

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

held at

The Day Centre, Harpenden

on Tuesday, 6th December, 1988

Present: Mr K.P. Jennings, Chairman  
Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow  
Mrs A. Godfrey  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr I.D.G. McNicoll  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Mr A.G. Simms  
Mrs B. Suitters  
Miss J.M. Thurston  
Mr M.F. Vincent  
Mrs M. Waldren

In Attendance: Lady Bawden  
Mrs H. Bardner  
Mrs L. Wang

Apologies were received from Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne, Prof. C.W. Miller and Mr E. Ward.

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### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st November, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:-

Minute 310 (c)	Mr Harrod to read Mr Harrad	
310 (e)	5/88/1839	- delete "Station Road"
	4th para	- and "and proposed public gardens"
	5/88/1934	- "synthetic" to read "sympathetic"
	10-12 Douglas Road	- "application" to read "appeal" and "refused" to read "dismissed"

MATTERS ARISINGa. Youth Centre (Minute 310(e))

Lady Bawden reported that the building is to be taken over by the Further Education who will repair the roof for return to use as a Youth Club.

b. Middle Grange - posts (Minute 302(c))

Miss Thurston reported that these posts had been erected by the Council to deter motorists from parking on the grass. Council to be asked to use more sympathetic material, e.g. surplus sycamore stakes.

c. Lydekker Estate (Minute 311(e))

Mr Matthews said that Bovis had asked for sight of the Society's comments on their Scheme and had been given a copy of appropriate letter. It appears unlikely that the public gardens will be extended. Consideration is being given to lowering the height of the central structure although this would result in its widening.

d. Batford Springs (Minute 310)

Mrs Wang reported no progress in her correspondence with Dr. Williams.

e. St. Albans Civic Society (Minute 313)

Mrs Wang had obtained copies of newsletter and programme.

f. The George

Mrs Wang said she had heard via the TC that re-development *of the site* was not envisaged ~~at the moment~~.

GROUPSa. Transport

The DC Highways Report and proposals re work for the coming year had been passed to Mr Kemsey-Bourne. No work was planned for Harpenden.

b. U.L.V.G.

Mrs Wang said she had been informed by Mr Thrasher of Lower Luton Road of dumping. He and ULVG had objected and CC had erected a barrier.

It was agreed that the Society would support control of such activity detrimental to the environment in the Green Belt.

c. Southdown

Mrs Clitherow reported -

- ( i) Greens - unable to make constructive contact with DC
- ( ii) Supermarket - unable to make contact at present
- (iii) Cravells Road - bushes had been trimmed satisfactorily.

Miss Thurston drew attention to the rubbish at the rear of the video shop.

Mrs Wang suggested removal of stake on E. Truslove's tree.

Lady Bawden said that the bus shelter was full of rubbish. Mrs Clitherow to suggest to Mrs Mills that bus shelters are suitable sites for litter bins.

d. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported -

- ( i) Squirrels have successfully killed tops of sycamores.
- ( ii) Council to remove dead sycamore near Limbrick Hall.
- (iii) "Hertfordshire's Disappearing Wildlife" published by CC, Countryside Group supports TC policy of leaving clumps of gorse. Copy passed to TC.
- ( iv) HMWT still wishing to arrange meeting with Golf Club.
- ( v) TC to work on common near Limbrick Hall and clear generally poor quality growth.

e. Plans

Mr Matthews reported that during the five weeks ended 25th November, 1988 the DC received 42 applications relating to Harpenden of which 20 dealt with extensions, porches, etc. The 18 responses from the Society were an unusually high number.

The Society had supported the DC in its refusal to allow the appeal for the demolition of 11 Milton Road.

A complaint had been made to the DC regarding the style and colour of replacement windows at 6 Amenbury Lane.

Lady Bawden said that despite earlier applications for 5, 3 and 1 dwelling respectively having been turned down, the appeal for 13 dwellings at the rear of 1-7 Crabtree Lane had been allowed on appeal. The poor access was unchanged.

f. Publicity

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee meeting had been cancelled due to bad weather.

It was agreed not to pursue the sale to members of promotional items.

A new sub-committee was formed, composed of Mrs Wang, Mrs Godfrey and Mr Simms to deal with arrangements for Environment Week and a Society exhibition. It was agreed to ask for additional help from members at the next public meeting and to invite Mr Eric Meadows to participate.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Lady Bawden undertook to speak on the Socceity's work at the Day Centre in response to a request received from Carol Margereson.

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RE-CYCLING

Mrs Wang said that the TC had replied that they were unable to offer assistance with a save-a-can campaign. The Herts & Middlesex Trust had suggested co-operation with another group.

It was noted that the Herts & Middlesex Trust had begun a monthly collection of drinks cans at Marshalswick. It would be suggested that they extend this to Harpenden if approval could be obtained from the DC to use Bowers Way car park once a month on a Sunday morning.

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DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY MAP

Mrs Wang said the recently published meeting showed no change from 1986, thus omitting many new paths, such as the Nicky Way. Mrs Wang to complain.

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COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Concern has been expressed that too many large houses are being built in Hertfordshire.

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NEWSLETTER

Copy date 20th December, 1988.

Society Award Nomination form to be included.

Agreed include details of DC system for public notification of road repair works needed.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday, 11th January, 1989 at the Day Centre.

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**In Attendance:** Lady Bawden  
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Apologies were received from Miss I.M. Leek, Mr A.G. Simms, and Mr A. Mellody.

Due to the absence of Miss I.M. Leek, it was agreed that Mrs Suitters should act as Minute Secretary for this meeting.

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### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 302(c)(ii) 1. cutting for hay to include the possibility of flailing.

(iv) "pitch" to read "pitches"

(v) TC and HMWT to discuss conservation...

Minute 302(d) "commented" to read "reported"

Minute 302(d) Last paragraph add "1-7" Crabtree Lane.

Minute 302(e)(iv) Add., some amendments and additions to the proof copy were agreed.

Minute 302(e) Add.(v) Postcards. The production of a postcard of scenes of Harpenden was discussed.

Minute 305 "reported" to read "questioned"  
"Walk" to read "Road".

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#### MATTERS ARISING

a. Batford Springs (Minute 301(b))

Miss Leek has received the list of birds seen at Batford Springs as compiled by the local RSPB Group.

Mrs Wang has been in correspondence with Dr Leslie Alan Williams, Entomologist at Hatfield Polytechnic, who is willing to list the insects seen at Batford Spring during Autumn 1988-89.

b. Recycling (Minute 301(d))

Mrs Wang has written to the BBC about the programme on this subject, but has not yet received a reply.

The Recycling Guides have been received from the Groundwork Trust.

c. Commons and Greens (Minute 302)

The subject of the posts outside Middle Grange was discussed. It was felt that they are likely to remain as the TC uses similar posts to prevent parking on the Common. It was suggested that Mr Ward ask Mr Weston whether the ground concerned was on the Common or not and whether the house owners had permission from the TC to erect the posts. Miss Thurston will contact Mr Harrad also.

d. Correspondence (Minute 304)

Mr Bardner reported that there is nothing specific to Harpenden in the County Structure Plan except that 6,500 housing units are planned for St. Albans District and there should be enough land for these without encroaching on Green Belt land.

e. Estate Agents' Boards (Minute 307)

Mrs Wang has written to the DC but has had no reply as yet but there is evidence that smaller advertising boards are now being used.

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#### GROUPS

a. Transport

( i ) Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne reported that the Traffic Forum held on 18th October, 1988 was very successful. It was attended by over 100 people and was reported in the Herald, Observer and Herts Advertiser.

( ii ) A copy of the Herts County Traffic Report is in the Library. He is endeavouring to obtain at least two copies for the Society.

- (iii) Mrs Wang pointed out that there is information about the new Road Hopper buses and the one-way system in St. Albans available from Mr Bullimore at Harpenden Hall.
- ( iv) In view of the interest shown at the Traffic Forum it was suggested that the venue of the February 1989 meeting should be changed to the large Public Hall, but a majority of the Committee voted to retain the small Public Hall.

b. ULVG

Mrs Wang reported that she is keeping Mrs Catterfeld informed about developments at Batford Spring.

c. Southdown

Mrs Clitheroe reported

- ( i) There has been no reply from the DC about the Green, but the grass on the Green is looking better.
- ( ii) The Industrial Estate is looking a little better.
- (iii) She has written to the Manager of Gateway pointing out the large amount of rubbish in the car park.
- ( iv) It was pointed out that the public footpath from the Industrial Estate to Meadow Walk is usually blocked by parked lorries and cars, and that Ernest Truslove's tree at the entrance to the Gateway car park is being rubbed by its supports.

d. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported

- ( i) The trees opposite Limbrick Hall lost their tops because of squirrel damage.
- ( ii) The TC proposes to use herbicides on the banks of the southdown ponds and she has told them that this is a bad policy.
- (iii) A removeable cage is to be installed for the oil filter.
- ( iv) There is no water in the second pond.
- ( v) She has started work on comparing the old and new plant lists for the Common. So far it appears that there are more garden escapes now, and previously there were more water plants.
- ( vi) A Hornbeam in Hay Lane may have to be moved but the James Marshall Trust will replace it if it does not survive the move.



Mr Ward reported that the telephone line to the Golf Club has now been buried.

e. Plans

TP/132/88  
TP/137/88

5 Townsend Road  
25 West Common Way  
Unable to identify trees but oppose in principle the felling of mature or maturing trees in the Conservation area.

5/88/1572

11 Hillside Road  
There would be no garage on this site and this is considered to be a retrograde step, encouraging roadside parking.

5/88/1839

Lydekker Estate, ~~Station Road~~

The proposed development will considerably increase the population of the central area but the Society accepts that development will take place and the increase in traffic will have to be accepted. The broad layout of the site is reasonably close to what the Society had in mind when first asked to comment. It is considered important that the present curtilage walls be retained especially the historic memento where initials were carved by Lydekker children.

A survey of the existing trees and shrubs should be made and their condition noted and preservation orders be taken on healthy trees. Some houses as planned appear to be too near to existing trees.

There should be more details of colours of bricks and roofing. It is urged that dark roof tiles be used.

The central apartment block is unacceptable. It will be too dominant and intrusive and will adversely affect the existing Harpenden Lodge *and proposed public gardens.*

We would like to see a larger public park. The proposed pond and a central feature, possibly an open dome suitable for climbing plants, are attractive features. The TC should be responsible for the maintenance of the park and adequate funds should be available for this.

The developers should be asked about proposals to screen off Lydekker Mews and the Retirement area, and planting in general.

Proposed underplanting is unrealistic. Existing undergrowth should be cut back/pruned/coppiced to encourage new growth.

Care should be taken that the Public car park does not become a private car park used by the residents only.

5/88/1933

15 Lea Road (adjoining)  
Frontage too narrow for a detached house. There would no longer be a garage for No.15 thus encouraging roadside parking.

5/88/1934

Imhof-Bedco site, Station Road  
Revised version of scheme allowed on appeal but still too dense and prominent. All trees will be lost. Traffic debouching into Station will be considerably increased and the exit has poor sighting up Station Road. Recommend use of ~~synthetic~~ *sympathetic* building materials and dark roofs.

5/88/1950

Units 5 & 6, 40 Coldharbour Lane  
Change in windows is unexceptionable but its purpose is to make possible the addition of office space, though this is not clear in the application. Approval should be withheld unless the applicants can provide additional parking space.

5/88/1946  
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26 and 28 Shakespeare Road  
Extension would be prominently visible from Granary Lane. Extension too massive for the houses to which it would be attached. Extension on two levels only would be more appropriate.

5/88/0451

Appeal by Fairclough Homes Ltd  
5-17 Milton Road  
To allow the demolition of 11 Milton Road would be contrary to Policy 52 of the St. Albans District Plan and would endanger the future of other Victorian/Edwardian houses in Harpenden. Development would increase the pressure for other "rear garden" development in Harpenden.

5/88/2081A

33B High Street,  
illuminated fascia sign  
Impossible to decipher what is proposed but any illuminated sign would be out of character with the property.

5/88/2124

Coldharbour Lane  
56 parking spaces are welcome but concern is felt on increase of traffic in Coldharbour Lane. More detailed planting scheme needed.



5/88/2130

154 Cravells Road

Same as 5/88/1643 and should be refused also as it will cause undue crowding and loss of visual amenity.

5/88/2135  
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2 Luton Road

Victorian style conservatory is out of character with the rest of the house.

Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne suggested that it was not necessary for long reports from the plans group to be read out to the committee and Prof. Miller suggested that some mention be made of those plans which were approved. It was pointed out that the Plans Group's work is very important and they only have time to review those plans that are relevant and which they consider should be refused or amended, i.e. about 4 per week, and they are obliged, as are all Groups, to inform the committee of their actions. After much discussion it was decided that at the next committee meeting, as an experiment, Mr Matthews would give a précis of the letters that had been written by the plans group, except where a very important development was concerned, together with a note of the total number of applications received about Harpenden by the DC (at Prof. Miller's request).

Mrs Wang reported that the possible redevelopment of The George will not take place at present.

Mrs Godfrey reported that the <sup>appeal</sup> application for development at 10-12 Douglas Road has been ~~refused~~ <sup>dismissed</sup>.

Lady Bawden said that the now unused Youth Centre in Vaughan Road needed repair, and wondered if the Society should take any interest in its future. She was asked to write to the Youth Community Council to ascertain the ownership of the centre.

f. Publicity

The availability and cost of advertising material had been investigated and collated by Miss Leek. The Chairman suggested that a sub-committee be formed to consider these and report back. It was decided that this sub-committee consist of the Chairman, the Treasurer, the Secretary and Mrs Wang. They will also consider the possibility of postcards similar to those used by the St. Albans Civic Society, which were obtained by Mrs Godfrey.

g. Events

Wednesday, 2nd November - "Less Litter, Please"  
Meeting at Small Public Hall,  
at 8.00 p.m.

Thursday, 8th December - "Muntjac" by Dr O. Dansie.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Godfrey read a letter of thanks from the Local History Society for the loan of the display boards. They are now on loan to the local RSPB group.

Mrs Godfrey said that she had received several letters from school children about transport, as a result of the Forum.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided that the Society should become affiliated to the Groundwork Trust for a fee of £25.

It was agreed that the Society should make a contribution of £20 to the Local History Society.

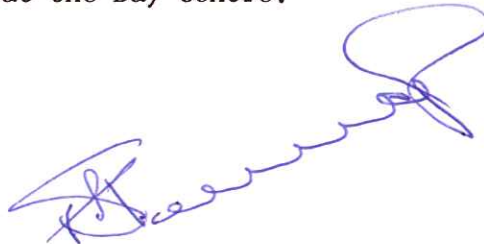
Mrs Wang's design for the Environment Certificate was approved by the committee.

Mrs Wang suggested that the Society should liaise with the St. Albans Civic Society and she will contact their secretary with a view to furthering more contact.

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NEXT MEETING

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In Attendance: Lady Bawden  
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Apologies were received from Mr A.G. Simms.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st August, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute 293(a) "foot/cycle path" to read "foot path with local agreement for cycles".

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MATTERS ARISING

a. Nicky Line (Minute 293(a))

It was noted that considerable District Council funds were now available for maintenance. Mr Jennings said he had had no reply to his enquiry re the revival of the Management Committee.

The Town Council had allotted cash for maintenance of local stretch of path and had not known of DC discussions with The Groundwork Trust regarding practical work.

b. Batford Springs (Minute 293(c))

Mr Simms had provided the information that an RSPB survey was available and that project grants could be sought from Shell Better Britain Campaign.

Mrs Wang said she had written to Hatfield Polytechnic. A reporter from The Review had enquired of reasons for seeking protection.

c. BR Station (Minute 293(d))

Station Approach had not been resurfaced and BR had not replied to Mrs Wang's letter.

d. Recycling

Mrs Wang said there had been no response from the TC. Following a BBC programme on the subject Mrs Wang agreed to contact them. Pamphlets were awaited from The Groundwork Trust.

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GROUPS

a. Transport

Mr Kemsey-Bourne reported

- ( i) there had been no reply from the DC regarding changes at Amenbury Lane car park.
- ( ii) The October afternoon public meeting would take the form of a Traffic Forum. The police had agreed to attend and other speakers were being negotiated.
- (iii) Contact had been made with the Team Leader at County Hall who was reviewing the recent traffic count figures prior to taking local opinions.

b. Southdown

Mrs Clitherow reported

- ( i) Pan Auto repairs were inadequate.
- ( ii) No reply from DC re edge of green.
- (iii) No reply from DC on responsibility for sweeping litter on the industrial estate.

c. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported

- ( i) receipt of certificate for Conservation Award.



- ( ii) TC Commons Management Plan for 1989 had been agreed including two amendments from 1988, viz
1. cutting for hay to include <sup>the possibility of</sup> flailing.
  2. gorse clumps to be rationalised, leaving some for wild life and snow barriers.
- (iii) TC had issued a job description for the Town Warden.
- ( iv) Plans had been agreed for the renovation of the Rovers football pitch <sup>28</sup>
- ( v) <sup>9 HMWT</sup> TC to discuss conservation with Golf Club management.

Mr Jennings asked for an investigation of the erection of posts at Middle Grange.

d. Plans

The following were <sup>reported</sup> ~~commented~~ upon by Mr Matthews:

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|------------|--|
| 5/88/1228  | 39 Leyton Road,  |
| 5/88/1245  | two detached houses and access drive.<br>Challenge to first refusal.<br>Support preservation of environment<br>of listed building adjacent.                            |
| 5/88/1367  | 47 Luton Road, Jarvis Homes Ltd,<br>28 retirement homes.<br>Overdevelopment in Conservation<br>Area.   |
| 5/88/1333A | 8 Station Road, Regency Film Service,<br>illuminated sign.<br>Retrospective.<br>Unsuitable for Conservation Area.  |
| 5/88/1483  | Land off St. Michaels Close,<br>Walker Clark Developments Ltd,<br>detached bungalow.<br>Overdevelopment of back land.  |
| 5/88/1559A | 66 High Street, J.D. Wood<br>illuminated sign.<br>Inappropriate in size and material<br>for listed building in Conservation<br>Area.                                   |
| 5/88/1553  | 22 West Common Way, boundary wall.<br>Urge plant screen.   |
| 5/88/1599  | 110 Luton Road,<br>Royal Mail Letters,<br>change of use to office and addition<br>of first floor accommodation.<br>Too dominating in bulk and height,<br>urge refusal. |

5/88/1547A	37 High Street, British Gas Eastern illuminated fascia and projecting signs and new shop front. Sign unnecessary, fascia inappropriate front unnecessary.
5/88/1139 1144A	115 Southdown Road, dental surgery. Object to change of use, lettering on fascia and projecting sign.
5/88/1356	48 High Street, Moss Bros. alteration to shop front. Out of sympathy with the building.
5/88/1610	Harpenden Moat House, erection of staff accommodation. Recommend landscaping to improve plan.
5/88/1455	389 Luton Road, J. Patel, front extension to shop. Would destroy symmetry of "The Pavement".
5/88/1573	R/O 57/59 Cowper Road, S. Lederidge, detached bungalow. Adversely affect neighbours and add to traffic problems by loss of garages.
5/88/1643	Brambledene, East Common, Mr & Mrs Potter, detached house and garage. No objection in principle.
5/88/1488A 1489	64-72 High Street, Head Start Appointments Ltd, Retrospective application. Recommend refusal as unsuitable.
5/88/1686	27 Bowers Way, Mr Williams, detached house. Too close infilling.
5/88/1721CA	5, 9, 11, 13 Milton Road, Fairclough Homes Ltd, demolition. Should await re-development scheme.
5/88/1790CA	36-38 Luton Road, Bovis Homes, demolition. Should await re-development scheme.



5/88/1700	5-17 Milton Road, Fairclough Homes Ltd. erection of 34 flats, extension and conversion of 6 dwellings, erection of garage. Little change from previous application. Still too dense.
5/88/1798	92-94 High Street, alterations to shop front. Recommend revision of application.
5/88/1867	28 Park Hill, erection of detached house and side extension to existing dwelling. Too cramped for new dwelling.
5/88/1862 5/88/1863	76 High Street, Kwik Fit Holdings Plc. demolition of part of buildings and alterations associated with conversion to tyre and exhaust fitting centre. Object to demolition and change of use.
5/88/1411	BR Station British Railways Board additional parking. Recommend refusal. Siting too far from re-developed Station house if for exclusive use of staff there.
5/88/1363	4 Moreton Avenue, Mr & Mrs B. Barbahoff two-storey side extension. Too large.
5/88/1539	Grey Gates, Limbrick Road, L. Jackson detached garage and games room. Danger of damage to trees. Use for vintage cars could cause disturbance to neighbours.

There was a general discussion of Bovis plans for the Lydekker Estate.

It was noted that Imhof Bedco had succeeded on appeal for permission to erect 72 flats.

It was noted that Station House had been demolished.

Mrs Wang referred to the increase in long-term plastic adhesive decoration and advertising matter on shop windows. The DC are unable to take action unless there is substantial damage to the amenity.

Redevelopment plans for Highfield Oval are expected in 1989.

Plans for rear development in <sup>1-7</sup>Crabtree Lane have been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

e. Publicity

- ( i) It was noted that Environment Week 1989 would be from 22nd April to 1st May inclusive. Miss Leek said the Library display area would be booked.
- ( ii) Informal enquiries were proceeding re local co-operation for a Harpenden Week/Festival(?).
- (iii) Advertising material had been investigated and showed a need for an investment of approximately £200. It was agreed that, on the basis that this money should be recouped by sales, Miss Leek should investigate more fully.

- ( iv) It was agreed to continue with use of the photo-copied Society leaflet rather than to pay for printing, *some amendments to the proof copy were agreed.*

- (v) *Post cards - the production of a post card of scenes of Harpenden was discussed.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

It was agreed that the design of the Certificate should be based around the view of Harpenden shown on the Society leaflet.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Hertfordshire County Structure Plan 1986 Review available - Mr Bardner to check with the Hertfordshire Society to see if Harpenden is affected.

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WASTE TIPPING

*questioned*  
Lady Bawden reported tipping on old Wheathampstead railway line behind Masfield Walk. Mr Ward to inspect prior to objecting.

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PUBLIC MEETING 2.11.88

Mrs Wang suggested it could be worthwhile asking members to be responsible for litter cleaning in selected areas.

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ESTATE AGENTS' BOARDS

Mrs Wang to write to DC re non-compliance with regulations by estate agents.

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### MATTERS ARISING

a. Nicky Line (Minute 287(c))

Mr Jennings confirmed that he had written to the DC to express the Society's support for definitive status for the foot/cycle path *with local agreement for cyclists.*

Mr Jennings said that he had expressed the Society's regret upon receipt of a letter from the DC to notify him of the disbanding of the Management Committee as part of the current restructuring of committees.

b. Swimming Pool (Minute 288(d))

It was noted that plans to build a new pool had been abandoned by the DC.

c. Batford Springs (Minutes 287(b))

Mrs Wang reported that the Herts & Middlesex Trust had said they were too busy to handle this site.



It was agreed that in addition to an appeal in the Newsletter for an interested local entomologist and contact with the RSPB, Mrs Wang would contact Hatfield Polytechnic to suggest the area for a student project.

d. BR Station (Minute 288(a))

Mrs Wang reported that Station Approach was being resurfaced.

e. Conservation Award (Minute 288 (c)(iii))

Miss Thurston confirmed that she would be attending with Mr John Slater.

f. Litter (Minute 289)

The Secretary said that Mrs Miller<sup>S</sup> had still not responded. It was agreed not to follow up this matter.

g. Secretary (Minute 289)

It was noted that Mrs Brenda Suitters had volunteered to become Secretary in 1989.

h. Roundwood Lane (Minute 289)

It was noted that there would be a delay in repair work due to building operations.

i. Southdown (Minute 288(b)(iii))

It was noted that some repairs had been carried out on the pot holes outside Pan Auto.

j. Harpenden Lodge (Minute 288(d))

The Society's preliminary comments to the DC had been sent after the Bovis presentation.

k. Plans (Minute 288(d))

Mrs Wang reported no acknowledgement of her letter.

ACCOUNTS

Mr McNicoll reviewed the unaudited analysis of income and expenditure for the six months to the 30th June, 1988 drawing attention to

- ( i) £97.75 expended on membership cards, sufficient for five years. Mr McNicoll questioned the need for these.
- ( ii) £57.50 for typewriter maintenance. A necessary expense as machine is now the property of the Society.
- (iii) subscriptions 5% ahead of this time last year, although this did not reflect a similar increase in membership.

( iv)                      lower interest received due to reduced rates.

Mr McNicoll anticipated that slow inflation of costs since 1982, when the subscription was last increased, would result in a deficit for this year and suggested that the ideal solution was to increase membership.

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#### PUBLICITY

The Committee considered the proof design of the revised membership leaflet. Although some concern was expressed at the use of the term HARPSOC, it was agreed to proceed. The Secretary undertook to obtain printing quotations and in the meantime to provide some photocopies which would be distributed to the committee members and the library.

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#### FUTURE PLANS

The Chairman said that it was necessary for the Society to determine its future image. The Committee discussed

- a. Environment Week - 26th April to 11th May, 1989. Mrs Wang said that some time and thought should be given in order to mark this week with a special theme.
- b. Harpenden Week - Mrs Wang suggested that the Society might co-operate with other local societies, e.g. Arts Club and/or Photographic Society for an exhibition on Harpenden. The Secretary agreed to investigate the availability of the Methodist Hall and the informal interest of the relevant societies.
- c. Advertising Material - the Secretary to investigate car stickers, pencils, badges, etc.
- d. Public Meetings - it was agreed that greater effort should be made to identify and welcome visitors in order to encourage them to join the Society. The Secretary agreed to act as welcoming steward and to provide a visitors' book.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

The Committee agreed that the Society should make an annual award for local consistent merit in enhancing the environment other than architecturally.

Mrs Wang agreed to produce the draft of a certificate.

It was agreed to appoint a judging panel in due course.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

- a. Mr Jennings to investigate car parking Limbrick Road/Eastmoor Park.
- b. Mrs Wang said that the police had assumed responsibility for their garden.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, 28th September, 1988.

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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

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held on

Wednesday, 27th July, 1988

at The Day Centre, Harpenden

Present: Mr K.P. Jennings, Chairman  
Mr R. Bardner  
Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow  
Mrs A. Godfrey  
Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Prof. C.W. Miller  
Mrs B. Suitters  
Mr A.G. Simms  
Miss J.M. Thurston  
Mrs M. Waldrey

In Attendance: Lady Bawden  
Mrs L. Wang

Apologies were received from Messrs McNicoll, Mellody and Vincent.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting held on 21st June, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:-

Minute No. 281 (a)(i)2 "..... west closure" to read  
"..... west one-way"

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Park Hall (Minute 281(d))

Mr Matthews reported that he had written again to the DC to express the Society's views in stronger terms and had informed Mr Marr.

It was noted that the DC Minutes of 1st June, 1988 commented that demolition was contrary to the 1987 Inset Map, where the building was shown as of local interest and that there was a need for additional indoor facilities.

It was noted that the DC Priorities & Finance Committee had agreed with a non-demolition policy on 23rd June, 1988.

b) Batford Springs (Minute 280(b))

Mrs Wang said she had received no reply from DC to her request for official designation and protection of this site.

An approach to the South Herts Environmental Centre had resulted in a request for further information regarding the nature of the site.

c) Nicky Line (Minute 282)

Mrs Wang expressed concern, now believed to be recognised by the DC, that there was no statutory recognition of the joint cycle way/footpath and that local householders may and were purchasing the railway embankment.

Mr Jennings reported that he had walked the path with the Deputy Mayor.

The consensus of opinion of local conservation groups was that unless the DC provided some financial support they were unable to participate in the management.

It was agreed that Mr Jennings would pass on this Committee's opinion that definitive status should be sought for the path even if this resulted in the prohibition of cyclists.

(d) Re-cycling (Minute 283)

Mrs Wang reported that she had written to the Chairman of the TC. The reaction of the DC was awaited.

(e) Cravells Road Action Group (Minute 281(d))

It was noted that this Group now formed part of the re-constituted Cravells Road Residents' Association.

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REPORTS FROM GROUPS

(a) Transport

Mr Kemsey-Bourne said that:-

- ( i) the Pelican crossing in Station Road had progressed no further than the installation of the pavement kerbs.
- ( ii) there had as yet been no response from BR regarding free public use of the station car park at weekends.
- (iii) it had been noted that a DC traffic counting device had been located in Victoria Road.
- ( iv) slides relating to traffic would be welcome for use at public meetings.



Mr Jennings said that he had noted in the DC Minutes that road finance had been reduced and the scheme for the improvement of lighting in Harpenden had been postponed.

Mrs Godfrey said that a CC document on traffic in Harpenden was due for publication soon.

Mrs Wang agreed to write to BR regarding the outstanding repairs to Station Approach road surface.

(b) Southdown

Mrs Clitherow reported that

- ( i) edge of green - no progress
- ( ii) potholes - marked, but not yet repaired
- (iii) Cravells Road - no acknowledgement from DC of letter regarding overgrown shrubs.

(c) Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported that:-

- ( i) the two Society walks had been well attended. It had been suggested that birds and butterfly walks be held in 1989.
- ( ii) the TC Commons and Greens committee:-
  - a. rejected unanimously suggestion of converting three acres into a car park. It was noted that this is registered common land and no such permission may be given legally.
  - b. terms of reference modified to include flailing or cutting of hay as considered appropriate in each year.
  - c. upon retirement of Common Keeper, job scope to be widened to include responsibility for footpaths and cemetery and renamed Town Ranger.
- ( iii) Herts Conservation Award - judging took place on 11th July, 1988. Certificate of Merit awarded, to be presented on 22nd September. It was agreed that Miss Thurston would attend to receive the award.
- ( iv) plant lists reprinted
- ( v) hay to be cut and carted when weather permits, at cost to TC.

- ( vi) Rovers football pitches to be reconditioned and re-sown at TC's expense in April 1989 in preparation for autumn.
- ( vii) Lydekker Estate modified plan includes good, small park, and formal garden to be provided by Bovis for maintenance by (hopefully) the TC.
- (viii) Rothamsted records of plants on the common in 1906 had been made available to Society.
- ( ix) upper pond plug had been removed by vandals. Some cleaning had been carried out when retrieving plug.

(d) Plans

Planning applications had been commented on as follows:-

5/88/1043DC	Park hall, St. Albans DC, residential development.
1044CA	demolition of existing building Total opposition to loss of space for low-funded local organisations
5/88/1056	57/59 Highfield Avenue, K. Tigard, two detached houses. Overdevelopment
5/88/1139	115 Southdown Road, R. Gogna, change of use to dental surgery, new shop front etc.
1144A	illuminated projecting sign and non-illuminated fascia. Urged refusal. Conservation area. Loss of retail unit in Southdown Neighbourhood Centre. Proposed new bow window not in concert. Fascia not in conformity with DC guide. Question need for projecting sign.
5/88/1148A	52 High Street, Victoria Wine Co. illuminated signs consider with application 88/1035. Urge refusal as unsuitable.
5/88/1145	28 Douglas Road, St. Hildas School single storey extension to classroom. Recommend refusal of prefab-type building in conservation area.

5/88/1212

13 Church Green Parade,  
Taylor Wood,  
change of use to estate agents.  
Retrospective application most  
unacceptable.  
Regret change of use.

1213A

illuminated fascia and  
projecting signs.  
Recommend refusal.

5/88/0882

Walkers/Cravells Road,  
Wimpey Homes,  
27 3-storey flats.  
Urge refusal.  
Buildings too high, dangerous  
addition to traffic and parking  
provision inadequate.

5/88/1262

5/7 Crabtree Lane,  
Gemchrist Ltd,  
12 one-bed flats and six  
detached houses. Urge refusal.  
Would not enhance conservation  
area - loss of two dwellings;  
bulk and scale unsuitable, loss  
of privacy, loss of trees,  
dangerous addition to traffic.

Lady Bawden read the protest  
letter that she had written to  
the DC. Mr Matthews suggested  
the establishment of a Crabtree  
Lane Action Group.

Harpenden Lodge - it was noted that Bovis Ltd had offered  
2½-3 acres of land as an open space as opposed to the 5  
acres requested originally. The site would be divided  
between housing, park and public car parking. It was  
intended to retain the boundary wall and hedge.

Mrs Wang referred to her concern for loss of trees and  
hedges as a result of development. A response from the  
DC had established that unless conditions are specifically  
laid down by the planning committee (or sub-committee)  
with regard to landscaping there is no requirement by the  
developer to honour the retention of existing planting or  
carry out any new planting shown on the agreed  
application. Mrs Wang said that she had written to the  
DC to express the concern of the Society.

Town Council minutes revealed:-

- ( i)            proposed to develop the Oval early in 1989
- (ii)            redevelopment of The George by Jarvis is under  
                 consideration.

Plans North committee minutes revealed that the indoor  
swimming pool had had outline approval.

(e) Publicity

Mrs Godfrey reported that the Group had met but no-one was able to become Chairman. The Group had approved a membership appeal for insertion in the next newsletter and had discussed means of advertising the Society.

Mr Kemsey-Bourne said that he had secured free article space in the next issue of Forum.

Mr Kemsey-Bourne said that he was analysing the membership to ascertain how many Councillors were members of the Society.

New membership forms awaited action by Mr Paul Usher.

(f) Events

Mrs Godfrey said arrangements had been made as follows:-

1988 October	afternoons	-	date to be fixed
November	evening	-	subject - litter
1989 February		-	subject - by pass
May	afternoons	-	subject - suggestions sought

Environment Week would be from 22nd April to 1st May, 1989.

A Lea Valley walk was suggested for July, 1989, with the possible co-operation of the RSPB.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Matthews said that Mrs Haywood of Park Rise had written regarding the dangerous state of the pavement in Roundwood Lane and this had been reported to the DC.

The Secretary said no response had been received from Mrs Mills following the Society's offer of support for her campaign to combat the problem of litter.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Harpenden & District Local History Society for the use of the Society's stands.

The Chairman reported that the Secretary had given early notice of her intention not to seek re-election next year.

Mr Matthews said that the ULVG had notified him of the possibility of development at the rear of Langdale Avenue and on the DV Baulk and Coldharbour Lane allotment sites.

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NEWSLETTER

Deadline - 14th September

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NEXT MEETING

To be held on Wednesday, 31st August, 1988.

## HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Notes accompanying six-monthly accounts

Office and printing costs are running at a rate appearing much higher than last year's. Part of this is due to the expenditure of £97.75 on membership cards (included under Printing and Advertising), (these should be enough for five years), and part to the inclusion in Office Expenses of £57.50 for typewriter maintenance, something again which might be regarded as a capital expenditure, since, I believe, the typewriter has now been given to us. Subscriptions are 5% ahead of this time last year, but I do not think this reflects a similar increase in membership. Interest is down because of reduced interest rates.

In the past I have felt that we were not willing to spend enough to enable us to do various tasks more efficiently, - e.g. on photocopying and postage, and for that reason I am not too concerned at this state; nevertheless, costs have been inflating slowly but surely since we last increased the subscription in 1982, and we are probably heading for a deficit this year without anything much concrete to show for it. Since we still have some problems resulting from the last increase in the subscription (1982 was dreadful for the Membership Secretary - banker's orders not being increased, payments received twice and so on), I would not volunteer to see another increase in the subscription yet. The ideal solution is, of course, to increase the number of members.

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## HARPENDEN SOCIETY

## UNAUDITED ANALYSIS OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 6 MONTHS TO 30 JUNE

1987		1988
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£		£
2265.19	Balance in hand 30 June	2229.80
1818.65	less Opening Balance	1907.96
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446.54	Excess of Income over Expenditure	321.84
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	INCOME	
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895.55	Subscriptions	944.05
150.00	Mrs Labrun memorial donation	
	ULVG - Income	
	- less Expenses	
47.62	Interest Received	30.53
35.58	Profit from 'Plants on the Common' booklets	
0.00	Sundry	
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1128.75	Total Income	974.58
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	EXPENDITURE	
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63.52	Hall and room hire for Meetings	70.48
30.00	Subscriptions and donations to other Societies	30.00
186.88	Printing, Advertising	304.23
56.02	Office expenses (postage, telephone etc )	209.28
252.03	Memorial Seats	
55.00	ULVG Cairn and Waymark	
	Purchase of Southdown Litter Bins	
	Plaques and Fitting	
	Insurance	30.00
38.76	Other	8.75
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682.21	Total Expenditure	652.74
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446.54	Excess of Income over Expenditure	321.84
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Hon. Treasurer

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee  
held on

Tuesday, 21st June, 1988

at The Day Centre, Harpenden

Present: Mr K.P. Jennings, Chairman  
Mr R. Bardner  
Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow  
Mrs A. Godfrey  
Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Prof. C.W. Miller  
Mrs B. Suitters  
Mr A.G. Simms  
Miss J.M. Thurston  
Mr M.F. Vincent  
In Attendance: Mrs L. Wang

Apologies were received from Mrs M. Waldren and Mr E. Ward.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th May, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:-

- Minute No.276 (b)(iii) 1. to read "..... problem and the emptying of the skip before becoming overfull was ....."
- (d) 5/88/0807 should be "St. Gemmas"
- (f) 3. add Mr L. Matthews to Group list.

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Action Groups (Minute 275(a))

It was noted that the press release had been amended as requested by this Committee. A formal Procedure Document had been received.

b) Batford Springs (Minute 277(4))

Mrs Wang reported writing to DC to request official designation and protection.

c) Commons & Greens (Minute 276(c)(iv))

The bushes had as yet received no attention from the Council.

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GROUPSa) Transport

Mr Kemsey-Bourne reported that

- ( i) the DC reply to his request for an update on the situation regarding the various matters covered in the traffic questionnaire stated

1. postponed - one-way working Victoria/Vaughan Roads  
Nos.1-15 Lower High Street  
pedestrianisation  
closure of access to Lower High Street opposite Nos.35-37 High Street  
closure of diagonal road, Church Green  
one-way working West in service road Lloyds/Barclays Bank

It was agreed to respond to the DC to express the Society's disappointment at the lack of progress regarding the pedestrianisation of Lower High Street (part) and to request special attention to drainage problem there. As part of an accident remedial scheme for the High Street the CC

2. have in hand - Station Road west closure roundabout Sun Lane/A1081
3. the Pelican crossing in Station Road should be installed by July 1988.

- ( ii) The DC had confirmed that they had carried out "traffic model" rather than a numerical data on vehicle movements. Interviews had been conducted at The Harrow and in Redbourn Lane. A report was expected to be ready in September. Miss Thurston's sighting of traffic counters in Southdown to be investigated. The Society's assistance in a future traffic count had been offered.

- (iii) he had written to BR asking whether free public use of station car park at the weekend is to be restored and if so if BR would consider in principle free parking at this time to all-comers.

Mr Simms drew to the attention of the Committee the imposition of a charge in Amenbury Lane car park for previously free periods. It was agreed that the Group should contact the District Council regarding the serious deterioration in the road parking situation in the vicinity of the car park since the imposition of the change.



b) Southdown

Mrs Clitherow reported that

- ( i) edge of green - the DC had replied that the matter had been passed to the appropriate department
- ( ii) litter - reply awaited re Southdown industrial estate
- (iii) potholes - no progress
- ( iv) bottle banks - returned to normal

c) Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported that

- ( i) plant list - a reprint was in hand. 50 covers were required  
Copies of supplementary list to be despatched to scientific and conservation bodies when reprint available.
- ( ii) Herts Conservation Award - judging to take place in approximately one week's time.
- (iii) St. Mary's Tuesday Group - a talk had been well received

Society Walks

Wednesday 29th June	8.00 pm	Three Horeshoes
Tuesday 5th July	2.30 pm	Public Hall

d) Plans

Planning applications had been commented on as follows:

5/88/0894	Land between Walkers Road & Cravells Road,
5/88/0882	Wimpey Homes Holdings Ltd, erection of 27 three-storey flats with access roads and parking. The height appears excessive, although plans show no comparison with existing buildings. Both exits are adjacent to railway bridges and would be hazardous to traffic. Landscaping survey required since site is in Conservation Area. Bin stores at exits are an inconveniently long way from site centre. Gates appear to serve only a decorative function.

5/88/0903

R/O 10-12 Douglas Road,  
Hatfields Developments Ltd,  
erection of 2 detached houses and  
2 attached garages facing Moreton  
End Lane.  
Density too high for site; frontages  
too close to existing trees and  
pavement; no landscaping survey.  
To be taken with earlier refusal of  
application re 10-12 Douglas Road.

5/88/0910

Land adjoining 18 Kirkwick Avenue,  
Mr & Mrs McKenzie,  
detached house and garage.  
Loss of garden trees and one lime.

5/88/0911

18 Kirkwick Avenue,  
Mr & Mrs McKenzie,  
conversion to 3 flats and extension  
to provide 3 additional flats.  
Objection on grounds that would  
dominate area to detriment of  
character of Conservation Area and  
amenities of neighbouring  
properties.  
Proposed car parking area out of  
keeping with area.

5/88/0913

Green Lawns Garage,  
Bowers Motor Caravans Ltd,  
alterations and extensions to  
provide toilets, office and kitchen.  
Urge refusal on grounds of  
overspilling on to privately owned  
common land.

5/88/0948

114-116 Westfield Road,  
Miss J.M. Brown,  
block of 2 2-bedroomed flats and 4  
1-bedroomed flats.  
Proposal unaccepted in that too  
large an area for parking provision  
and loss of local shopping amenity  
which could be considered part of  
Policy 38 of the District Plan.

5/88/0993

Swimming Pool,  
Amenbury Lane,  
covered leisure pool, new changing  
rooms and additional car parking.  
Agree in principal with reservations  
regarding safety of access to new  
car park; short-term adequacy of  
specimen screen planting; lack of  
information re proposed building  
materials and external impact of  
aqua tubes.

5/88/0995	Northfield Road, Jarvis, removal of condition 5 from permission 5/87/1509 of 5.11.87.  Urge refusal.
5/88/1000	154/154a Cravells Road, I. Dell, detached house and garage, site appears too small. Detailed scheme essential.
5/88/1035	52 High Street, Victoria Wine Co. shop front and roller shutter. Application fails to take opportunity to enhance site within Conservation Area, to comply with DC Guide to Shop Fronts and to be in sympathy with adjacent buildings.
5/88/1043	Park Hall, St. Albans DC, demolition. Prefer retention for community use.
5/88/1061	R/O 96-98 Cravells Road, The Children's Society and M.P. Bentley, 2 detached houses. Detrimental effect on curtilage of nos. 96 and 98.
5/88/1064	6 High Street, SE Shops & Offices Ltd. alterations to shop fronts and enclosure of second floor staircase. Pleased at retention of original fronts.
5/88/1070	12 Kirkwick Avenue, R.W. Salt, extension of building and conversion to form additional, third flat. Recommend refusal pending application for whole site.

Mr Jennings reported that the Cravells Road Action Group had been formed and that he had attended (privately) a public meeting organised by the developers of the land adjoining the railway.

The Committee discussed the fate of Park Hall and it was agreed to re-iterate to the Council the building's importance as a social amenity. Mr Matthews to contact Mr M. Marr of the Red Cross Society, an important user of the Hall, to inform him of the Harpenden Society's activities in this respect.

e) Publicity

Mrs Godfrey said that she was unable to give time to this Group and that a new convenor was sought.

Mr Kemsey-Bourne had written a membership feature for the Newsletter.

The Society was to be represented as part of the Countryside Management display at the Festival of St. Albans exhibition in the Small Public Hall in Harpenden.

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NICKY LINE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr Jennings reported that he would attend a meeting on the 22nd June.

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RECYCLING

Mrs Wang asked what action the Society was taking on this matter and how far any investigations had gone.

It was agreed that as little progress had been made Mrs Wang would take this matter from scratch.

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TC ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN

It was agreed to associate the Society with the aims of the TC and to offer assistance.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting date and venue to be arranged.

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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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Apologies were received from Mrs M. Waldren and Mr E. Ward.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th April, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments

Minute 270 (a) 1st and 2nd paragraphs "Mr Matthews" to read "Mr Jennings"

(c) "James Marshall" to read "Day Centre".

Minute 271 (c)(viii) to read "the Society's and the Council's activities".

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Action Groups (Minute No.270(a))

At the suggestion of Mrs L. Wang, it was agreed that a copy of future correspondence be sent to the appropriate Action Group.

Mr L.J.G. Matthews reported on the May meeting of the Harpenden Joint Committee for Conservation which had discussed a proposed press release, vexatious re-applications and a draft constitution.

The Society's comments were sought on the above-mentioned press release and it was agreed to recommend amendment of the word "involved" to "liaise" to describe the Society's connection with the Committee.

It was agreed that a substitute for Mr L.J.G. Matthews to represent the Society on the Committee be sought from the Plans Group.

b) South Bedfordshire Preservation Society

Mrs L. Wang reported that she had made contact with this now rather inactive Society from which had been obtained details of proposals to develop for industrial use the green belt between Slip End/Caddington and the M1 motorway. It was noted that Caddington Residents' Association was very active.

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REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a) Transport

Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne reported that

- ( i) he had written to the DC requesting an update on the situation regarding the various matters covered in their traffic questionnaire. No reply.
- ( ii) he had written to the DC requesting details of the manner in which the traffic count had been organised and of the results. The Society's assistance had been offered to the DC in this matter.
- (iii) the Group members had met recently and had discussed:
  - 1. general public use of station car park at weekend. The Committee agreed that Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne should approach BR with this suggestion.
  - 2. road blocking by both-side parking becoming a perennial and worsening problem.



b) Southdown

Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow reported that

- ( i) edge of green - the matter was waiting for consideration by the Plans Committee.
- ( ii) potholes - not yet repaired.
- (iii) the Group members had met recently and had discussed:-
  - 1. litter - the trading estate appeared to cause the main problem and the provision of *emptying the* skips was being investigated. Shop litter derived mainly from customers.
  - 2. bottle banks - full due to collection problems.

c) Commons and Greens

- ( i) The Group members had met recently and had discussed:-
  - 1. Herts Conservation Award - entry consisted of plant list with RSPB supplement and TC management policy document.
  - 2. Flora of Common - Lady Bawden had offered to follow up records of flora of the common discovered and documented recently at Rothamsted.
  - 3. TC - white painted markers on entry to Pimlico Road off A1080
    - removal of excessive sycamore seedlings
    - protest at gardening on common land.
- ( ii) oil filter - in place and although a much stronger structure, two bales were inadequate.
- (iii) weirs - work was needed to make good undercutting of weirs between ponds.
- ( iv) willows - two more had been destroyed.
- ( v) Kinsbourne Green Common - a resident had been advised to speak to the TC regarding parking problems
- ( vi) Cravells Road - it was agreed to ask the TC to reduce the height of the bushes at the roundabout.
- (vii) Plant lists - agreed print a further 50 copies.

d) Plans

Planning applications had been commented on as follows:-

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|------------------------|--|
| 5/88/0794              | Pinneys Garage, Station Road,<br>Pinneys of Harpenden Ltd,<br>change of use of first floor living<br>accommodation to offices.<br>No objection subject to adequate<br>parking and harmonious external<br>decoration. |
| 5/88/0807<br>5/88/0809 | <i>Germans</i><br>St. Germans Nursing Home,<br>9/11 Clarendon Road.<br>Recommend refusal on grounds that<br>mass of building too great and no<br>parking provision.  |
| 5/88/0823A             | 48 High Street, Moss Bros.<br>Illuminated sign.<br>No adverse comments.<br>N.B. No record of application to<br>renew shop front.   |
| 5/88/0827              | 34 Sun Lane,<br>use of part of dwelling for child<br>minding.<br>No objection. Suggest limit to<br>number of children at any one time.   |
| 5/88/0829GD            | H.M. Ministry, Hatching Green,<br>single storey office accommodation.<br>Temporary building.<br>Recommend refusal.   |
| 5/87/2016              | BUPA Hospital, Ambrose Lane,<br>Screen planting to additional parking<br>places not carried out.   |
| 5/88/0843              | 20 Grove Avenue, M. Pontin,<br>erection of house.<br>Similar to application 87/2443.<br>Site too narrow.   |

e) Events

It was reported that the afternoon public meeting had been very successful. It was agreed to arrange a similar event for the autumn of 1988.

f) Publicity

The Herald had made use of very little of the copy provided by the Society for Environment Week.

The art work for the hand-out had been located.

Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne reported on a review he had made of the Society's membership.

It was agreed that

1. the newsletter should be distributed more widely e.g. to dental and GP surgeries
2. a membership feature be included in the newsletter
3. the Publicity Group be expanded to include

Mrs A. Godfrey  
Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne  
Miss I.M. Leek

Mrs B. Suitters  
Mr E. Ward

*H. L. Matthews*

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs L. Wang referred to

1. Station Approach - the continuing unsatisfactory state of the road surface for which resurfacing had been promised two years ago.
2. Police Station garden - had been weeded by Society.
3. Unleaded petrol - possible Society support for a campaign for spread of use. Agreed not within the Society's constitution.
4. DC Minutes - reference made to strategy of identifying natural sites of importance and protecting them. Agreed Mrs L. Wang to approach Herts & Middlesex Wild Life Trust and the DC with a view to having Batford Springs designated.

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NEXT  
MEETING

To be held on Tuesday, 21st June, 1988 at the DAY CENTRE at 7.45 p.m.

NOTE Newsletter Copy Date - 30th June



## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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held on

Monday, 18th April, 1988

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In Attendance: Mrs L. Wang  
Mrs E. Ward

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs L.J.G. Matthews, I.D.G. McNicoll, Prof. C.W. Miller, and Mr M.F. Vincent.

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### MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st March, 1988 were approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

Minute 261 - Add

Transport	Mr Kemsey-Bourne	Miss I.M. Leek
		Mrs B. Suitters
		Mrs L. Wang

Plans	Mrs L. Wang
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It was noted that the Groups consisted also of non-committee members of the Society and a full list would be compiled.

Minute 262(b)(viii)	29.5.88 to read 29.6.88
	July to read 5th July

Minute 266 to read	"It was noted that the article ..."
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### MATTERS ARISING

a) Plans - Action Groups (Minute 262(a))

<sup>K. Jennings</sup>  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews reported on his attendance at the private meeting on the 22nd March called to consider the formation of a committee to co-ordinate the activities of local action groups. Present were:-

Mr J. Wilson, Amenbury Lane Residents' Association  
Mr J. Hall, Milton Road Area Action Group  
Mr P. Bailey, Spinney Action Group  
Mr P. Powers, Moreton Avenue Action Group  
Mr N. Turnbull, The Avenues Residents' Association

<sup>K. Jennings</sup>  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews put the Society's view that, it having been involved in similar matters for many years, it wished to maintain its independence but would like to be informed of the Group's activities.

The suggestion of a joint newsletter foundered for lack of an organiser and fear of too great expense.

The next meeting was fixed for the 18th April. <sup>if he - one could attend,</sup>

It was agreed by this committee that communications received from the Group be dealt with by Plans.

It was agreed to accede to a request from Mr J. Hall for copies of the Society's letters both past and future to the DC concerning 5-7 Milton Road.

b) South Bedfordshire Society (Minute 265)

Nothing to report.

c) Meetings (Minute 268)

Various locations had been investigated. The <sup>Day Centre</sup> James-Marshall rooms to be investigated pending a decision at the next meeting.

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REPORTS FROM GROUPS

a. Transport

With regard to the Traffic Management measures, the DC had responded to a request to know if funds were available to proceed to the effect that no staff were available to deal with the implementation of these measures.

Mr Kemsey-Bourne was asked to contact Cllr. C. Curl in order to discover if he knew anything of the current situation and also to write to the Director of Works & Services of the DC to ask him to clarify the situation.

It was noted that work on the Pelican crossings in High Street and Station Road was in hand.

b. Southdown

Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow reported

( i) edge of green - waiting for Plans Committee to reconsider

( ii) following a suggestion at the AGM, the footpath opposite Pan Autos had been inspected and pot-holes reported



(iii) a Group meeting was to be arranged shortly.

c. Commons and Greens

Miss J.M. Thurston reported

- ( i) new hornbeams had been planted in Hay Lane
- ( ii) the reconditioning of the Rovers' football pitch was being considered by the TC
- ( iii) the new willows by the pond had suffered some frost damage
- ( iv) the DC had asked her to carry out a survey of the botany of the Lydekker Estate
- ( v) Group to discuss entering a Society project for the Herts Conservation Award
- ( vi) Group meeting to be arranged shortly
- ( vii) Circulation of supplementary plant lists to scientists in hand
- (viii) TC Commons and Greens Committee Meeting to be held on 19th April for which notes have been prepared on their DOE circular. Parts which apply to Harpenden endorse the Society's *and the Council's* activities.

d. Publicity

Mr Kemsey-Bourne presented a re-draft of the Society's publicity leaflet. It was agreed that the leaflet should be produced in the format as presented.

Mrs Godfrey said that

- ( i) details of the Society and how to join had been prepared for The Herald newspaper to mark Environment Week.
- ( ii) a publicity handout had been prepared for distribution at the afternoon public meeting.
- (iii) there is a lack of activity during the summer months. It was agreed to arrange either/both an April meeting and/or a summer outing in 1989.
- ( iv) the RSPB would approach the Society to arrange a joint meeting in 1989 to mark the RSPB's Centenary Year.

e. Plans

The following planning applications were commented upon



5/87/2341 2342 LB	R/O 39 Leyton Road, erection of two detached houses. Recommended refusal as detrimental to fine existing house.
5/88/0415	11 Jameson Road, Planwell Properties, 2 detached houses No objection between nos. 11 and 15. That at rear should be restricted to a bungalow to be less obtrusive.
5/88/0451	5-17 Milton Road, Fairclough Homes Ltd erection of 34 flats and conversion and extension of existing buildings to form 19 flats, erection of garage and alterations to vehicular access. Reduced development still too dense and a much more modest scheme more suitable.
5/88/0458	10 Station Road, Trustees of G.W. Dunkley, change of use of 1st and 2nd floors to offices. Object to loss of viable residential units in the centre area.
5/88/0507	49 West Common Way, M.W. Johnson, single storey front and rear extensions. Not appropriate for this area.
5/88/0563	42 West Common, M. Thorpe, adaptation of existing house into 3 flats. A crowded and cramped development which would lead to a loss of spaciousness on the site. Recommended refusal.

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. The offer of the gift of the IBM typewriter currently on extended loan to the Society was accepted.
- b. Litter

It was noted that no progress had been made with the Keep the District Tidy Campaign. Mrs L. Wang suggested the catch phrase "Litter Watch". It was agreed that although this problem had already been aired in the newsletter, it would be re-introduced into a future newsletter.

The possibility of the subject being included in the Festival exhibition would be considered also.

It was noted that Lady Bawden was dealing with the clearance of litter from the hedge between the railway bridge and Meadow Walk.

c. Lydekker Estate

The secretary reported that she had been unsuccessful in tracing any reference in the minutes to the gift of this land to "the people of Harpenden".

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### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th May, 1988.

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)

*Sherry*

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

held on

Monday, 21st March, 1988

Present:

Mr K.P. Jennings, Chairman  
Mr R. Bardner  
Mrs M.J. Clitherow  
Mrs A. Godfrey  
Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Prof. C.W. Miller  
Mr A.G. Simms  
Mrs B. Suitters  
Miss J.M. Thurston  
Mr M.F. Vincent  
Mrs M. Waldren  
Mr E. Ward

*Mr. C. Wang*

Apologies for absence were received from Mr I.D.G. McNicoll and Mr A. Mellody.

The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Committee.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th February, 1988 were approved as a correct record.

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Save-a-Can Bank (Minute 253(a))

The suggestion that this matter should be pursued in conjunction with the St. Albans Civic Society was being followed up.

b) St. Albans Festival (Minute 253(b))

A Common walk had been arranged for 2.30 p.m. on the 5th July, 1988 commencing at the Public Hall.

An exhibition was to be mounted by this Society.

c) Commons and Greens (Minute 256(c)(i))

It was noted that parking by social workers was unofficial and that the trading estate had a right of way into Hay Lane. The matter had not been resolved satisfactorily.

COMMITTEE

The Chairman explained the responsibilities and powers of Group Chairman and said that he would like to see all Committee members participate in the activities of at least one Group.

The following appointments were made for the ensuing year:-

<u>Group</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Members</u>
Southdown	Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow	Mrs M. Waldren Mr A.G. Simms Prof. C.W. Miller
Commons and Greens	Miss J.M. Thurston	Mr R. Bardner Mr A.G. Simms
Plans	Mr L.J.G. Matthews	Mr R. Bardner Mr M.F. Vincent Mr Gaubert Mr Leckie Mr Knight
<i>Transport</i>	<i>Mr Kemsey Bourne</i>	<i>Mr Leek</i> <i>B. Switters</i> <i>L. Wang</i>
Publicity	Mrs A. Godfrey	Mr L. Matthews Miss I.M. Leek Mr A. Mellody Mr K. Kemsey-Bourne

Newsletter Editor Mrs M. Waldren

Refreshments Mr A. Mellody

REPORTS FROM GROUPSa) Plans

## Action Groups

Mr Matthews reported that following his attendance at the public meeting organised by the Milton Road Action Group held on the 4th February, 1988 he had been invited to attend a private meeting to consider the formation of a committee to co-ordinate the activities of the local action groups.

The invitation had been discussed by Mr Matthews, the President and Mr E. Ward, Vice President.

It was agreed that it was essential that the Society should maintain its independence and that Mr K. Jennings should attend the meeting as the sole representative of the Society to observe and report back to this Committee.

Planning applications - the following applications had been commented on:-

5/87/2362LB  
2363

15 Southdown Road, J. Edmonds,  
formation of new dwelling by  
conversion of existing garage and  
barn.  
Pedestrian way dark; apparent  
threat to trees; comments of  
14.1.88 apply.

5/88/0108

Plovers, Redbourn Lane,  
Newby-Rice Ltd,  
2 two-bedroomed houses.  
Support earlier approval for two  
cottages.

5/88/0177

1 West Common, Lawes Agricultural  
Trust,  
Conversion of ground and (part ?)  
first floor to offices.  
Object to change of use.

5/88/0167

80 High Street, A. Quadir,  
single storey rear extension to  
restaurant and new shop front.  
Question adverse effect on parking  
facilities.

5/88/0182

114 Cravells Road, E. Harvard-Wetts,  
Single storey front and rear extension.  
Check acceptability of porch design  
and effect of extension on neighbouring  
properties.

5/88/0232A

9-15 Station Road, Post Office Counters  
Ltd,  
new fascia, illuminated lozenge  
and projecting signs.  
Consider extension of fascia  
unnecessarily obtrusive.

5/88/0239

3/7 Vaughan Road, South Eastern  
Shops & Offices Ltd,  
external alterations and addition  
of 2nd floor offices.  
An improvement but question adequacy  
of car parking facilities.

5/88/0347

Bovis House, 9-10 Harding Parade,  
B.T. Plc,  
satellite dish aerial.  
Recommend decision deferred for  
further information.

5/88/0363

9 Church Green, Mr Good,  
alterations to roof to provide dormer  
window.  
Size and design considered detrimental.

5/88/0364	36 High Street, J. Curtis, change of use to office. Approved only if retail re-instated in new development.
5/88/0368	28 Douglas Road, St. Hildas School, two-storey extension. Implications re expansion of pupil numbers. Transfer of pre-fabricated unit unacceptable. Possible danger to trees.
5/88/0392	31 Crabtree Lane and land at rear, Davant Construction Ltd, 9 detached houses. Over-development. Danger to mature trees.
5/88/0426	10 Station Road, R.S. Way, rendering and painting over brickwork at front elevation. Retrospective.

#### Appeals

B1930/A/87/75086 B1930/A/87/082463	Station Road, Imhof-Bedco Special Products Ltd. Supported refusal of DC for residential development on grounds of over-development; obtrusive; minimum of landscaped amenity land; egress traffic problems; loss of trees; over-use of town's facilities.
re 5/87/0864 5/87/1727	

#### b) Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported

- i) the butterfly list would be in the April newsletter
- ii) DC to replace dead hornbeams in Hay Lane and charge developers
- iii) no success re reduction of traffic in Hay Lane
- iv) young willows coming into leaf
- v) pond filter materials available but work still not carried out
- vi) maps on Common bye-law boards amended to show horse rides more clearly
- vii) Council sought advice re Rovers football pitches badly worn through excessive use



viii) walks on Common arranged

29.6.88	South end	3 Horseshoes	8 p.m.
July 5	North end	Public Hall	2.30 p.m.

ix) Next meeting TC Commons and Greens Committee -  
24.4.88

x) Supplementary plant list available at 5p.

c) Southdown

Subject of edging posts, as used in Welwyn Garden City, to be pursued as may be suitable to protect the edge of the green.

d) Environmental

Mr Jennings reported that the Nicky Line was becoming overgrown. The Management Committee suffered from lack of money and lack of continuity in attendance at meetings. The production of publicity material had been stopped due to lack of funds.

e) Publicity

Mrs Godfrey reported some success in obtaining mention of the Society in the Press.

The Secretary to write to local schools seeking their interest in the Society's activities.

f) Events

20th September Col. D. Ford of Herts Groundwork to speak on 'Bright Site', Campaign for improving old industrial areas.

8th December Dr O. Dancy on Munjacs

18th May Miss J. Thurston on Flowers on the Common. This is an experimental afternoon meeting. Mrs Waldren agreed to act as co-ordinator for members needing transport.

Mrs Godfrey said she would investigate the possibility of co-operating with the RSPB to mark that Society's centenary year.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To be held on 11th April, 1988.

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SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE SOCIETY

It was agreed to contact this Society which was concerned with the maintenance of the Green Belt.

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FORUM

It was noted that Mr L. Matthews' article on the TC and development in Harpenden reflected the Society's philosophy.

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MEMBERSHIP

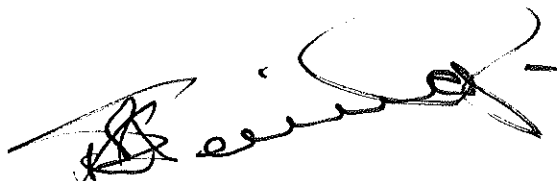
It was noted that there had been a recent increase in membership of 32.

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MEETINGS

It was agreed to seek a larger committee meeting room and to limit the costs of this to a maximum of £100 p.a. less the usual donation to the History Society.

The next meeting was fixed for Monday, 18th April, 1988, to be held in the Local History Centre, at the rear of Harpenden Hall.

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THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

held on

Monday, 15th February, 1988

Present: Mr K.P. Jennings, Chairman  
Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Mr I.D.G. McNicoll  
Miss J.M. Thurston  
Mr E. Truslove  
Mr M.F. Vincent  
Mrs M. Waldren  
Mr C. Ward

Apologies were received from Mrs A. Godfrey and Mr E. Ward.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th January, 1988 were approved as a correct record.

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MATTERS ARISING

a) Save-a-Can Bank (Minute 245(d))

It was reported that Mrs Godfrey had said she was in touch with the DC.

b) St. Albans Festival-(Minute 245(f))

It was reported that Mrs Godfrey had this matter in hand.

c) Protest Groups (Minute 245(c))

Mr Matthews reported on the public meeting held on the 4th February, commenting that it had appeared to have achieved the organisers' aim by putting the problems in perspective and alerting the Council to residents' views. Mrs Clitherow commented that the majority of the audience were from the 'older generation'. Mrs Waldren hoped that there would be some result from the pressure put on Mr Lilley to secure a change in the law so that houses in conservation areas may not be left unrepaired.

d) Environmental (Minute 246(a))

It was agreed that Mr Jennings would write to the DC to ascertain the current situation with regard to the Harpenden Arms' dustbins.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Committee reviewed the agenda for the Meeting. The Secretary reported that apart from Mr E. Truslove and Mr C. Ward all committee members and officers were seeking re-election; Mr L.J.G. Matthews had been nominated as Vice-Chairman; five nominations for new committee members had been received and there had been two nominations, Lady Bawden and Mrs Wang, for additional Vice-Presidents.

The formal meeting was to be followed by Open Forum on the lines of previous years.

SOCIETY AWARD

A sub-committee was appointed to consider the nominations received. The sub-committee members were to be the President, Mr E. Ward, Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow and Mr M.F. Vincent.

REPORTS FROM GROUPSa. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

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|-------------------|---|
| 5/87/2354         | Station Road, Imhof Bedco,<br>erection of 72 flats.<br>No objection to change of use to residential.<br>Proposal too dense and high.  |
| 5/87/2367         | Cranbourne Drive, Herts CC,<br>residential development of land reserved<br>for primary school and now deemed surplus<br>to requirements.<br>Recommended reservation of part as open<br>space.   |
| 5/87/2362<br>2363 | 15 Southdown Road, J. Edmonds,<br>formation of new dwelling by conversion<br>and extension of existing garage and barn.<br>Although in conservation area unlikely<br>to form a precedent. Recommended all new<br>work to be in sympathetic materials. |
| 5/87/2395         | 11 Salisbury Avenue, Bovis Homes,<br>demolition of double garage.<br>Related to 5/87/2399 and should not be<br>treated separately.  |
| 5/87/2399         | 11 Salisbury Avenue, Bovis Homes,<br>erection of two semi-detached houses and<br>relocation of double garage.<br>Recommend refusal as type of house proposed<br>unsuitable for area.  |
| 5/87/2411         | 92/94 High Street, Jacksons St. Albans Ltd,<br>Shopfront. Retrospective. Does not conform<br>to DC's guide 'Shopfronts and Advertisements'.   |

5/87/2427	12 Kirkwick Avenue, RW Salt, erection of detached house and creation of additional flat in existing dwelling. Site too small and cramped, inadequate parking space and detrimental effect to facade.
5/87/2433	1 High Street/2a Station Road, Midland Bank, partial demolition of buildings. Objections to loss of ground floor retail unit, change of use from residential of 1st and 2nd floors, and change in outline of facade.
5/87/2434	1 High Street/2a Station Road, Midland Bank, six illuminated signs. Unnecessary proliferation.
5/87/2435	57 Southdown Road, N. Walters, change of use to retail unit with office and storage. Recommend refusal due to lack of vehicular facilities and current traffic congestion.
5/87/2443	20 Grove Avenue, M. Pontin, detached house. Site too cramped.
5/88/0049	8 Station Road, M. Thompson, change of use to shop, including use for processing of films. Proposed shopfront and blind decoration out-of-keeping.
5/88/0020	92 High Street, Jacksons Ltd, two-storey rear extension. Site unsuitable for further development causing congestion nuisance to pedestrians and traffic problems.
5/88/0017	115 Southdown Road, Jacksons Ltd, two-storey storage building. Would cause nuisance to pedestrians and further traffic congestion. Access times should be limited.
5/88/0048	2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Ltd. three-storey office and retail development. Still no residential provision; design too bulky and high; part of Common still shown as hard-standing; inadequate parking space; are proposed public toilets large enough? Suggested tree planting and realignment of proposed pathways.

Tree Work

Vaughan Road, United Reformed Church,  
Copper beech.  
requested close supervision. Also  
inspection for safety of lime trees in  
same locality.

b. Southdown

It was noted that road re-surfacing work had commenced at the  
mini-roundabout.

c. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:

i) Hay Lane

The DC has agreed to replace dead trees in Hay Lane  
and to change the developers.

The volume of traffic to be investigated.

ii) Ponds

The bung had been fitted and there had been water  
in the second pond.

Several of the new willows were sprouting. Some  
rabbit guards were missing.

iii) Plant List

Baldock museum had requested a copy and assistance  
with the new edition of the Flora of Hertfordshire.

iv) Common Walk to south end of Common to be advertised  
in the April newsletter.

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PUBLICITY

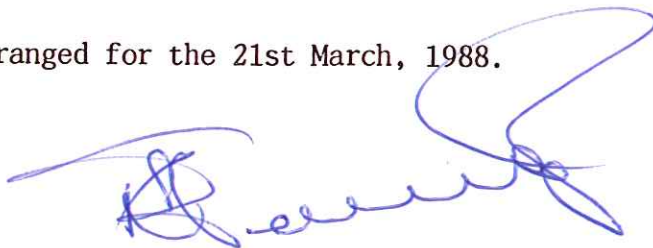
It was agreed to extend the Society's thanks to the Harpenden  
Building Society following the use of their window for the  
publicity display.

It was noted that there would be a display arranged in the Library  
shortly.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting was arranged for the 21st March, 1988.



## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee

held on

Monday, 11th January, 1988

Present: Mr E. Truslove, In the Chair  
Mrs M.J.M. Clitherow  
Mrs A. Godfrey  
Miss I.M. Leek  
Mr L.J.G. Matthews  
Mr I. McNicoll  
Miss J. Thurston  
Mrs M. Waldren  
Mr M.F. Vincent  
Mr C. Ward  
Mr E. Ward

Apologies were received from Mr K. Jennings.

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### MINUTES

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

Minute No.236(e)(iv) to read "it had been agreed to extend the footpath by the N.bound bus stop near Crabtree Lane and the Council were obtaining costings.

Minute No.241 members standing for re-election - add Mr L. Matthews.

Minute No.236(f) to read "County Structure Plan Review - it was a broad-brush treatment of the issues. For Harpenden the most important issue is the maintenance of the Green Belt. More direct matters would arise with the review of the District Plan".

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### MATTERS ARISING

a) Keep the District Tidy Management Committee(Minute 237(a))

Mr E. Ward had no progress to report.

b) Grove Road cottages (Minute 238(b)(ii))

Mr Matthews reported that he had made no progress with the exact delineation of the Conservation Area.



c) Protest Groups (Minute 238(d))

Mr Matthews' letter had been published by the Herald and the Harpenden Advertiser. Mr Matthews would represent the Society at a public meeting on the 4th February, 1988.

d) Save-a-Can Bank (Minute 240)

Mrs Godfrey had been unable to make contact with the DC.

e) Annual General Meeting (Minute 241)

Messrs I. McNicoll and M.F. Vincent expressed their willingness to stand for re-election to the Committee.

f) St. Albans City and District Festival (Minute 242)

Mrs Godfrey had not attended meeting not having been notified of the date.

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GROUPS

a. Environmental

It appeared that the siting of the Harpenden Arms dustbin, located contrary to the wishes of the TC, was a lost cause.

b. Southdown

Mr Truslove reported:-

- i) edge of green - a proposal to establish a permanent footpath inside the posts, thus having no effect on the edge of the green, was discussed at Plans (North) in December, 1987. Mr Truslove, who was present, put the Society's view, disagreeing with the need for a footpath and disputing the figures for the one-day pedestrian count. The matter was put back for further consideration.

Mrs Waldren suggested investigation of the use of stakes as in W.G.C. Parkway.

c. Commons and Greens

Miss Thurston reported:-

- i) newly planted willows - Miss Thurston and Mr Slater had planted five saplings in December, 1987.
- ii) ponds - still without promised bung in drain of second pond. Oil filter not yet fixed, but cost of strengthened structure has been agreed.

- iii) Crabtree Lane drainage - new drain completed and working well draining into third pond.
- iv) Footpath extension - work by the N.bound bus stop near Crabtree Lane was progressing well.
- v) Mammal survey - preliminary report on 1987 work in January Newsletter.
- vi) Plant list - income continued to be received slowly. A further £10.50 profit had been remitted to the Treasurer.
- vii) Trees - Amenbury Lane car park - letter and photographs acknowledged by DC and TC.
- viii) Bus Shelter - TC investigating cost of an additional bus shelter on West Common, east side.
- ix) Parking - TC to erect notices opposite Silver Cup to prohibit commercial vehicles and restrict weight and consequent damage.
- x) TC Commons and Greens - next meeting 29th February, 1988.

d. Plans

Planning applications were commented on as follows:-

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|----------------------|--|
| 5/87/2060            | 36 High Street, UB Restaurants Ltd.<br>change of use to restaurant.<br>Opposed on grounds of Policy 3, Policy<br>Area 3, draft Town Centre Inset Map.                |
| 5/87/2112LB<br>2113A | Old Bell PH, Luton Road, MER Property Co. Ltd.<br>alteration to signs<br>Recommend refusal as completely unsuitable.   |
| 5/87/2078            | Harpenden Rise, Consumers Association,<br>workshop extension<br>Recommend deferment of decision pending<br>C.A. setting out their future plans for<br>the site.      |
| 5/87/2079            | Harpenden Rise, Consumers Association,<br>first floor extension<br>to provide offices and glazed entrance<br>porch.<br>Recommend consider with previous application. |
| 5/87/2187            | 133 Southdown Road, Barclays Bank,<br>shopfront.<br>Recommend refusal as completely unsuitable.  |
| 5/87/2236            | 30 Station Road,<br>change of use to offices.<br>Recommended refusal in accordance with<br>policy.   |

- 5/87/2302      28 Sun Lane, TW Dyet,  
erection of 7 houses.  
Recommended refusal as back-to-back  
dwellings are unsuitable and inappropriate  
on this site and the whole scheme is too  
cramped.
- 5/87/0310      Eastmoor Park, South Harpenden Self-Build  
Group, 3 houses and garages.  
Permission granted 10.6.87. Comments  
sought on concern that after planning  
permission had been given an important  
decision (tree-felling), resulting in  
detriment to the area, had been made without  
giving opportunity for public consultation.
- 5/87/1601      2 High Street, Jarvis Apthorpe Ltd,  
three-storey office and retail building,  
including public toilets and basement car  
park.  
Mix of office, retail and residential  
unsatisfactory. Parking inadequate.  
Suggestions given if the application should  
be accepted.

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#### EVENTS

a. Public Meetings

- 9th February, 1988      Cllrs. C. Curl to chair and A. Squire  
to propose the motion "that the meeting  
considers that the TC should seek the  
devolution of certain powers from the  
DC"
- 9th March, 1988      Annual General Meeting  
Open Forum
- May, 1988      Possible day-time meeting.

b. Publicity Sub-Committee

Exhibition arranged for window of Harpenden Building Society -  
29th January to 13th February, 1988.

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#### FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Treasurer reported receipt of the majority of subscriptions  
on the 6th January, 1988 by standing order. The membership is  
basically unchanged.

A donation of £20 had been received from Mrs J.E. McIver in memory  
of Mrs Dorothy Scupham, a late resident of Harpenden.

It was agreed to ratify the payment of a donation of £35 to the  
Harpenden and District Local History Society in recognition of  
their allowing this Committee use of their premises.

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HERTFORDSHIRE SOCIETY

Mr E. Ward agreed to represent the Harpenden Society on this body.

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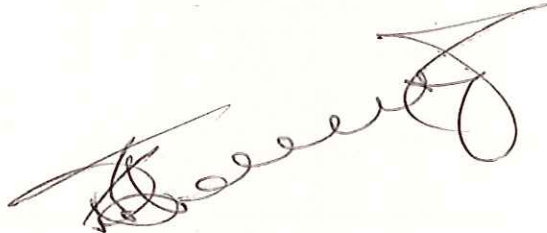
VICE-PRESIDENTS

Following the death of Miss Finnie and Mr Pat Wilson's semi-retirement, it was agreed that Mr E. Ward should ask Mrs Lorna Wang and Lady ~~Marjorie~~ Bawden if they would be willing to be appointed additional Vice-Presidents of the Society.

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was fixed for Monday, 15th February, 1988 at 7.45 p.m. at the Local History Centre.

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