unsatisfactory
evidence re future of mature trees. |
| 5/87/1409 | 5-17 Milton Road, Fairclough Homes Ltd.,
conversion of existing dwellings and
erection of new buildings to comprise
61 flats.
Further to comments of 13.8.87, proposed
development too dominating, tennis court
could be a nuisance, additional cars a
hazard. Considerable over-development
and non-enhancement of the conservation
area. |

- 5/87/1461LB 11 Salisbury Avenue, Bovis Homes Ltd.,
demolition.
Objection as in sound condition and suitable for
conversion.
- 5/87/1462 11 Salisbury Avenue, Bovis Homes Ltd.,
construction of 12 flats and covered car park.
Inappropriate in design, materials, height.
Recommend refusal.
- 5/87/1508 68/70 Tuffnells Way, land between, D. Cotton Ltd,
erection of bungalow, outline.
Area considered an amenity space for 20 years,
trees covered by TPOs, original planning status
unknown, environmentally detrimental to surrounding
properties.
Recommend refusal.
- 5/87/1509 Northfield Road, Batford, Jarvis,
erection of 14 dwellings.
While supporting construction of starter-homes,
this development is over-dense and dominating.
- 5/87/1510 36-40 High Street/2-6 Leyton Road, S.E.
Shops and Offices Ltd.,
change of use, retail and office development.
Comments of 25.6.87 on application 87/0936 apply.
Despite offer of a commuting car parking sum
doubt re satisfactory parking remains.
- 5/87/1518 R/O 36 Southdown Road, R. Wittenborn,
3 chalet bungalows, outline.
Recommended refusal re poor access and over-
development.
- Appeal 11 Sauncey Avenue, Mr I.R. Gibson.
Support for refusal of DC to permit erection of
two-storey and single-storey rear extensions and
two-storey front extension due to adverse affect
on surrounding properties.

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EVENTS

Public Meeting 15th September, 1987
The Green Belt, its history and prospects by
Mr R.E.W. Smith, Chairman of the London Green
Belt Council for Greater London.

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NEWSLETTER

Copy date Monday, 21st September, 1987

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Mr E. Ward

Apologies were received from Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow and Mr E. Ward.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1987 were approved as a true record.

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Commons and Greens (Minute 211(a))

It was noted that the memorial seat was becoming swamped by ferns and grasses.

b) Litter Bins (Minute 211(b))

Mr Jennings said that he had been trying unsuccessfully to make contact with the DC prior to passing the matter to Mrs Catterfeld.

c) Nicky Line (Minute 211(c))

The inaugural meeting of the Management Committee was arranged for 28th July, 1987.

d) Transport (Minute 212(d))

Receipt of the Society's response to the DC questionnaire had been acknowledged.

e) Milton Road ^{Area} Action Group (Minute 214)

Mr Jennings and Mr Matthews had arranged to meet representatives of this Group.

REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Transport

It was noted that local station staff appeared to have taken responsibility for the care of the garden beds at the B.R. Station.

b. Environmental

It was noted that the public seats outside the Public Hall had been vandalised. Mr Jennings to ask the Eric Morecombe Memorial Trust if they have any plans to include new or refurbished seats in their scheme for the front of the Hall.

It was noted that an Avenues Conservation Group had been formed with the initial purpose of resisting plans by Bovis to redevelop a residential site. No action could be taken by the Society until the plans had been deposited at the DC.

c. Southdown

The air-raid shelter had been demolished by persons unknown.

Mr Truslove said that Mr Colin Curl had had no success with the DC re the protection of the edge of the green, but there was a possibility that the DC did have the matter in hand.

The litter bins were still incomplete and the matter would be chased.

The DC to be requested to take action regarding the pile of bricks, etc. from the broken wall by the shops.

d. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported

- grass cut for hay at £180 had been cheaper than flailing and there was a possibility that the harebells would follow
- the TC had agreed on the use of hay bales as the filter in the inlet channel to the ponds
- new notice boards had been erected displaying the old byelaws as there would be a five month delay in the production of the new byelaws.
- waste material had been dumped on W. Common.

- plant lists continued to sell
- TC Commons and Greens Meeting to be 28th September, 1987
- Common Walk had been popular. The question of another walk was discussed and it was agreed to arrange this in 1988.

e. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

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|------------|---|
| 5/87/0936 | 36/40 High Street and 2/6 Leyton Road, South Eastern Shops & Offices Ltd.
Changes of use and new development. While welcoming the provision of sympathetically designed additional small shop units, object to loss of residential space and lack of off-street parking and off-loading areas. |
| 5/87/1021A | 42 High Street. Simpsons.
Hanging sign and illuminated fascia. Object due to proliferation of signs in the conservation area. |
| 5/87/1005 | 78 High Street.
Change of use from residential. Object even though retrospective as against policy statement. |
| 5/87/1009 | 19 Townsend Lane. Detached house. Recommend refusal as too intrusive on No.21. |
| 5/87/1050 | Heath End Mobile Home Site. A. Marron. Conversion of bungalow to four flats. Recommend refusal as against policy statement for Green Belt. |
| 5/87/1051 | 2 Shakespeare Road. Conversion of garage/store to garage/residential. Recommend refusal on grounds of poor potential for conversion and lack of access. |
| 5/87/1056 | 29 Rothamsted Avenue. Detached house. Recommend refusal as unsuitable. |
| 5/87/1127 | R/O 45 Meadway. 2 garages with flat above.
Unsatisfactory type of development and detrimental to neighbours. |

- 5/87/1155 28 Sun Lane. 8 two-storey dwellings.
Unacceptable form of development.
- 5/87/1238 25/27 Cowper Road. Pair semi-detached
houses.
Recommend adaptation of gable design.
- 5/87/1244A 33 High Street. Illuminated fascia
and projecting sign. Detrimental
to residential use of neighbouring
property.
- 5/87/1299 R/O 14 Moreton Avenue. D & R.L.
Culley. Detached bungalow.
Application 86/1801 refers.
Must not be regarded as a precedent.

The attention of the DC had been drawn once again to their failure to include the Society's responses to several applications in their agenda.

Appeal Harpenden Lawn Tennis Club. Two
inflated air balls. The Society's
representations, which had been sent
to the DOE, covered their siting
in the conservation area, their exposed
unscreened view on the E. boundary,
methods and effects of securing them,
surface drainage problems, shape
and material in the parkland setting
and overall consideration of the
proposed leisure facilities at Batchwood.

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EUROPEAN YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

It was noted that a letter had been received from EYE.

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BY-PASS

It was agreed that the CC should be pressed to carry out a traffic study.

The TC Minutes stated that the County Surveyor had indicated that there was no priority for thirty years.

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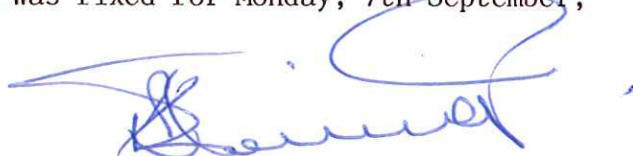
CIVIC TRUST

It was noted that the 30th Anniversary Exhibition "Building a Better Britain" would be held from 1st to 13th October, 1987 at the Business Design Centre.

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NEXT MEETING

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Minutes

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Matters Arising

a. Commons and Greens (Minute 205(d))

The plaque had been fixed to Dr Moore's memorial seat.

The hornbeams appeared to be barely alive. The committee discussed possible publicity re the treatment of trees.

The use of the six-wheeled vehicle appeared to have been an isolated incident.

b. Litter Bins (Minute 205(b))

Following a suggestion to Mr Major that he should liaise with Mrs Catterfeld, a letter had been received from the ULVG enclosing a sketch map of existing litter bin sites and suggested new sites.

In view of the fact that new sites would be on DC land and that the DC will make available plastic bins of two types under the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign, although the availability date was not known, it was agreed that Mr Jennings would reply to Mrs Catterfeld as follows:

a. the Society would finance a scheme for Batford similar to that undertaken for Southdown if the TC agreed.

b. the Society would prefer Southdown standard of bin

- c. Mrs Catterfeld to take up the matter with the TC, subject to the agreement of the DC.

c. Nicky Line (Minute 205(b))

The inaugural meeting of the Management Meeting had been postponed to Tuesday 28th July.

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Reports from Groups

a. U.L.V.G.

Working parties had been arranged for 25th/26th July and would then recommence on 5th September.

b. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

- Ecological Map of the common had been obtained from St. Albans Museum.
- Group walked common on the 25th May and had been generally happy with its condition. On 10th June sixteen people joined together for a walk.
- Plant list. About 150 have been sold.
- Mr Ward said that, in order to allow the pathways between the tees and open fairways to be rehabilitated, new paths had been mown.

c. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

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| 5/87/0717 | 4a/b Coleswood Road, J.N. Goodwin, dwelling, garage and vehicular access. A cramped development. |
| 5/87/0756 | 19 Clarence Road, Mr & Mrs A.D. Gostock, detached house. Very restricted site and unsuitable for area. |
| 5/87/0827 | 34 High Street, Halifax Building Society, installation of automated teller machine. Recommend replacement of anodised aluminium surround to machine by bronze. |
| 5/87/0864 | Station Road, Imhof-Bedco Products Ltd, erection of 72 dwellings. Considerable over-development. No building should exceed two storeys. |
| 5/87/0920 | Greenacres Livery Stable, D.F. Cornish, erection of building for use as an indoor horse riding school area. Concerned by effect in the M.G.B. by lack of planned parking facilities and with need to ensure that building materials blend with rural setting and that screen planting is carried out and maintained. |
| 5/87/0986 | R/O 1-5 Hatching Green Cottages, detached bungalow. Recommend refusal. |

5/87/0989 Oakbank, West Common Close, single storey extension.
Recommend refusal.

5/87/0403 R/O 1 West Common, The Lawes Agricultural Trust,
7 dwellings and access road. Further to the
Society's letter of 21st March, 1987 commented that
fresh information regarding the amenity and
botanical value of the garden requires a full tree
and shrub survey for public information, the placing
of TPO's on specimens and, if planning permission
is given, stringent conditions to ensure
preservation during building work and in the future.

Miss Thurston said that Dr J. Monteith had replied that, while
he was no longer a trustee of the Lawes Agricultural Trust, he
was willing to take up the matter as he agrees with the stance
of the Society.

Appeal The Spinney, 42 West Common, The Society had
supported the refusal for the demolition of the
house and the erection of five detached houses.
Permission had been given for 3 detached houses
with the retention of The Spinney.

d. Transport

Mr Jennings reported on the exhibition held in the Public Hall
by the DC re Traffic Management and Environmental Enhancement
Measures re the Inset Map.

A copy of the Society's response to the DC questionnaire is
attached to these minutes.

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Events

Mrs Godfrey reported:

Public Meeting Friends of the Earth,
28th October 1987 Waste Recycling with slide presentation

It was agreed to invite representatives of Groundwork.

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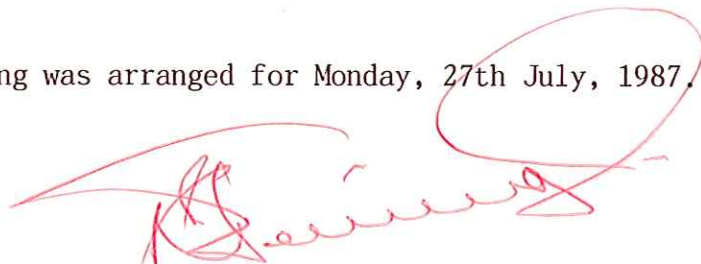
Milton Road Action Group

Following representations to the President re the possibility of
development in this area, the Group had been assisted by Mr Matthews.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 27th July, 1987.



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Present: Mr K. Jennings, Chairman
Mrs. M.J.M. Clitherow, Mrs. A. Godfrey, Miss I.M. Leek,
Mr. L.J.G. Matthews, Mr. A. Mellody, Miss J. Thurston,
Mr. E. Truslove, Mr. M.F. Vincent, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies were received from Mr. I. McNicoll and Mr. C. Ward.

204. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th March, 1987 were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Present: The name of Mr. E. Truslove was added.
Minute 201(a): para 1, "Mr Shuter" to read "Mr Shooter".
Minute 201(c): Ref 5/87/0403. Delete second sentence.
Minute 201(d): para 3, "Two dead sycamores" to read
"Dead sycamores".

205. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Transport

Mr. Jennings reported on his attendance at the special meeting held by the D.C. Planning & Works Committee on 27th April, 1987 to receive the Report of the Director of Works and Technical Services on:

1. proposed traffic management and environmental enhancement measures, Harpenden.
2. Harpenden Town Centre Inset Map.

Copy Report attached to these Minutes.

B. Environmental

Mr Jennings reported that he had attended the Nicky Line walk on the 12th April, 1987, which had concentrated on the section nearest to Harpenden. An inaugural meeting of the Management Committee had been arranged.

The Committee considered Mrs. Wang's written summary of the situation relating to definitive rights of way. Mrs. Wang sought the Society's support when making representations to

County Councillors and our M.P. regarding this unsatisfactory situation. It was agreed to support Mrs. Wang in these activities and to ask her to represent the Society.

Mrs. Wang had expressed her disappointment at the Society's lack of support for Environment Week. It was agreed that when it had been ascertained how much display space was available at the Library, a committee composed of Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Leek and Messrs. Matthews, Mellody and Truslove would consider what use the Society could make of the facility.

Mr Major had written to request the Society to extend its sponsorship of litter bins to Batford. Mr. Jennings had explained the link with the T.C. and asked Mr. Major to suggest possible sites. It was agreed to ask Mrs. Catterfeld to take up this matter on behalf of the Society.

c. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported:

Gateway - work had started on the surface of the car park.

Edge of Green - Cllr. Curl had confirmed that he had written to the D.C.

Litter bins - no plaques to date.

Brick wall - collapsed at rear of shops. It was agreed that Mr. Truslove should contact adjacent shop keepers re. ownership of the wall and the reason for the damage.

d. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

Memorial seat - Plaque for Dr. Moore's seat now available for fixing.

Plant List - Sales were 99 with 20 on sale or return to St. Alban's Museum. £29.82, gross profit, had been made on the first 100 print. Complimentary copies had been supplied to Rothamsted Library and the T.C. Commons and Greens Committee. The List would be advertised in the next issue of Forum. A supplement would be prepared in the Autumn.

Other Lists - Bird and butterfly lists were in hand. It was agreed to provide £5 for the purchase of traps for the furtherance of the production of the list of mammals, these funds to be taken from the Plant List profits.

Hornbeams - Following badly managed transplanting, two hornbeams alongside the Amenbury Lane carpark had died. Miss Thurston to enquire if D.C. had given permission and to consider involving the press.

Town Council - The Commons & Greens Committee had:

1. given no support for exclusion of cars opposite the Silver Cup when wet.
2. discussed repair of Station Road vandalised seat as this had been provided by the Society
3. discussed grass edge cutting at Church Green; the use of the common for parking outside the Old Public Hall; and the invasion of the common by the car parking of the Pimlico residents.

Group Meeting - Friday, 29th May, 1987.

Society Common Walk - Wednesday, 10th June, 1987.

T.C. Commons and Greens Meeting - Monday, 6th July, 1987.

Mr. Ward reported that he had discussed the preservation of the trees in the garden of No.1 West Common with Cllr. Curl who had undertaken to speak directly to the arborist to try to secure T.P.Os.

Miss Thurston said that she would take up with the T.C. the misuse of the common by a six-wheeled vehicle as reported in The Herald.

e. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:

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| 5/87/0403 | R/O 1 West Common, Lawes Agricultural Trust, erection of seven dwellings. No objection in principle subject to submission of details and restriction to seven. |
| 5/87/0419 | Wells Close, R. Draper Ltd, erection of detached house - oil storage compound. Refusal recommended due to loss of spinney with T.P.O. |
| 5/87/0482 | 212 Station Road, Jarvis Harpenden Holdings Ltd, erection of office accommodation. Despite changes from an earlier application, outlook would still be far from pleasing. |
| 5/87/0447 | 125 Southdown Road, Mr. Medri, change of use of part of first floor from shop to office. Could not support loss of shop space in Southdown. |
| 5/87/0477 | R/O Flowton Priory, Viarna Ltd, erection of 3 detached bungalows. Refusal recommended on grounds of overdevelopment. |

- 5/87/0328 Harpenden Common Golf Club, extension to provide 'pro-shop'. Question the continuing loss of common land to so many small, single storey units and therefore recommend consideration of a policy which clearly states an upper limit to expansion of this nature on publicly-owned open space.
- 5/87/0506 R/O 43,45,47 St. James Road, Gillespie Homes Ltd, erection of 4 one-bedroomed dwellings. While welcoming provision of one-bedroomed dwellings submitted suggestions for a more attractive layout and additional landscaping.
- 5/87/0565 Hickling Way, Aldwych Housing Association Ltd, two-storey block of 7 flats. Observations made regarding cottages in Station Road being overlooked and lack of proper proposals re. car parking.
- 5/87/0645 7 Manland Avenue, D.Scurr, retention of close boarded fence fronting Sauncey Avenue. Refusal recommended re. retrospective application which should be resubmitted in a comprehensive and detailed form showing any changes differing from that which was passed originally. A tree survey should be carried out also.
- 5/87/1639 9 Amenbury Lane, Trustees of C.G. Pearse, deceased, application for established use certificate of motor garage, showroom, repair workshops, offices etc. Designated for office and residential use in Inset Map. How does such designation affect the realisation of the plan in the light of the current application?
- 5/87/604 Queen's Head P.H., Southdown Road, Ind Coope Benskins Ltd, single storey extension to form restaurant. Attention drawn to current local problems relating to car parking.
- 5/87/0706 Plot 1, Hay Lane, R/O 4 - 8 Amenbury Lane, Gemchrist Ltd, attached double garage. Objection to construction already in progress.

Miss Thurston said that she had not yet received a reply to her letter to Professor Monteith, ex-Rothamsted staff and currently a member of the Lawes Agricultural Trust, regarding any background he might be able to supply on the development at the R/O 1 West Common.

The Committee discussed whether or not the Society should take action in addition to the submissions of the Plans Group regarding the botanical value of the location. It was agreed to write an addendum indicating that the Society was now in possession of additional information which dealt with the botanical value of the site.

Following talks between Mr. Matthews and the Town Clerk it had been agreed not to pursue further the matter of the exact size/shape of the frontage of the Harpenden Motors site new building and the related exchange of land.

f. U.L.V.G.

It was noted that an informal ceremony had been arranged for 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 30th May, 1987 at All Saints Church to 'dedicate' the cairn.

It was agreed to ask Cllr. Curl and Lady Bawden to speak on this occasion and to invite a representative of the U.L.V.G. to respond.

Mrs. Mellody had kindly offered to organise refreshments and Mr. Mellody said that he would book the Church Hall.

The Secretary was requested to send out invitations and to invite Mr. Eric Meadows to take photographs for the Society's records. The press to be notified also.

206. SOCIETY AWARD

It was agreed that no award would be made for 1986.

207. NEWSLETTER

The Chairman explained that he had divided Harpenden into three areas and produced local maps on which he had designated these areas, asking for Committee members assistance in the delivery of the newsletter.

Messrs. Jennings, Vincent and Ward then undertook to deliver the newsletters to the area distributors, as follows:

Mr. Jennings	Region 1	W.Common/Sibley/Topstreet
Mr. Vincent	Region 3	Moreton Ave/Park Ave
Mr. E. Ward	Region 2	Hollybush Lane/Batford

208. EVENTS

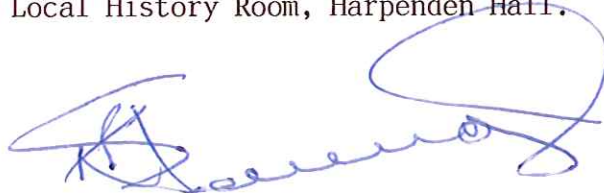
Mrs. Godfrey said that in the main she would like to make the theme for the year "European Year of the Environment" and would seek suitable speakers.

However, Mr. Alan Squire would speak on the up-to-the-minute topic "Devolution" on the 9th February, 1988.

The A.G.M. would be followed by an Open Forum.

209. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.45 p.m. on Monday 22nd June, 1987 in the Local History Room, Harpenden Hall.



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Mr. A. Mellody, Miss J. Thurston, Mrs. M. Waldren, Mr. E. Ward.
Mr. E. Truslove
Apologies were received from Mr. I. McNicoll, Mr. M.F. Vincent and
Mr. C. Ward.

199. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was noted that the Executive Committee elected at the AGM was as follows:

Mr. K.P. Jennings	Chairman
Mr. E.H. Truslove	Vice-Chairman
Mr. I.D.G. McNicoll	Treasurer
Miss I.M. Leek	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	

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. E.H. Truslove and resolved unanimously that Mrs. A. Godfrey be and is hereby co-opted to serve on the Committee

The duties of the Committee Members were allocated as follows:

Group Chairmen	Mr. L.J.G. Matthews	Plans
	Miss J.M. Thurston	Commons and Greens
	Mr. K.P. Jennings	Transport
	Mr. E.H. Truslove	Southdown
	Mrs. H. Catterfeld	U.L.V.G.
Newsletter	Mrs. M. Waldren	
Refreshments	Mr. A. Mellody	
Events and	Mrs. A. Godfrey	
Liaison with St. Albans Civic Society		

It was noted with thanks that Mrs. Stella Bush had expressed her willingness to continue as Membership Secretary, ex committee.

200. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th February, 1987 were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 193(b), para 3,	'..no second meeting...' to read
Minute 194(b), para2,	'..no second public consultation meeting...'
	to read 'The litter bins on the Golf Course were in situ.'
(e), para 2,	substitute 'article' for 'letter'.
(f)	insert 'Labrum'.

201. REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Transport

Following receipt of a letter from Mr. J. Rogers of Rothamsted Avenue complaining of bad audibility through ticket office security glass at the BR booking office, the matter had been referred to Mr. Shyter.⁶⁶

The DC have indicated that attention will be given to the overgrown state of the footpath linking Salisbury Avenue with the High Street.

b. Environmental

It was noted that the Chairman had received a letter from Mrs. L. Wang who was maintaining her interest in the Society.

It was agreed that the Society should send an observer regularly to the TC meetings.

It was agreed that Mrs. Jose Clitherow would be the substitute for Mr. E. Ward at meetings of the DC group working on the Keep the District Tidy Campaign.

A letter had been received from the Deputy Director of Admin. Services of the DC informing the Society that there would be a Nicky Line walk on Sunday, 12th April.

Mr. Ward said that the DC was considering the bulk purchase of polypropylene barrels to use as litter bins, subject to their suitability and aesthetic acceptability. It was agreed that there must be an optimum number of bins for good visual effect.

Mr. Ward said that following a complaint, litter has been cleared from the wind trap at the corner of Piggottshill Lane and Barnfield Road.

c. Plans

Crabtree Fields/Waldegrave Park - no plans had been received from the DC although it was known that an informal report had been made to the Plans sub-committee, including a sketch plan showing development of the area as a sports and leisure centre.

Highfield Oval - the NCH were said to be waiting to the Autumn for disposal of the site while employing consultants regarding possible development, having rejected all three options put forward by the DC.

the public questionnaires had revealed that sixty-five per cent of replies showed a preference for institutional use.

Planning applications were commented on as follows:

- 5/87/0243 Heath End, Bower Heath Lane, A. Marron, extension of bungalow. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0353 30 Station Road, Mrs. D. Rispoli, change of use to shop with ancillary restaurant. Refusal recommended if a second attempt at application 5/1007/86
- 5/87/0113 BR Station, BR Board, extensions to car park. Refusal recommended
- 19a Weybourne Close, Mr. and Mrs. A. Piley, detached house and garage. Refusal recommended.

- 5/87/0240 21 Bowers Way, two storey side extension, Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0298 78 Luton Road, close board fencing.
- 5/87/0300 46-48 Cowper Road, erection of six dwellings.
- 5/87/0315 Oddfellows Arms PH, Leyton Green, side and rear extensions.
- 5/87/0328 Harpenden Common Golf Club, extension to provide "pro shop". Comments reserved for further information.
- 5/87/0310 Eastmoor Park, South Harpenden Self-build Group, provision of three houses. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0366 1 West Common, Lawes Agricultural Trust, change of use from residential to office. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0403 R/of 1 West Common, Lawes Agricultural Trust, erection of seven detached houses. ~~Considered detrimental on conservation grounds as the garden is of considerable botanical interest.~~
- 5/87/0385 2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Limited, three storey office block with lavatories.

Jarvis' model had been on display at the AGM. Comment in the Observer newspaper appeared to indicate that the Society had given its approval to the design. Mr. Matthews had written and the newspaper had published the letter which set out the true position.

The Plans Group would discuss the plans further, although there was a feeling that this scheme would obtain approval. Detailed comments had been sent to the DC.

Despite being out of time the Society's observations on the exchange of land between the Council and Jarvis had been accepted. The DOE had replied enclosing a copy of the TC letter. Mr. Matthews to clarify with the Town Clerk the situation regarding the exact size/shape of the new frontage.

Harpenden Lodge - Mr. Truslove said that consideration should be given to the long term future use of the site rather than to residential and car parking development.

Harpenden/Wheathampstead boundary - with regard to possible boundary alterations, a survey had shown an overwhelming wish of the residents involved to remain in Wheathampstead and for no development around the periphery of the existing development.

d. Commons and Greens

Plant list - Miss Thurston said that a profit of approx. £20 had been made on the first print of fifty. It was agreed to print a further fifty copies.

Memorial seats - it was agreed to purchase stainless steel plaques at a cost of £16.80 plus VAT. The Labrum seat had cost £136. It was agreed to devote the balance of the £150 donation towards the purchase of the plaque. This seat will be fixed in place by the U.L.V.G.

Town Council - The TC had tidied up scrub below the cricket pavilion to encourage rejuvenation and in the two coppiced areas in St. John's Wood. ~~Two~~ Dead sycamores opposite Pimlico had been removed.

Notice Boards were in hand for the byelaws display. Also footpath to St. John's Church.

Group Meeting - A new member experienced as a Warden of Field Studies will look at mammals and butterflies.

The TC to be asked to consider the restriction of parking on the old pond site.

e. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported:

Litter bins - canopies have arrived but plaques have been returned to the manufacturers as they are the wrong size.

Air raid shelter - DC has not yet replied

Edge of Green - it was agreed to seek help from Cncllr. Colin Curl in an attempt to further this matter.

202. f. U.L.V.G.

Cairns - the bricklayer has promised to complete by the end of March.

It was agreed to arrange a joint ceremony for the seat and cairn/plaque.

202. SOCIETY AWARD

The date for the return of nominations to be the 1st June.

203. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for Monday, 11th May, 1987 at 7.45 p.m. at the Local History Centre.

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Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. E. Ward.

Apologies were received from Mrs. P. Mowbray and Messrs. A. Mellody,
M.F. Vincent and T. Ward.

192. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January, 1987 were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendments:-

Minute 183 SECRETARY	"... accepted." to read "... accepted gratefully."
Minute 186(b) COMMONS AND GREENS	Item 2 to read "Southdown Road Neighbourhood Watch Committee. Bushes around the ponds to be trimmed..." Item 5 to read "...The bons..."
(f) U.L.V.G..	to read "Mr. Ward..."
Minute 187(d) TOWN COUNCIL	to read "Mr. Matthews to remind."
Minute 189 TC FORUM APPEAL	to be headed TC Forum Appeal - Increased Responsibilities"

193. MATTERS ARISING

a. Matters Arising (Minute 182(b))

Mr. Matthews said that a reply had been received from the Director of Leisure and Tourism of the DC indicating that a scheme for development was to go before the Planning Committee and the Society was to be asked for its views. Mr. Matthews said that he would seek to see a copy of the plan.

b. Matters Arising (Minute 182(d))

The TC had seen Jarvis' plans re the Harpenden Motors site and has requested the DC to ensure inclusion of toilets and car parks; to maintain the character of the green; to restrict height, etc.

Although the date for making representations to the DOE had passed, it was agreed to write re the exchange of land to

1. make known the Society's views
2. ask the TC to make plans available to the public during the Saturday surgery following their deposit.

No reply had been received to the letter of complaint re the Oval surgery and it would appear that, as Option 1 of the DC consultative proposals seemed the most popular, no second meeting would be called. The TC has asked for details of the questionnaires to be passed to them before the next meeting of the main Plans committee.

public consultation

c. Matters Arising (Minute 182(e))

Barclays have provided an inadequate litter bin. The National Westminster have informed the TC that a discretionary dispenser will be installed during 1987 and that, while a bin affixed to the bank is unacceptable to them, a separate bin may be provided. The Midland Bank already issue receipts on demand only.

194. REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

- 5/87/0108 B U P A Hospital, 2-storey extension. The Society had no objection but felt that the ultimate size should remain at the original planned number of sixty beds.
- 5/1869/86 24/26 High Street, R.J. Blindell Ltd., alterations to shop front. Regret at loss of original distinctive front.
- 5/106A/86 29 High Street, Hogg Robinson Travel, illuminated fascia and projecting signs and new shopfront. Objection to illuminated fascia letters.
- 5/1970/86 42 West Common, M. Thorpe, 3 detached houses. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0169 R/o 30/36 Ridgewood Drive, R. Draper Ltd, detached house and garage. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0140 Wells Close, R. Draper Ltd, detached house and garage. Refusal recommended.
- 5/109A/86 4a Church Green, National and Provincial Building Society, illuminated fascia and projecting signs. Refusal recommended.
- 5/87/0011 Field House, Townsend Road, Harpenden Homes Ltd., side extension. Parking and fire escape require investigation.
- 5/87/0118 Amenbury Lane, Harpenden Tennis Club, inflated air halls. Recommend refusal.

A letter had been received from the DC, Plans, re the continuation of Town Centre enhancement schemes.

As the site meeting re Harpenden Lodge had been delayed, a letter had been written to the DC setting out the Society's views:-

1. larger houses preferred at foot of slope
2. no objection to a modest carpark
3. footpath across site essential
4. smaller dwellings in NW corner

The loss/non-receipt of the Society's letters is being investigated by the DC.

The AGM of the Herts Federation of Amenity Societies will be held on the 27th March, 1987.

A discussion of the suggestion from the Council for the Protection of Rural England that some part of their letter, re the proposed weakening of planning structures, might be reproduced in the Society Newsletter was postponed to the next meeting.

Following the invitation to the Society to attend the meeting re the TC assuming responsibilities presently held by the DC and to make suggestions, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to thank the TC for the invitation and to indicate that having listened with interest, if the TC should take up the additional responsibilities, the Society will give them full support.

b. Commons and Greens

The list of the Plants on the Common was being prepared for sale at the AGM. A price of 50p was agreed. Complimentary copies to be sent to Herts and Middlesex Trust for Nature Conservation, Natural History Society, Library and St. Albans Museum.

The litter binson the Golf Course ^{were} ~~was~~ in situ.

St. Johns Wood had had its interior thinned.

Memorial seat plaque still awaited.

c. Transport

The quarterly DC Reports had been received.

- The DC
1. had completed the purchase of the Ambrose triangle from BR.
 2. were imposing stricter controls re parking on grass verges.
 3. were seeking ideas for control of pavement parking.
 4. were imposing restrictions on parking in Coldharbour Lane and Kirkdale Road.
 5. were investigating traffic controls.

d. Environmental

Restrictions on the size of estate agents' boards for residential properties were under consideration by the TC.

e. Southdown

1. Litter - four sponsored bins were now in place but incomplete. Press publicity would be arranged on receipt of the plaques.
Mr. Truslove to seek evidence from the Council of the specification of the bin ordered.
Mr. Ward had submitted an ^{article} ~~letter~~ for inclusion in Forum.
The efforts of the schoolchildren to contend with problems near the tip were commended.
2. Air-raid shelter - following the interest of the Highways Advisory Committee in the area the TC had been asked to extend their interest to the shelter. The TC had contacted the DC whose reply was awaited.
3. Green - communications to the DC had been acknowledged but no action had been taken. Mr. Truslove to communicate with individual Town Councillors.

f. U.L.V.G.

It was noted that Mr. LABROU..... had donated £150 for a memorial seat to be placed in the Upper Lea Valley.

195. SOCIETY AWARD

Mrs. Wang suggested that, as there had been little development in the past year, the annual award should be linked for 1987 to Environmental Year and Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. After discussion it was agreed that the form of the Society Award should be maintained and that further consideration should be given to another special award.

196. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman said that he had received no nominations for the Executive Committee other than for the existing members who were willing to stand again. Mrs. Wang and Mr. Haslar and Mrs. Mowbray had indicated that they did not wish to stand for re-election. Chairman were sought for the Transport and the Environmental Groups.

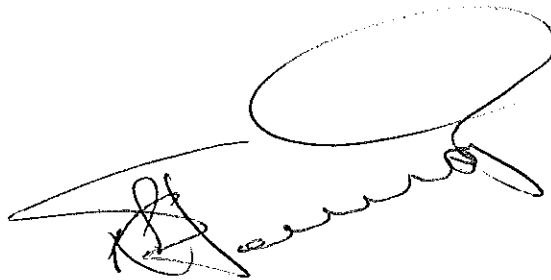
197. KEEP DISTRICT TIDY CAMPAIGN

Mrs. Wang and Mr. Ward had attended the local meeting,

1. a bulk order for one hundred litter bins had been placed.
2. the DC had asked to be informed of unofficial rubbish dumping areas in order to arrange clearance.

198. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.45 p.m. on the 25th March, 1987.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Wang', with a large, loopy flourish above the name.

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Miss J.M. Thurston, Mr. E.J. Truslove, Mr. M.F. Vincent,
Mrs. M. Waldren, Mrs. L. Wang, Mr. C.B. Ward and Mr. T. Ward.

180. SECRETARY

The Chairman expressed the deep sense of loss felt by all the members of the Committee at the death of Mr. Jack Bush, who had been an example to all and a credit to the Society.

181. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November, 1986 were approved as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 177(a) PLANS, The Old Bell Public House - 5th line to read - "for the sign on the carport;...."

182. MATTERS ARISING

a. Matters Arising - Commons and Greens (Minute 176(a)2)

The memorial bench was now in situ and the draft for the plaque inscription available for sub-committee consideration.

b. Matters Arising - Reports from Groups (Minute 176(c))

Mr. Matthews said that no reply had been received to his communication to the DC re Waldegrave Park.

c. Matters Arising - Environmental (Minute 176 (d))

The TC have expressed an interest in the subject of the restoration of clocks.

d. Reports from Groups - Plans (Minute 177(a))

Harpenden Motors Site - The DC had agreed to the demolition.

Highfield Oval site - Members of the Plans Group had attended the public consultations which had been rather confused. Mr. Matthews had written to complain and to suggest another public meeting to clarify details such as the proposed use of the factory area and of properties not mentioned or included in the studies area. The Society's vote had been cast in favour of continued institutional use with no change in the green belt boundary, on the grounds that residential development would result in traffic problems in Ambrose Lane and at junctions and that the green belt must be preserved. The TC also favoured this choice as best from the community viewpoint and the Chairman had requested another public meeting.

The Director of Youth with a Mission had met representatives of the Society to discuss the work of the organisation. This was explained as the training of young adults to be missionaries to work at home and overseas. An offer price of £2million was mentioned by the Director.

e. Reports from Groups - Environmental (Minute 177(c))

Bus Shelter, Church Green - the TC has employed a cleaner and there are no immediate plans to replace the shelter. Timetables have gone missing/being replaced?

Litter - Barclays and the National Westminster Banks are taking action with regard to their dispensers.

Notice Board - The TC's suggestion that the Society should repaint the Board with their preferred colour will not be taken up.

183. SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY

The offer of Miss Leek to become acting Secretary until the AGM was accepted, ^{gratefully}

184. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that the newsletter should contain the Notice of the AGM, details of the ensuing proceedings and an obituary for Mr. Jack Bush. Details of the Society's Award would be published in the next issue.

185. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was agreed that each Group Chairman would introduce two topics for general discussion by the members attending.

Mrs. L. Wang and Mr. G. Haslar had intimated that they would not be seeking re-election to the Committee.

186. REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

- 5/1541/86 37 Leyton Road, J.L. Smith, redevelopment of site to include five houses, two flats and garaging.
- 5/1604/86 2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Ltd., demolition of Harpenden Motors building.
- 5/1654/86 R/o 56 Cowper Road, Claridge & Hall Bros. Ltd., eleven dwellings, access road and garage.
- 5/1629/86 White Oak, West Common Close, R.S. Safrantrak, erection of covered swimming pool.
- 5/093A/86 53 High Street, Seymour Pope & Co., Illuminated fascia sign.
- 5/092A/86 27 High Street, Argos Distributors Ltd., Illuminated fascia sign.
- 5/1739/86 Heath End, Bower Heath Lane, A. Masson, erection of four flats.
- 5/1797/86 33 High Street,, change of use of ground floor to medical surgery.
- 5/1801/86 14 Moreton Avenue, erection of bungalow
- 5/1818/86 104 High Street, three-storey building comprising shop/workshop/maisonette.

b. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

1. Oil pollution in ponds. The TC to experiment with placing inexpensive straw bales in the incoming flume.
2. Southdown Road ^{Neighbourhood} Ponds Watch Committee. Bushes ^{around the ponds} to be trimmed in the interests of public safety.
3. "Plants on Harpenden Common". Suggestions continue to be collected.
4. Revised Common Byelaws. Detail checked satisfactorily with TC.
5. Litter Bins. The bins for the Golf Club area had been ordered.

c. Environmental

Mrs. Wang reported:

1. Kinsbourne Green Triangle. The TC are proposing to purchase this land.
2. Nicky Way. The TC are advertising for a paid administrator to organise a management committee.
3. Telephone Kiosks. The TC is considering placing preservation orders on pre-1940 kiosks.
4. "Keep the District Tidy Campaign". To be written up for the April Newsletter.

d. Transport

The Committee commended BR for the cleanliness of the station.

e. Southdown

Mr. Truslove reported on the Group meeting held before Christmas:

1. A written thankyou had been sent to the two local churches in respect of the Christmas tree placed on the green. Whether or not this is a planted tree is to be investigated.
2. Methodist Church Conservation Group has failed to obtain permission to plant shrubs on part of the green. Society support offered for further applications.
3. Edge of Green. Another letter has been sent to the DC. There is danger that the work may be confused with plans for the restoration of green verges or postponed pending transfer of responsibility to TC.
4. Litter Bins. Four bins provided jointly by Society and TC have not yet been delivered.

Mrs. Wang said that she had asked the DC whether or not Fine Fare had received permission for the siting of an exterior Coca Cola dispenser.

f. ULVG

Mr. ^{Ward}Trustove said that the bricklayer had not yet commenced the cairn.

187. TOWN COUNCIL

- a. Highways Advisory Panel. TC had not yet received revised proposals for the High Street.
- b. Swimming Pool. A feasibility report is to be presented to the Working Party within six months.
- c. Transfer of Responsibilities. TC has agreed to take over responsibility for footpaths, etc., roadside verges, etc., Westfield Cemetery and street furniture including bus shelters. There will be separate discussion regarding council houses.
- d. Waldegrave Park. Offers are being sought from commercial firms to develop the area as a leisure centre. No reply had been received to the Society's letter of the 24th November, 1986 requesting information. Mr. ^{Matthews}Ward to remind.
- e. Leyton Road pedestrian crossing. The Society Committee agreed to unanimously support this project.

188. MEMBERSHIP

There is to be a new members drive using the facilities provided by the Library and other special efforts are to be devised when the 1987 committee has been elected.

189. TC FORUM APPEAL - *Increased responsibilities*

The appeal for the views of residents on the TC's efforts to be discussed further.

190. SOCIETY NOTELET

To be costed and discussed further.

191. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was arranged for 7.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 18th February, 1987.

