

- 6) Joint meeting of the Harpenden Urban Design Group (HUDG) and Harpenden Urban District Council (HUDC).  
Mr. D.P. Challis reported on the meeting on 17 October. The Design Group had criticized the proposed development by Sainsbury's in the High Street. The Group would liaise with the surveyor, Mr. Pettijale, on the outline permission for the re-development of Carlton Road. There was then some discussion on the need for lay participation in planning and also the Society's representation on the Design Group and the joint Committee. Mr. Challis said that any member of the Harpenden Society <sup>joint</sup> Committee would be welcome at meetings of the Harpenden Urban Design Group Committee.

The President expressed the Committee's thanks for the report.

- 7) Date of next meeting  
15 January 1969

Fred Goacher,

Jan. 15. 69.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday,  
15 January 1969 at 8.50 p.m. at Mary Ellen's Cafe.

Mr. Goacher in the chair.

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. Dixon, Green, Horner and Johnstone

- 2) Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 26 November 1968 were read and approved after one minor correction to item 6 by Mr. D. Challis.

### 3) Matters arising

Annual General Meeting 1969 This should be in April after Easter. The President, Judge Dow, said he could not be present to preside on 9 April. The date would be fixed after the availability of the Small Public Hall had been ascertained from the Council.

Appointment of Secretary. The Chairman welcomed Miss I. J. Haberer, who had been introduced by Mr. Brandreth. Miss Haberer agreed to consider giving secretarial help to the Committee and remained for the Meeting as an observer.

Henry's Sainsbury's Development - across from Bowers Way. This had been mentioned, but not fully reported, in the local press. The scheme was still under negotiation with the Council.

4) Public Notice Board. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Beardsmore, who then described with sketches a design by Mr. Farawa and himself for a new Public Notice Board. The design, previously discussed by the Haysenden Urban Design Group, is for oak uprights, to which are fixed U channel cross-pieces carrying the notice board. The board to one side of the uprights would be used to display a Town Map, the board to the other for notices. The site proposed was the North side of the paved area outside Sainsbury's & Woolworth's shops. The cost, with lighting, was estimated to be £250. There was considerable discussion on the use and control of the Notice Board. Mr. Wilson suggested that when the use of the Notice Board is discussed by the joint Committee, the Haysenden Society should be represented by the President, and Messrs Beardsmore and Brandreth. Following further discussion about paying for the Notice Board, the



Committee agreed that the Chairman, after consultation with Mr. Cuvil and Capt. Bond, should approach Mr. Beer with the suggestion to be put to the Council, that they (the Council) should adopt the design prepared at the request of the Haysenden Society and pay for the new Notice Board to be erected. The President suggested, and the Committee agreed that if the Council are unable or unwilling to pay, the Chamber of Trade should be asked to bear the cost as a service to Haysenden.

Dr. Potter proposed that the Committee's most grateful thanks should be given to the Haysenden Urban Design Group and particularly to Mr. Beardsmore and Mr. Farawa for the work they had done. This was heartily endorsed by the whole Committee.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Beardsmore for coming to explain the design to the Committee.

5) Correspondence The Chairman read a letter from Mr. J. B. Davis, 41, Longmead Avenue, about the proposed residential development of land between Crabtree Lane and the lane leading from Wheatthorpe Road to the Sewage Works and no longer required for schools. He asked the Society to oppose the development. The Committee was informed that the land in question had been zoned for residential purposes, and at this stage, layout and design only could be discussed. Mr. B. Wilson said that the development was by a private developer and this raised the question of a unified design for the area. Mr. D. Challis said that the Urban Design Group would consider the proposals and plans when available. The Committee thought that the present footpath from Crabtree Lane to the Wheatthorpe Road should be kept in the development as a pedestrian way only, and not replaced by a road carrying vehicular

traffic. The Chairman was asked to write to the Council and bring this point to their attention.

6) Financial Report. The Treasurer said that his draft accounts showed that the Society's balance decreased from £70-15s-0d to £65-5s-0d from 1 January to 31 December 1968. Income for 1968 was £81 compared with £107 in 1967, but the latter amount included considerable back subscriptions. The expenditure included a number of non-recurring items, and he was satisfied with the Society's financial position. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer on behalf of the Committee for his explanations.

7) Memberships. In the absence of the Memberships Secretary, the Chairman read a letter from him stating that the paid up memberships is 181; There are 61 members one year in arrears, and at November 1968, 13 members were deemed to have left the Society.

8) Sports and recreation centre. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. D. L. Best in reply to the queries raised on behalf of the Committee. The project is sponsored by the Harpenden Sports Development Council (H.S.D.C.), set up at the instigation of the Council and at the request of the Hertfordshire Playing Fields Association. There is Government assistance through the Sports Council. The Hon. Sec. of the H.S.D.C. is Mr. P. L. Burton, 16, Kirkwick Avenue, Harpenden; and the Chairman is Mr. Vivian Jenkins. The S.D.C. is represented on the Council. With regard to siting and financing of the Centre, if sited in Rothamsted Park it would be between the Swimming Pool and Harpenden Town football pitch, with pedestrian access from the footpath leading from Amberbury Lane car park. The total cost would be borne by Harpenden.



However, if the Centre is sited on County land, e.g. at Roundwood or St Georges School, grants become available from the County for both capital expenditure and running costs.

The Committee was concerned about the cost of the proposed scheme and suggested that a Town meeting might be organized to try to ascertain both the potential demand and reaction to the cost.

The Chairman was asked to write to Mr. Hughes of Gilpin Green, saying that the Society could neither support nor oppose the scheme at this stage.

9) Access to houses at the top of the Common. After some discussion, this matter was allowed to lie on the table, pending the outcome of any action by the Council.

#### 10) Any other business

State of the Common in the Triangle, Bull Road and Silver Cup pond areas. The Committee's attention was drawn to the deplorable state of the Common in these areas. Discussion was postponed to the next meeting to allow members of the Committee to visit the Common and consider possible action that could be taken by the Council to stop the nuisance.

Plans Sub-Committee. Mr. Wilson read the draft of a proposed letter to the Clerk of the Council about the name and function of the Society's Plans Sub-Committee. Mr. Challis drew attention to the risk of duplication of work and purpose between the Urban Design Group and the Plans Sub-Committee. With permission from the Committee, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Challis agreed to confer before Mr. Wilson wrote to the Council.

#### 11) Date of Next Meeting

26 February

Fred Goucher - Feb 28. 69

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Friday Febr. 28 1969  
at 8 p.m. at Mary-ElLEN Cafe.

1. Apologies for absence from The President His Honour Judge Dow Miss Hills Young & Miss North & Messrs Challis Gasser Green Dr Potter and Mr Wilson.

2. Minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed

3. Matters arising The Chairman reported that he had fixed the Annual Meeting for Tues. Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> and had booked the Small Public Hall. This date and time was suitable for this lecturer Mr John Bonnington Mr Alderton the lanternist had booked the date Mrs Crowther agreed to arrange the flowers for the table.

The Secretary ship The Chairman reported that he had had a long talk with Miss -I. J. Habener in which he discovered that she was diffident in accepting the post of Secretary because being a new resident in Harpenden, she knew so few people. She was still interested in the work.

The Chairman introduced Mr G.W. Bowran of "Chesters" Oakhurst Avenue Harpenden who was willing to undertake the work. He was proposed by Mr Carl seconded by Mr St John Hopper and it was agreed. This was to be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

The Notice Board. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Clerk of the H.D.C. a letter giving details of the suggested site for the new board and the names and addresses of both the architects responsible for the



preliminary sketches. It is to be presented to the appropriate subcommittee.

#### 4. Correspondence

- (i) A letter was read from Mr Davin of 41 Longmead Av. bringing to the notice of the committee the constant increase in the figures for the expected growth of Harpenden. — the great increase in traffic in the Dalkeith/Crassmere area when the new area in Crabtree Lane was developed and the chance that the area designated for a secondary school if postponed might be used for additional housing. This was discussed but the Committee felt that nothing could be done about items (i) + (ii) and there was little chance that there would be a change of user in item (ii).
- (ii) Harpenden Town Centre Map. A letter had been received from the County Planning Officer asking for the opportunity of meeting a few of our members to discuss the future of our Town map. It was agreed to ask him to meet. a committee formed of Mr Milne The President & Messrs Dixon Race Wilson. Booth Dr Potter.
- iii Marquis Lane Enquiry. fixed for March 6 has been cancelled.
- (iv) The Sec- of Hertfordshire Society had sent information about: (a) Notes on new procedure on alterations or demolition of Historic Buildings

so listed. and (b) Pamphlet issued by Council for Preservation of Rural England on new traffic signs issued by Ministry of Transport.

#### 5. State of surface of Common Bull Rd and the Triangle

Since our last meeting the H.D.C. have formed a bank of soil on the triangle side of Bull Rd to prevent the surface of the Common from deterioration. This has had the effect of diverting cars to the other side of Bull Rd and some cars have been parked on the knoll of the Baa Lamb trees which is a pleasant feature of that locality and should be preserved. A letter should be sent to the H.D.C. on this matter.

#### 6. Harpenden Design Group and Harpenden Society Joint Committee.

The Chairman reported that representatives of this joint Committee were now able to meet the officials of the H.D.C. early enough to have time to prepare material objecting to any proposed alteration coming before the Plans Subcommittee of the H.D.C. This was a great step forward and very helpful to the Joint Subcommittee.

#### 7. Any Other Business

The Chairman raised the matter of the lectures on the Planned Environment now being given on the following Friday evenings



Following a letter from the Hertfordshire Society asking for copy of our minutes it was reported that Mr. P. Wilson had been nominated to keep the Hertfordshire Society informed of any major development in the Harpenden sphere.

Collecting box at Kingstone House. Owing to the closure of Kingstone House at Easter time the Chairman was to collect the box from Kingstone House. Miss Finnie has agreed to keep the box at the Cafe. The Committee was grateful to Miss Finnie for this suggestion.

Estate Agents It was agreed to ask Estate Agents in Harpenden to accept a few of the pamphlets giving the aims of the Society so that new people new to Harpenden might learn about the Society.

The meeting closed at 9.25. P.M.

Proacher.

Ap. 16. 69.

Minutes of the Committee meeting held in Mary Ellen's  
Cafe on Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1969 at 8 p.m.

Present: Mr J. Roacher in the Chair, H.H. Judge R.G. Dow  
the President and Miss Finnis, Mr Green, Mrs Hassall,  
Miss Mills Young, Mr Hughes, Mrs Oakley, Dr Potter,  
Mr Taylor Mr Wilson, Miss North and the Secretary.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1969  
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman

2. Matters arising

(i) The Notice Board.

A letter had been received from the U.D.C.  
thanking the Society for the suggestions about  
the proposed Notice Board.

(ii) Parking on the Common at Bell Road.

Considerable discussion took place about  
the continued parking in this area. It was  
agreed that this matter should be kept under  
review and, if necessary, further representations  
should be made to the Council.

iii) Design Group Lectures.

The Chairman referred to the excellence of  
the lectures being given on the Planned Environment  
and the Group were congratulated on the scheme



### 3 Correspondence.

Mr R. W. Roseveare had resigned from the Committee due to his inability to attend meetings regularly.

### 4 The Joint Committee of the Harpenden Design Group and the Society

Mr Taylor reported that the meeting held with the Council's officers immediately prior to the meeting of the Council's Plans Committee had been very successful and enabled us to give our views to the Council who appreciated our interest. One drawback was the shortness of time between our view of the plans and the meeting of the Council's Committee but it was difficult to improve this.

Miss Hill's Group hoped that when the Joint Committee commented on the plans for the new Post Office extension they would emphasise the need to provide access without steps as so many people who used the Post Office had difficulty in negotiating steps.

### 5 Harpenden Town Centre Map.

The President reported on the meeting between the County Planning Officers and the representatives of the Society to discuss the Town Centre Map.

The County Officers expressed their appreciation of ideas put forward by the Society and stressed that the present programme was the collection of data and that no firm plans were in existence and also that the proposals were for relatively

short term control and that the traffic problems arising from the 46 being also the High Street were outside the terms of the present enquiry, as far as bye passes and major divisions were concerned.

Consideration would be given to pedestrian presents on the Lower High Street but there were problems of access to the shops.

The County Planning officers were not in favour generally of expanded subsecondary shopping centres but the local Council proposed that there should be some development of Batford and Southclown with provision for car parking.

The County Planning officers said they had been very pleased with the response by the public in putting forward their views and said that the opinions of the public were in general those advocated by the Society.

#### 6 St Georges School Development

The President referred to proposals to build either flats or town houses on the Carlton Road area. Considerable discussion took place as to how the Society and its associates could encourage the Council to declare its overall proposals for an area for the guidance of prospective developers; it being pointed out that it was often easier to persuade developers to plan to a scheme than to alter their own outlines to conform with guide plans.

It was considered that further guide plans for other areas would be valuable as the Town develops.



7. Annual Outing

It was agreed that an annual outing should be arranged and the offer of the Lorne Green to be responsible was gratefully accepted. The date suggested was June 7<sup>th</sup> and the Green promised to have particulars available for the annual meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

8. Annual Meeting.

The Chairman outlined the arrangements for the annual meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> and it was agreed that the business should be as brief as possible to allow the maximum time for the Bonnington's illustrated talk.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was fixed for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. at Mary Ellen's Cafe.

This concluded the meeting.

R. G. Wain  
14/5/69.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the  
Small Public Hall at 8 pm on Tuesday 29 April 1969.

The President His Honour Judge Dorr took the chair.  
48 members were present on a beautifully fine evening  
which was welcome break in the series of wintery  
nights which had almost become a tradition for the  
annual meeting.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last annual general meeting  
held on the 2nd April 1968 were read, confirmed  
and signed by the Chairman.

2. Treasurers Report.

The Treasurers Report having been circulated  
was accepted as read. The Treasurer pointed  
out that the reduction in membership was  
reflected in the lower income from subscriptions.  
but the expenditure was also down compared  
with the previous year. The accounts were  
adopted and the meeting expressed its thanks  
to the Treasurer and Auditor.

3. Committee Report.

The chairman of the Committee, Mr J. Goacher,  
referred to the Annual Report which had been  
circulated, and stressed how fortunate  
Hampden was in its Urban Design Group,  
which was composed of professional gentlemen  
who gave very freely of their time and  
energy for the good of the community.  
Mr Goacher paid tribute to the excellent work  
done for the Society by Mr Maurice Johnstone  
who had resigned as Secretary during the



year and renewed particularly to his work in connection with the Anti-Slavery Campaign. His former association with the Worcester Lyceum also made a contribution to his position on today's Society.

#### 4. Selection of Officers

The President, His Honor Judge R. C. Row, the Vice Presidents Captain R. H. Bond, the R. S. George and Col. G. B. M. Hunt and the Hon Treasurer Th. A. R. McCrac were thanked for their services and were re-elected. Th. G. W. Bowman was elected Secretary.

5 Election of Committee

Having voted on the committee for 3 years this time and having sent, Cooper, Foster and Hughes refused and were not eligible for re-election. The last Associate has resigned. As only 5 nominations had been received no ballot was necessary and the D. & B. Co. the year elect, two of Nelson, the Tangent Committee and the D. & B. Co. were declared elected.

Retiring Chairman

The President referred to the work that he had been doing since his two years as Chairman of the Board of Directors and thanked him on behalf of the Society.

7. *Acromioclavicular*

The dinner outing was arranged for June 6<sup>th</sup> to ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> ~~there~~.

This concludes the business of the meeting and the members were then addressed by Mr. J. Birmingham. At 10:19, 13 Ave. DPTD who gave an illustrated talk on "Building, Heatday

and today." Mr Bonnington summarised the principal changes over the centuries in design, techniques and materials and illustrated his points with a series of exceptionally good slides which he had photographed himself. The President expressed to Mr Bonnington the very grateful thanks of the Society.

R. Graham Daw

17/3/70



Minutes of a Committee Meeting held in Mary Ellen's Cafe  
on Wednesday 14 May 1969 at 8 p.m.

Present. H. H. Judge Gov, Mr D. L. Booth, Capt J. H. Bond, Mr D. Challis,  
Mrs E. D. Crosthwaite, Mrs J. D. Elliott, Mrs J. J. Hahner, Mrs H. Johnstone  
Mrs K. K. Milne, Mrs B. M. North, Mr E. P. Wilson and the Secretary.

1. The President H. H. Judge Gov took the Chair and welcomed  
the new members to the Committee.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Mr Gordon Taylor who  
was out of the country and Mr Lorrain Green.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1969  
were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Election of Committee Chairman

On the nomination of Capt Bond, seconded by  
Mr Wilson, Mr D. L. Booth was elected chairman for the  
ensuing year and the President handed over the  
meeting to him.

5. Co-opted member.

owing to a postal delay the nomination of  
Mrs S. Williams of 6 Rowan way had been received  
too late to be included in the annual general  
meeting proceedings. As there was a vacancy on the  
Committee Mrs Williams was co-opted.

6. Matters arising

i) Parking on the Common.

Further discussion took place regarding the

amount of parking on the Common and the quantity of litter which was left presumably by the motorists. It was agreed that members of the Committee should make observations of the extent of this problem and discuss the matter again at later meetings. As the proposals of the Council regarding parking on the Common and the provision of receptacles for litter were not known fully by the Committee it was felt that further information should be obtained before commenting. Captain Bond suggested that a marked plan of the Common might be obtained from the Council and the Secretary was instructed to make enquiries of the Clerk.

ii) The Annual outing was to Annot House near Winc on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Loomer Green who was the organiser had arranged for full particulars to be in all members hands in the next few days.

## 7. Report of Planning Sub. Committee

Mr. Wilson conveyed Mr. Dixon's apologies for not being able to be present and made the report.

i) Sainsbury's new shop. Details had not yet been published but there would be public advertisement for viewing the plans in due course. The Plans sub-committee should comment to the main committee when they had viewed the plans.

ii) The 3 story flats scheme at Queens Rd / Heath Road replacing bungalows was being objected to as before, the main reason being that the proposed development was out of scale with existing property.



iii) The proposed developments at St Georges School was not on the list at present.

14) Conservation area: A draft plan of the increased area had been seen and it was agreed that the Committee should try to borrow a map showing the area.

Mr Challis confirmed that the need for access to the new Post Office other than by steps was being catered for.

### 8 Any other business

#### 1 Anti-Litter Campaign

Mrs Johnstone referred to the success of a previous campaign and suggested a repeat performance using, among others, the services of school children to clear the Common. Capt Bond stated that there was no reason why the Council department concerned should not do this work adequately and no further action was taken.

#### 2 Dumping on Lay-bys on the A6.

Miss Harberer referred to the litter bins which had been put on lay-bys immediately Park & South of Harpenden on the A6, and asked whether anything could be done to have them cleared more frequently as they were usually overflowing and very unsightly. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to the Clerk of the County Council to ask if these lay-bys could be kept cleaner.

#### 3 Litter on the Common

Comment was made about the litter near the

parking places of cars and it was questioned whether arrangements were adequate. It was considered that the Council were providing ~~adequate~~ reasonable service and that no further action was possible unless specific problems detailing location and date were observed and reported.

2 Date of next meeting

The meeting accepted with thanks Miss Fenney's invitation to hold the next meeting at Mary Ellen's Cafe and it was agreed to meet on Wednesday 25 June 1969 at 8 pm.

This concluded the meeting.

JHBoyle  
25 June 1969



Minutes of a Committee meeting held in Mary-Allen's Café  
on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1969 at 8 pm.

Present: The President, H. W. Judge R.G. Dow, Mr D. L. Booth in the Chair  
and Messrs E. G. Hill, R. J. Raw, E. Brandreth, R. G. Dixon, B. P. Wilson, Lorraine Green  
& Taylor, Dr C. Patten, Mrs J. D. Elliott and Mrs E. Johnston Mrs E. G. Crowther  
and the Secretary.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Mc Crae, Miss Harberer,  
Miss Sheila Young, Mrs Williams and Mrs Hassel

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 1969 were  
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

i) Parking on the Common. The Secretary produced a  
plan of the Common which had been marked by the  
Council officials to show suggested parking places  
and proposed ditches and banks to limit access.  
The Council also suggested that the parking place near  
the Silver Cup pond should be rested during the  
winter. The Committee, in discussing these proposals,  
appreciated that the Council had not yet considered  
and pronounced on the suggestions. The Committee  
agreed on the importance of minimising the number  
of white posts and chains and of the desirability  
of landscaping the artificial controls. The Secretary  
was instructed to inform the Council of the  
Committee's views. The marked plan was handed  
over to the representatives of the Urban Design Group.

ii) Litter bins on the A6.

The litter bins in the lay bays north & south of  
Harpenden on the A6 were the responsibility of the  
St Albans Rural District Council and the Secretary

read a letter from the Engineer & Surveyor explaining that the Rural District Council had provided these bins to try to stop the dumping of unwanted furniture and garden refuse which soon became a vermin infested eyesore.

The system was tremendously successful but unfortunately the litter bins have received some abuse. The container on the south side of Harpenden was being emptied six times a week. As a lot of this indiscriminate tipping was obviously not the responsibility of the Rural District Council the facility has had to be reduced.

Some discussion took place as to how the public could best be advised how to dispose of their big rubbish and it was pointed out that the Harpenden Council provided facilities for collecting and disposing of these items. The Secretary was instructed to see if he could enlist the support of the local press in publicising these facilities.

### 3 Correspondence.

The Secretary informed the meeting of

- (i) the report of the Keep Britain Tidy group.
- (ii) the Civic Trust Exhibition at Harrod's
- (iii) the Rural England Conference.

### 4 Financial Report.

The Treasurer reported on the position at 23 June 1969

Balance at 1 January 1969	65 - 5 - 5
Subscriptions since received	52. 14 6
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	£ 117. 19 11
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Total subscriptions last year amounted to £70  
and by this time last year we had received £60.



## Payments 1969.

### Subscriptions

Town & Country Planning	5. 5. 0	
Commons & Open Spaces	<u>1. 1. 0</u>	6. 6. 0
Expenses of Secretary & Membership Secretary		8. 17. 2
Honorarium to Laurie Johnstone		5. 5. 0
Minutes of U.D.C.		5. 10. 0
A.G.M. Expenses.		
Hire of Hall	2. 10. 0	
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Balance at Bank		<u>87. 11. 9</u>
		<u>£ 117 19 11</u>

The report was accepted and further subscriptions of £2-2-0 to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. and of £2 to the Hertfordshire Society were authorised.

### 5 Membership Report.

The membership secretary reported that there were 305 members including 86 Couples. There were 106 members in arrears for the current year. In addition to the above 40 members including 12 Couples are in arrears for 1968 and 1969. The membership secretary was writing again to all members in arrears.

A suggestion was made that the Committee should see all members in arrears by sharing them out but it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the membership secretary but to offer him any help he required.

## 6. Plans Sub. Committee

The comments of the Committee on planning proposals were reported. Particular comments were on

(i) Sainsbury's site High St & Market Hall. Generally the layout was welcomed but the sub-committee regretted the architectural character of the design as a whole. They considered the proposed building ostentatious and unnecessarily complicated - a variety of materials are suggested and the detailing seems heavy particularly in the design of the first floor windows and the lift tower.

ii 6-9 Carlton Road: the sub-committee are opposed to this proposal and suggest the developers be made aware of the Urban Design Group's guide plan.

iii St Georges School. Paddock site: the use is not objected to but the design of the dormitory block should be rejected.

iv. Applications for Barnville Farm and Land at Margins Lane should be rejected as being in the Green Belt.

## 7 Urban Design Group.

The comments of the Group on planning applications were received. Particular mention was made of the proposed development of 6-9 Carlton Road and the Council was urged to adhere to the comprehensive development plan prepared by the Group. They emphasised the importance of retaining the majority of trees on the site.

## 8. Disused railway Harpenden - Welwyn

Mr Wilson reported on discussions he had had with the Surveyor regarding the possible uses



of the line and mentioned the difficulties arising from the narrowness of the land and its environment. The Secretary was instructed to find out whether the Rural District Council had any plans for that portion of the line which ran through their territory.

### 9. The Summer Outing

Mr. Lorrimer Green reported on the outing to Scott House on June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Green for arranging such an excellent and interesting day.

### 10. Sub. Committees

(i) The Executive Committee It was agreed that this should consist of the Chairman of this Committee, the Chairman of the Plans sub-committee Mr. Dixon, Mrs. Johnstone and the Secretary.

(ii) The Plans Sub-committee was re-elected and consists of Mr. Dixon, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Raw

### 11. Autumn Meeting

It was proposed that a meeting be held at the end of October or beginning of November. At the suggestion of D. Patten the subject was to be "Pollution".

The Chairman, D. Patten & the Secretary were authorised to proceed with detailed arrangements.

### 12. The Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was to be ~~September~~ October 24<sup>th</sup> 1969 at Mary. Ellen's Cafe.

This concluded the meeting.

JH Booth

24th September 1969

Minutes of a Committee Meeting, held in Mary-Allen's Cafe  
on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 1969 at 8 p.m.

Present: 24 Judge R G Dow (President) Mr D L Book in the Chair  
and Mrs Croxson, Mrs Elliott Mrs Hassell Miss Haberer,  
Mrs Johnstone Miss North, Mrs Oakley Mrs Williams, Capt Bond  
Messrs Brandreth and Challis and the Secretary

- 1 Apologies for absence were received from Miss Kells Young,  
Messrs Mc Creel, Dixon and Wilson. St J. Stoffer.

2 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 1969 were  
read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

The Secretary reported that he had written to the  
Council about parking on the Common and had had  
a formal reply. A letter had also been sent to  
the St Albans RDC thanking the Surveyor for his  
explanations regarding the letter problem on the RB and  
asking for details of the RDC's plans, if any, for  
utilisation of the disused railway track to Welwyn.  
No reply had yet been received.

4 Correspondence

The Eastern Region of the Royal Institute of British Architects  
had asked for either a mailing list or for facilities  
to share a convenient circularisation of our members.  
The leaflet "Eva Cares" was approved by the  
Committee and the Secretary was authorised to  
circulate it to the members with the notice of the  
Autumn meeting.



4. Co-operation with the Urban Design Group.

The Chairman referred to the study of the parking problems on the Common which was being undertaken by the Urban Design Group and suggested there might be duplication by the Group and the Society both on this subject and on other matters.

Mr Challis speaking for the Group pointed out that in this specific case the former Green was co-opted to the Group but the whole project was in suspense as the County authorities were making a survey.

It was agreed that, to avoid overlapping with the UDG. and to clarify working arrangements, the Chairman & Secretary of the Society should meet with the Officers of the Group to discuss common interests and actions and to review the membership of joint committees.

5. Town & Country Planning Association Conference.

Mr E.P. Wilson was attending the Conference on behalf of the Society on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 1969.

6. Publicising the Activities of the Society

The Secretary reported that prospective members had commented on the lack of activities for members apart from the six monthly meeting and the summer outing. It was agreed that this subject including the possible regular issue of newsletters should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Hares Sub-committee

In the unavoidable absence of Mr Dixon & Mr Wilson the Secretary read the comments of the sub-committee on planning applications before the Council.

Particular new applications were

- (i) 11 Douglas Road and land to the rear: No objection provided the trees were kept and the amenities retained.
- (ii) 96 98, 100 Luton Rd. - Proposed garage. This was considered a serious traffic hazard.
- (iii) Advertising at Wine Ways Shop. The subcommittee were concerned at the recent developments at this shop. Capt Bond said that the Council had no powers ~~of~~ over the outside decorations or the inside advertising although their powers might be strengthened when the Conservation Area became effective. The Secretary was instructed to write to Wine Ways drawing attention to the Society's concern about the appearance of this shop.

#### 8. Autumn Meeting.

The Chairman reported that the subcommittee had met three times and had arranged for Dr Owens of the Water Pollution Research Laboratory at Stevenage to address the Society on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1969. The address would be on Natural Water Pollution with particular reference to the River Lea and would be illustrated.

The Committee these arrangements and decided that there should be coffee served from 8 to 8.30 so that members could greet each other and that the speech should begin at 8.30 to be followed by questions and discussion if the speaker approved. Mrs Nellis Young assisted by Mrs Johnstone and Mrs Elliott were to arrange the refreshments.



The Committee agreed that Dr Owens should be asked to dinner before the meeting and that the Clerk and the Surveyor to the Council should be invited to meet Dr Owens at dinner.

The Secretary was authorised to expand the notice calling the Autumn meeting by incorporating reports from Mr Dixon on the activities of the Plans sub. Committee and Mr Lerner Green on the Summer outing and the Chairman on general matters.

It was decided that Press advertising was unnecessary but that the Secretary should arrange for posters to be prepared and that the Press should be advised of our meeting.

#### 9 Any other business

1. Capt Bond asked for the re-action of the Committee on the Council's action in draining the Selaer Cup Pond. He explained it was done because the Medical Officer of Health was concerned about the high degree of contamination. To cure this would be very expensive. The Council were considering ways of making the Pond available for model boats without it being used for paddling. The Committee regretted that it was necessary to leave the Pond empty during the summer but agreed that the Council had taken the only possible course of action.

11. Comment was made about the amount of debris in the drainage ponds on the Common alongside Southdown Road and the Secretary

was instructed to write to the Council to ask if they could be cleaned out before they were re-filled.

iii Notice Board. Reference was made to the design for a town's notice board which had been ~~designed~~ prepared by the Urban Design Group. The Secretary was instructed to refer to the Council's letter of 4 March 1969 and to ask if further consideration had been given to the suggested installation.

iv Congestion at the Station Approach.

Reference was made to the bottle neck which was being caused by the parking at the laundrette and the Secretary was asked to draw the attention of the Police to the problem.

v Date of Next meeting

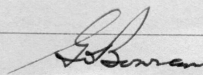
The next committee meeting was to be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1969 at 8 pm at Mary Ellen's Cafe

This concluded the meeting.

JWBoyle

22 October 1969

owing to a double booking of Mary-Ellens Cafe the date of the October meeting had to be changed and was called for 22 October 1969.

John Brennan

Sec. Secretary.



Minutes of a Committee meeting held in Mary-Allen's Cafe  
on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1969 at 8 pm.

Present: Mr D.L. Booth in the Chair, Messrs A.R. McCral, E. P. Wilson, L. Green, S. Taylor and Messdames Crowther, Hassel, Milne, Elliott, Johnstone, Williams, and Misses E. Hello Young, Haberer and the Secretary.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Potter, Mrs Oakley & Mr Challis.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1969 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes.

1. Debris in the ponds alongside Southdown Road. A reply from the Council was read informing the Society that the Surveyors attention had been drawn to the complaint.
2. Notice Board in the High Street. The Council had not yet reached a decision but promised to write again when there was any change in the position.
3. A letter was read from British Railways promising further action to prevent the congestion in Station approach.

4. Lights at Station Road Junction with High St.

Reference was made to the congestion and danger at this junction aggravated by the withdrawal of the Traffic Wardens who had been exercising traffic control at the busiest times. This was not a responsibility of the Harpenden Urban District Council who were pressing the County Council to take action. Apparently action had to be delayed.

still further until the traffic surveys were completed.

It was decided to refer again to this subject if no improvement was effected.

5. Co-operation with the Urban Design Group.

The Chairman explained that by common membership of the Group and this Committee there should be no duplication of effort and similarly both bodies should be aware of the activities of the other.

Mr Challis was co-opted to this Committee in addition to any elected members and it was resolved that the Society be represented on the Design Group by the Chairman with the Secretary as alternates and His Honour Judge Dow.

On the sub-committee considering the use of the Common with particular reference to car parking the Society were represented by Mr Lorimer Green and Mr Johnstone.

The plans sub-committee was most active and the members of the Society on that committee were Mr Dixon, Mr Wilson and Mr Hart.

6. Mr E. P. Wilson had attended the Conference arranged by the Town & Country Planning Association in the Guildhall earlier in October. The main issues at the Conference had been the Rand & Steffington reports. The new forms of planning could develop first at national level dealing with Natural resources and industry and then at regional local level. The effect of local authority for planning as effected by the Rand proposals was discussed and the Conference showed strong feeling that local authority should be by local people.

Mr Wilson said he would be very glad to amplify any points and to lend his notes to any interested member.



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## Plans Sub. committee and Urban Design Group.

Many plans had been referred back so there was relatively little comment this month.

1) Bedford Hill - Cole Plastics. The Society were opposed to any further expansion on this site - an isolated example of an existing user in the Green Belt - and considered that a reasonable maximum site coverage by industrial buildings had been reached.

2) 102 Luton Road. If this site reverts to domestic residential use the Society would welcome the change of use but considers that care should be exercised to ensure that a precedent is not established for more intensive development on neighbouring sites.

3) Tree preservation at Eastmoor Park. Any disregard of the Council's intention to preserve existing trees was thoroughly reprehensible and the cost of replacing any lost trees by planting new semi-mature specimens should be borne by the developer.

4) The Sainsbury site: The main lines were agreed but details were still outstanding. There should be no parking near the parapets and the life shaft should be modified to be less prominent.

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## Treasurer's Report.

Mr McCreel reported the income this year amounted to £62-9-0 compared with £70-16-0 last year. There was a surplus of £7-18-0 on the summer outing. The expenditure this year totaled £48 and the balance in hand was £90.

Mr McCreel regretted that owing to pressure of business he found it necessary to ask the Committee to arrange a successor for him at the Annual Meeting. The Committee accepted his resignation with

regrets and thanked him for his services. There was no report from the membership secretary.

9) Autumn Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the arrangements for the meeting. Dr. Owens had only that day supplied his lecture title "a biologist looks at water pollution" and the details necessary for publicising the meeting. Miss Haberer doubted whether there was time enough to produce adequate posters and the final arrangements had to be left in the Secretary's hands.

10) Council's Open Forum.

The Secretary read a letter from the Clerk to the Council giving particulars of the open meeting the Council chairman were having to answer the questions of the ratepayers.

11) Publicity + Future Programmes.

A brief discussion took place but further consideration was deferred to a later meeting.

12) The next meeting was fixed for 14 January 1970 at Mary-Ellen's Cafe at 8pm.

This concluded the meeting.

SB Wood

14 Jan 1970