

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 9th March 1981,  
at 8 p.m. in the Small Public Hall

The President, His Honour Judge Dow, took the chair.

1. APOLOGIES from Miss Mildred Ashford and Mrs. Stella Bush.
2. MINUTES The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th March 1980 were read, confirmed and signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that once again the Society has had a very active year. Major projects include the tree planting work in the High Street carried out in commemoration of our Golden Jubilee. On the 29th November the Norway Maple was planted by Colin Curl, the Mayor and Vice-President of the Society, to replace the dead elm. The seat will be replaced shortly and carry a plaque. Two plane trees, two maples and an acacia will also be planted in other places along the lower High Street with support from the Society. Special thanks were recorded to Anthony Evans.

On the 7th May the annual Wine and Cheese Party was very successful.

The Harpenden Society Award was presented by our President for the extension of the Glen Eagle Hotel. Thanks were recorded to all helpers.

There was a lively season of public meetings organised mainly by Jack Bush.

In April there was a large turn out to a talk given by the Public Relations Officer for British Rail, Mr. Saunderson.

Mr. Paul Arnold, District Arborist, conducted an entertaining evening in September on "Trees in Harpenden."

Our October meeting was entitled "Vandalism - who pays?" by a Crime Prevention Officer.

The December Pies and Punch meeting included a talk with slides of "Old St. Albans" by the deputy librarian of St. Albans.

In February there was a record turnout for a talk about Harpenden Common by Lady Bawden, Joan Thurston and Doug Weston.

Re Sub-Committees, Plans and Planning Control under Bernard Rees has been very busy vetting many applications, including proposed BUPA hospital off Pipers Lane, access road to the Highfield Printing Works and Batford Mill expansion, also proposed demolition of part of the house on the Harpenden Lodge estate. A major issue has been the appeal by Croudace Ltd. against the council's decision not to allow their application for 85 4-bedroom houses on land between Cross Lane and Mud Lane on East Common.

The Transport Group has been strengthened by the inclusion of several society members. They initiated the idea of a cycle way between Harpenden and St. Albans.

Finally he thanked our President, His Honour Judge Dow, and our Vice-Presidents Colin Curl and Pat Wilson for their help throughout the year and particularly our President for chairing this A.G.M. tonight.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts appear rather misleading as the tree planting money, collected during the year, has not yet been paid out and it appears there is a large excess of income over expenditure. The actual balance is only about £150 and it was suggested that the subscription should be raised next year. While in 1979 £122 was spent on a leaflet campaign which produced a satisfactory response of new members, this year we put two advertisements in Forum at £20 each which were not very successful. We also made a contribution to the refurbishment of the church tower.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were nominated, proposed and seconded :-

Chairman - Norman Powlesland  
Secretary - Mrs. Beryl Stuart  
Treasurer - Ian McNicoll  
Additional Vice-President - Ted Ward

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following were nominated, proposed and seconded :-

Mrs. Stella Bush, Mr. Stephen Gaubert, Mr. Leslie Pepper, Miss Margaret Pratt and Mrs. Christine Withers.

8. JUBILEE PLANTING - already covered.

9. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE SOCIETY'S 1980 AWARD

Mrs. Curl, wife of our Vice-President, read her husband's report. A decision had been made that none of the nominations was worthy of an award for 1980.

10. RESOLUTION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

This was proposed by Mr. Ward and, after debate, a decision was taken by vote to make the minimum family subscription £2 and individual £1.50 as from 1982.

11. RESOLUTION TO ADD OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN TO LIST OF OFFICERS ELECTED ANNUALLY

Miss Ann Godfrey was nominated and approved.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We are negotiating with the County Council to obtain slide tape presentation re Stanstead.

Re the conversion of the Nicky Line to a pathway, it was thought that the bridge over the A6 (1083) will eventually be demolished so that it would start somewhere west of the former A6. Mrs. Curl expressed a view that this was a very long term project.

13. DATE OF NEXT A.G.M.

Wednesday, 3rd March 1982, in the Small Public Hall at 8 p.m.



# THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday,  
24th March 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall

Present: Mr. Powlesland in the chair  
Mr. McNicoll, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Godfrey,  
Mr. & Mrs. Bush, Mr. Gaubert, Mrs. Withers, Lady Bawden  
and Mrs. Wang.  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Jennings and Mr. Pepper.

## 1. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The following were agreed :-

Common - Lady Bawden  
Transport - Mr. Raw  
U.L.V.G. - Mrs. Wang  
Schools Liaison - Mrs. Godfrey  
Southdown Group - Mr. Jennings  
Plans - Mrs. Wang and Mr. Gaubert  
Membership Secretary - Mrs. Bush  
Editor of Newsletter - Mrs. Withers

## 2. MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on 17th February were approved and signed.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

Final price for trees has still not been agreed.

Mrs. Wang is looking into listed buildings. Lady Bawden has been examining the old records of the Society on the area. She has found a list compiled by the late Rev. Mabel of buildings in Harpenden which will be copied.

It was suggested that documents could be given to the History Society for safe keeping. Other documents could be disposed of.

The advertising on the window of the Motorists Discount Shop was discussed and is being looked into.

## 4. SPOTLIGHT ON LEISURE EXHIBITION

Mr. Bush showed the Committee the position of the stand in the Public Hall, also the screens to be used. Photographs (four old, four new) for the postcard to be displayed for comment by the public. Rota almost complete for the stall. Provision to be made for paying subscriptions and tickets for the Cheese and Wine Party to be available.

## 5. WINE AND CHEESE PARTY 6th MAY 1981

Newsletter should be out at least two weeks before this date. Posters have been made for shops and for Spotlight Exhibition. Mr. & Mrs. Bush offered to purchase and prepare food, also lay out tables. Mr. Bush is investigating some form of entertainment for which a donation can be made. An advertisement in the Forum has mentioned the event. Mrs. Wang suggested that nearer the time an article in the local paper would be useful.

Letter from Mrs. Johnstone was read, making some suggestions based on last year's party.

Sub Committee to assist :-

Mrs. Gaubert - table  
Mrs. Withers - preparation  
Mr. Bush - purchasing food  
Lady Bawden - preparation  
Mr. Evans - purchase of wine  
Mr. Raw and Mr. Weston - dispensing wine

The committee must meet beforehand and Mr. Bush will phone the people concerned.

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6. REPORTS OF GROUP CONVENORS

- a. Southdown - nothing to report
- b. Schools Liaison - nothing to report
- c. Transport - nothing to report
- d. U.L.V.G. - have been planting five weekends in succession
- e. Common - Lady Bawden mentioned the dangers of crossing Bull Road and will discuss the matter at the next meeting. A Mr. Tenby in Southdown Road has written to all relevant people re the danger of crossing from the bottom of Crabtree Lane on to the Common. Mr. Raw to be asked to formulate a recommendation to consider for the next meeting.

There has been a great deal of motor-cycling in Kinsbourne Green which could become a nuisance. This is a matter for the Lord of the Manor.

Some West Common residents are considering cutting down trees which are obscuring their view.

The ponds are in poor condition and an eyesore - responsibility lies with the Conservancy Board. Lady Bawden will follow up and report.

- f. Plans - The Plans Group have been authorised to take quick action if needed on applications. No news about Croudace. BUPA letter sent to papers by Chairman not yet published. Keith Wood, Chairman of Plans Committee, says that he personally is against it but committee voted to approve outline permission. It could not now be withdrawn unless the full council called the plans in, in which case compensation would have to be paid. Restrictions on detailed plans might make the project intolerable. We are contesting two serious projects, the BUPA hospital and Batford Mill. Mr. Rees has drafted a letter to the Secretary of State for the Environment suggesting the district council is guilty of irregularities. Re Batford Mill, Mrs. Catterfield had sent a letter stating the legal position.

7. SECRETARY'S CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was suggested that a newsletter should be issued by the 10th April and when it was distributed a stamped addressed envelope should be given to members who had not renewed.

Stall at Carnival - hoping to sell membership and postcards. A treasure hunt has been suggested and will be organised by Mrs. Godfrey.

Mrs. Wang suggested that Mr. Pat Wilson could write up his talk at the A.G.M. with illustrations and perhaps publish it in the Review.

Dates for future meetings were given.

It was suggested that a talk on old Luton could be given at the Pies and Punch meeting, possibly as a joint meeting with the History Society.

Other suggestions were airport noise, a visual presentation offered by the County Council. The Civic Trust have sent details of films and slides. It was suggested that Mr. Martin Bacon, District Planning Officer, would be a good speaker.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday, 30th April, at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall.



# THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday,  
30th April 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall

Present: Mr. Powlesland in the chair  
Mr. McNicoll, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Ward, Mrs. Godfrey,  
Mr. & Mrs. Bush, Mr. & Mrs. Gaubert, Mrs. Withers,  
Lady Bawden, Mrs. Wang, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Pepper.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Raw and Miss Pratt.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on the 24th March were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Anthony Evans had indicated that an amount of about £1,180 would be donated to the Council for trees ~~and~~ it was agreed that a cheque for £1,000 would be presented to Mrs. Curl at the Cheese & Wine Party. It was suggested that the press be asked to take a photograph.

3. WINE & CHEESE PARTY - 6th MAY

Mr. Bush reported that actual tickets sold or disposed of so far numbered only 45 but it was agreed that catering arrangements should be made for 120 coming. The list of helpers available in the afternoon was compiled. Arrangements for the musical entertainment were given; it will start at 9.00 p.m. introduced by Mr. Bush. At about 9.30 p.m. the Chairman will give a brief welcome to the visitors including the Mayor and Mayoress. The Mayoress, as Chairman of the Town Council Commons and Greens Committee, will be presented with a cheque for £1,000 for trees. Mr. Jennings reported on the arrangements for the raffle; it was agreed that tickets would be 20p each, 6 for £1.00. Mr. Ward agreed to organise the licence.

4. (a) PLANS

Mrs. Wang, after contacting Mr. Rees, had written to the Council commenting on a number of planning applications, principally those affecting the green belt, Dove House Farm in Annabels Lane and Batford Mill, also an office for Websters on Lower Luton Road, Motorists Discount Shop window, also the encroachment on to common land of a proposed garage at Kinsbourne Green. Mrs. Bush commented on the retaining wall of the block of flats at the corner of Milton and Station Roads. The Committee had been approached about future utilisation of the open space between Crabtree Lane, Gilpin Green and Milton Road but, after discussion, it was agreed that no useful action could be taken.

Litter bins with advertisements have been offered to Harpenden and the Plans Group was asked to investigate developments.

A letter drafted by Mr. Ward had been sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment, copies to Mr. Victor Goodhew, the Council and the Press, about the BUPA hospital and Batford Mill. Replies from the Department of the Environment and Mr. Goodhew both said that, permission having been given for the hospital, there is little further action that can reasonably be taken. Regarding Batford Mill, since the Council had not given full permission for it yet, they could only suggest that a close liaison be maintained with the Council.

Mr. Wilson, for the Upper Lea Valley Group, said that the Council will consider and probably confirm the draft plan for the proposed green belt. A letter has been sent by the ULVG suggesting that, as there are about nine empty industrial units in Harpenden empty, six being brand new, there is no need for further industrial units.

Mrs. Wang and Mr. McNicoll volunteered to go to the Town Council "Surgery" on Saturday morning, 2nd May.

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(b) SOUTHDOWN

Mr. Jennings agreed to lead this group with Miss Pratt, Mr. Gaubert and Mr. Ward to help. It was resolved that the Society have, as a special project for 1981, a scheme to improve Southdown. A daylight meeting to look around the area was arranged for Thursday, 7th May, at 7 o'clock; interested members of the Committee would assemble outside Finefare.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Bush said there were 172 members who had not renewed their subscriptions. Mr. Ward said that Mr. Maurice Smith had volunteered to lead the Nicky Line walk on the 7th June; it was suggested he be invited to the next Committee Meeting and agreed, also that the railway be advised of the proposed walk.

Mr. Roger Dixon a former Committee Members and a surveyor, had offered to rejoin and be an active member of the Committee; this was proposed, seconded and agreed. A letter would be sent inviting him to join us.

Mrs. Bush asked if a reduced subscription for needy senior citizens could be introduced.

The Chairman wished to put on record the Committee's appreciation to Mrs. Withers for the excellent news letter.

The Committee Meeting closed at 10.00 p.m. Two matters of importance :-

- a) Proposals for action on the Common ponds
- b) Proposals for the footpath for Southdown Road/Bull Road

could not be dealt with and will be transferred to the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 21st May at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall.



*Norman P.*

## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday,  
21st May 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall.

Present: Mr. Powlesland in the chair,  
Mr. McNicoll, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. & Mrs. Bush, Mr. Gaubert,  
Mrs. Wang, Mr. Pepper, Miss Pratt.  
Mr. Maurice Smith attended by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Raw, Mr. Wilson,  
Mr. Ward, Lady Bawden, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Dixon.

1. MINUTES Minutes of meeting held on 30th April were approved and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Mr. Gaubert suggested that we should have a Press Officer and it was agreed  
that Mr. Dixon should be asked if he would undertake this position.

3. CHEESE & WINE PARTY

Mr. Bush reported that about 100 people attended, 30 - 40 less than in 1980.  
He suggested that on future occasions members be asked to reserve tickets  
if they intend to attend in order to aid planning. The Musical Entertainment  
was well received. A profit of £79 was made. *Director's House*  
For next year, the possibility of a Garden Party at Rothamsted, as an  
alternative, was discussed and will be examined further. *^*

4. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- a) Common Ponds - a letter received by Mr. Gaubert from the Thames Water  
Authority at Reading indicated that it was a matter for the Town Council.  
The Town Council are looking into the matter; when resources are  
available and the weather suitable the ponds would be cleared.
- b) Footpath Bull Road - Mr. Pepper had received map drawn by Mr. Raw  
and a proposal will be put to the Town Council.

5. NICKY LINE WALK 7th June 1981

The walk will start at 2.30 p.m. from the Sports Hall, Rothamsted Park, and  
finish at 4.30 p.m. Mr. Maurice Smith will be the leader. British Rail  
headquarters at Marylebone to be notified.

6. ROUND TABLE FETE 6th June 1981

Mrs. Godfrey had offered to prepare a Treasure Hunt; Mr. Powlesland will  
confirm. A prize of £10 was agreed. Mr. McNicoll, Mr. Bush and Mrs. Wang  
offered help if required. It was proposed to use the screens with  
photographs to make a display.

7. SOUTHDOWN GROUP REPORT

*Mrs. Luther*

Mr. Ward, Miss Pratt, Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Gaubert and Mr. Jennings surveyed  
the area. A report to the District Council had drawn attention to some  
matters ~~but not~~ the bad state of the car park. Mrs. Wang added that the  
Fine Fare car park was badly drained and the lighting very poor at night.  
A pedestrian crossing was suggested.

8. REPORT ON FUNDS AND MEMBERSHIP

The total funds were £1,074. Expenditure had exceeded income by £715 over  
the year due to payment of £1,000 for the tree. The number of subscriptions  
were about the same but 140 had not been renewed. After the Carnival it was  
agreed that a follow-up would be sent to those who had not paid.

- a) A reduced subscription for pensioners was further considered.
- b) By using covenants, basic income tax could be claimed. The Treasurer  
said he would look into this for the October Newsletter.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday,  
23rd June 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall

1. Present Mr. Powlesland in the chair,  
Mr. McNicoll, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Pepper, Mrs. Wang, Lady Bawden,  
Mr. Gaubert, Miss Pratt, Mr. Raw.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. & Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Godfrey,  
Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Withers.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May were approved and signed.
4. Matters arising
  - Nicky Line Walk - Mr. Pepper showed members photographs he had taken during the walk.
  - Footpath Bull Road - It was reported that a letter and plan had been sent to  
the local highway authority.
  - Round Table Fete - The Chairman reported that the society's involvement in the  
fete was considered to be a success.
  - Postcard Project - Miss Pratt reported on progress being made and that it was  
hoped that printing would be completed in about three weeks'  
time. Miss Pratt was authorised to agree wholesale price  
with representatives of the History Society.
5. Mr. Fryd - The Chairman to write to Mrs. Fryd.
6. Future Meetings
  - (i) 23rd September - Meeting to consider implications of possible future  
development of Stanstead Airport. Mr. Raw to ask  
Mr. Bush if he will arrange for the Herts. County  
Council to make a presentation of their case opposing  
development.
  - (ii) October Meeting about Southdown. Southdown Group to liaise with  
Mr. Bush.
  - (iii) December Mr. Bush to be asked to consider inviting the Curator of  
Luton Hoo to be the guest speaker.
7. Subscriptions, Funds and Membership
  - (i) Mr. McNicoll reported that the total funds of the Society were  
approximately £1,040.
  - (ii) Efforts to be made to collect unpaid subscriptions.
  - (iii) Cash float up to £50 to be made available to the Upper Lea Valley Group.
8. Group Convenors' Reports
  - (i) Southdown Group  
Mr. Jennings reported that the Group had surveyed the area.  
It was agreed that the Manager of Fine Fare be asked to adequately  
maintain planted areas at car park.  
Following an enquiry, the Gas Board had requested the Society's  
opinion on a colour scheme for painting the gas holder. It was  
agreed that the Southdown Group consider and reply to the Board.
  - (ii) Transport  
Mr. Raw reported that he had represented the Society at a meeting  
at Knebworth at which the British Airports Authority and the Herts.  
County Council had presented cases for and against the expansion of  
Stanstead Airport.  
Letter to be sent from the Society about inadequate drainage near  
the Sun Lane railway bridge.

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(iii) Commons

The Committee confirmed that the Commons Group should include in it's brief the provision and condition of trees in other parts of Harpenden.

(iv) Plans

Mrs. Wang reported on recent planning applications received by the District Council. It was agreed that the Society should express concern about a proposal to change the use of part of 20 Station Road from residential to office use.

9. Any other business

- (i) Library and Further Education Centre letter to be sent to Herts. County Council asking that the grounds be adequately maintained.
- (ii) Mrs. Wang reported that she had called on two firms in High Street with respect to inaccurate public clocks.
- (iii) Mrs. Wang had reported to Town Council possible risk to trees at junction of Station Road with Milton Road following removal of an earth bank.
- (iv) Mr. Pepper to raise with the local Council the provision of house for sale signs.
- (v) Mrs. Wang referred to neglected condition of garden of offices at Station Approach. It was reported that the Society had not yet received a reply from British Rail on various matters raised with them concerning the condition and future plans for the Station.

10. Date of next meetings

Thursday, 23rd July 1981

There will be no meeting in August

Thursday, 17th September 1981.

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*Ann Godfrey*  
*Vice Chairman*

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Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday,  
23rd July 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall

Present Mrs. Godfrey in the Chair,  
Mr. McNicoll, Mrs. Stuart, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Gaubert,  
Miss Pratt, Mr. & Mrs. Bush, Mr. Ward.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Powlesland, Lady Bawden, Mr. Raw,  
Mrs. Wang, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Withers.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising

Action

Southdown - colour of gas holder - advice to be sought from  
Anthony Evans

K.J.

Footpath Bull Road/Southdown Road - a letter had been received from  
the City Council saying that the project would be given low  
priority. Town Council to be lobbied - Mr. Powlesland to be  
asked to write a letter re this matter.

N.P.

Station Approach - Mrs. Wang had visited the stationmaster's  
house: the first floor offices were occupied by sub-tenants  
only; there had been a contract gardener but the caretaker  
was now doing some clearing.

Clocks Mrs. Wang reported that C. & D. would look into the matter  
of putting their clock right. Universal Toys were not interested,  
nor sympathetic towards a suggestion that they improve their side  
window.

House Sales signs Mr. Pepper advised that this comes under Town and  
Country Planning Act 1969. Consent is deemed to have been  
given for signs which must be removed within 14 days after  
completion of sale or letting of the property.

Library, Further Education and Police Station grounds - nothing  
further to report.

Unpaid Subscriptions - A meeting was arranged for Thursday,  
30th July, from 7.30 pm. at Mr. Bush's house for envelopes to  
be addressed to members in arrears. Mr. Dixon offered to  
produce envelopes addressed to the Membership Secretary.

4. Future Meetings

(i) September 23rd - to be given by Mr. Colin R. Mason,  
Managing Director of Chiltern Radio; this has been  
announced in the newsletter.

(ii) October 26th - about Stanstead. Herts County Council  
have agreed to take part but with reluctance. Mr. Bush  
has written to them requesting confirmation.

(iii) December 9th - the curator of Luton Hoo will talk  
about the house, garden and history of the Wernher  
collection. He has asked for a fee of £20 plus petrol  
which we agreed. This will be our Punch and Pies  
Christmas meeting.

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- (ii) Harpenden Lodge - Mrs. Godfrey reported that the District Council have asked the owners to repair the Lodge and are prepared to serve a Notice if necessary. Tree cutting has already started. It was agreed that a close watch should be kept.

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- (iii) Walk Around Common - Miss Pratt reported that Mr. Gregory, an old Member who knew Harpenden before 1914, had offered to conduct a walk around the Common. It was agreed that she should try to arrange a suitable date.

M.P.

- (iv) Harpenden - St. Albans Cycleway - Committee Members agreed that, if the Herts. County Council were prepared to go ahead with converting the footpath, we must fully support them but with the proviso that steps are taken to ensure the traffic is slowed down at the point where the cyclists must cross the road. The Transport Committee to check this and write to the appropriate department.

L.P. )  
B.R. )

- (v) Secretary's correspondence - A letter had been received from Mrs. Willey of Kinsbourne Close complaining of the unsightly and dangerous parking area by the Greenlawns Garage. Mr. McNicoll confirmed this and reported that a bus turns there which enlarges the damaged area. There is also a car for sale on the Common Land. Mrs. Willey wrote about this matter a year ago and we wrote then to the Lord of the Manor, Mr. John Piggott. Mr. Bernard Rees and Mr. Maurice Smith to be consulted and the District Council contacted, also the Lord of the Manor if necessary. Mrs. Willey to be recommended to write to St. Albans District Council and the Lord of the Manor.

B.S.  
A.G.

Concern was expressed about the condition of groups of older buildings. It was suggested that the Plans Group should investigate and consider the possibility of having a public meeting on this topic.

M.P. )  
L.W. )  
S.G. )  
A.G. )

9. Date of next meeting Thursday, 17th September 1981.

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY.

MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee held on  
Thursday 17th September 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at  
Harpenden Hall.

PRESENT:- Mrs. Ann Godfrey in the Chair;  
Mrs. Bush; Mr. Bush; Mr. Jennings;  
Mr. McNicoll; Mr. Raw; Mrs. Rogers;  
Mrs. Wang; Mr. Ward; Mrs. Withers (part).

Apologies for absence were received from  
Lady Bawden; Mr. Powlesland; Mr. Pepper;  
Miss Pratt; Mrs. Stuart; Mr. Wilson.

The Committee welcomed Mrs. Jennifer Rogers  
who had agreed to act as Minute Secretary.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July were approved and  
signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING:-

Station Approach - it was noted that the offices mentioned  
under para 3. in the previous meeting's minutes were on the  
west side of the station approach.

Gas holder in Southdown - Anthony Evans had felt unable to help:  
the Committee agreed that pale blue/grey tones would be most  
suitable. Mr. Jennings would recommend this to the Gas Board.

Postcard Project - progress was reported, and the target date  
was set for early Spring 1982.

Groups of older buildings - certain buildings were reported as  
dilapidated/open to development or 'improvement', and discussion  
centred on the possibility of producing a list of 'sensitive'  
buildings; of the difficulties involved in improving these  
buildings whilst retaining their character; of the possibility  
of extending the Conservation Area. It was decided that Mrs. Wang  
should pursue the idea of a Public Meeting on this subject.

Cycleway - it was reported that Mr. Pepper had received a letter  
from the Hertfordshire County Council stating that this proposal  
would be investigated during the current year.

Harpenden Lodge - no reply to the Society's letter of 16th August  
had been received to date.

October 26th meeting - Mr. Bush had received no reply from the  
Hertfordshire County Council to his letter requesting the  
finalisation of details for the meeting about Stansted Airport;  
he had written again concerning this matter.

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Garden Party - it was reported that Miss Pratt had not yet received a reply from the Director of Rothamsted.

NEWS LETTER:-

CW It was agreed that Mrs. Withers should compile the News Letter.

Items for inclusion were to be as follows:-

SB a. Restructuring of Subscriptions.

IM b. Bankers' Order and Covenant Forms.

IM c. Financial Report.

NP/LP d. Cycleway - Mr. Pepper to be invited to write note.

MB;RR e. Reports from all Group Convenors.

LW;AG Mr. Jennings would also report on the Public Meeting  
KJ at Southdown.

LW It was agreed that Mrs. Wang should draft a Questionnaire to be circulated with the News Letter, as the Committee felt it important to ascertain members' opinions and interests and encourage their more active involvement.

It was agreed that Copy for the News Letter should reach Mr. Powlesland by 9th October, and be forwarded to Mrs. Withers by 13th October, with a target date for publication by the end of the month.

MEETING ON 23rd SEPTEMBER:-

The Committee expressed their pleasure that Mr. Knight (the new Town Clerk) had agreed to attend this Meeting.

Mr. Bush and Mrs. Bush regretted that they would be unable to attend.

LW Mrs. Wang would prepare and serve coffee.

TW Mr. Ward would provide an extension lead for the projector, and arrive early to welcome Mr. Mason.

PROGRAMME FOR SPRING:-

Mr. Bush reported that the small Public Hall had been booked for Wednesdays 3rd February and 3rd March, and the large Public Hall for Wednesday 5th May.

JB a. Wednesday 3rd February, "The Windsor Facelift" - it was agreed that Mr. Bush should approach Mr. Hyne, Consultant Architect, to ascertain whether he might be able to address this meeting. Should Mr. Hyne be unavailable, Mr. Bush

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should approach Mr. Alfred Moody to arrange a meeting about the work of the Herts. Building Preservation Trust.

- JB      b. Wednesday 3rd March - A.G.M. It was agreed that Mr. Bush should order a Civic Trust Film and Speaker's Notes for this meeting.
- JB      c. Wednesday 5th May - Wine and Cheese Party. It was agreed that this should be open to amendment by the membership through the Questionnaire circulated with the forthcoming News Letter. In the meantime, Mr. Bush should investigate cancelling the Public Hall booking and approach Mr. Evans to ascertain whether a Garden Party might be held at Limbrick Hall, should the need arise, and Rothamsted be unavailable.
- JB      d. Spotlight on Leisure 1982 - it was agreed that Mr. Bush should contact Mr. John Savage so that the Harpenden Society might be represented.
- e. It was agreed that a Public Meeting should be held during 1982 to discuss 'sensitive' buildings in Harpenden.

RAILWAY STATION:-

It was reported that, to date, no reply had been received from British Rail to the Committee's letter.

- LW      It was agreed that Mrs. Wang should write again to British Rail requesting a reply before the next Committee meeting.
- RR      It was also agreed that Mr. Raw should invite Mr. Mills of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee, to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss this subject.

POST CARD PROJECT:-

It was agreed that publication should be in the early Spring 1982.

- TW/MP      Mr. Ward agreed to follow up this project with Miss Pratt in November, and also to discuss its financing with Mr. Knight, the Town Clerk.

REPORTS OF GROUP CONVENORS:-

a) TRANSPORT

Discussion, initiated by Mr. Raw, took place concerning Group Convenors powers of action.

It was agreed that the Committee should rely upon the individual Convenor's powers of judgement and that they

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should therefore have reasonable autonomy. However, it was stressed that Convenors should always act within the framework of Committee policy, and should naturally discuss any contentious subject with the other members in Committee.

b) COMMONS AND TREES

AG/NP

Lady Bawden's report of the Commons Groups activities was read. Her recommendation that the Commons and Trees Groups be amalgamated was accepted; Mr. Powlesland should be approached to initiate this.

c) PLANS

*Building Society  
and the Halifax  
Building Society,*

Mrs. Wang reported her recent correspondence about *Nationwide* ~~National Westminster Bank Ltd.~~, Moreton End School, flats in Milton Road, and Baulk's intrusion into the Green Belt.

LW

Further matters brought to the attention of the Committee, were the presence of caravans around the Green Lawns Service station, Luton Road, and also the intrusive nature of the new sign outside Connells the Estate Agents in the High Street. Mrs. Wang agreed to follow up both these points.

d) SOUTHDOWN GROUP

Mr. Jennings outlined the Public Meeting at St. Johns Church Hall on 9th October at 8.00 p.m. The Chairman of the Harpenden Society, Mr. Powlesland, was to open the Meeting and Mr. Ward agreed to Chair the Meeting; the Mayor would be unable to attend, but two Council officers would be present.

e) UPPER LEA VALLEY GROUP

The Committee voiced their thanks to Mrs. Wang for continuing her excellent work within this Group.

Mrs. Wang informed the Committee of the walk through the Upper Lea Valley which was to take place on Sunday, 20th September.

f) SCHOOLS LIAISON

Mrs. Godfrey reported upon the interesting Exhibition now in the Library, and that work upon a schools trail was about to begin.

g) FINANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Mr. McNicoll reported upon the surplus funds in the Society's

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account. It was hoped that some new worthwhile project could be embarked upon in 1982 towards which these funds could be channelled.

The Committee congratulated the Membership Secretary on her efforts in collecting subscriptions. Mrs. Bush reported that membership of the Society was well over the thousand mark, of which 54 members remained unpaid, despite the facility of pre-paid envelopes. However, subscriptions were continuing to be received. It was again agreed that the News Letter should bring to the membership's notice the usefulness of paying by Bankers' Order or by Covenants to the Society.

CORRESPONDENCE:-

The Mayoress' Charity Ball was to be held on Friday 6th November.

A letter had been received from the Department of the Environment in reply to the Committee's letter concerning Harding Developments.

Notification had been received of the Herts. Federation of Amenity Societies 43rd Committee Meeting: it was agreed that we should be represented.

NP?

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Mr. McNicoll wished the Committee to keep in mind the actual participation of the Society and its members in some local group activity such as cleaning up the countryside, for example some local dump. More emphasis needed to be placed on the importance of cleaning up the Station and its approach.

It was agreed that there should be more publicity for the efforts of the Upper Lea Valley Group.

Mrs. Withers pointed out that the hanging basket opposite W.H. Smith's was hanging on the wrong side of the post; she would mention it to the Town Council.

CW

It was agreed that the Agenda for the next meeting should include an item on Road Signs. *Name Plates.*

JR

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next Meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 14th October at 6 Douglas Road at 7.45 p.m.

*Nanan Powlesland*



## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee held on  
Wednesday 14th October 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at  
6 Douglas Road.

PRESENT:- Mr. Powlesland in the Chair;  
Mr. Sanders, British Rail;  
Mr. Mills, Transport Users Consultative Committee;  
Lady Bawden, Mrs. Bush, Mr. Bush, Mr. Dixon,  
Mr. Gaubert, Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Jennings,  
Mr. McNicoll, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Raw, Mrs. Rogers,  
Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Wang.

Apologies for absence were received from  
Miss Pratt, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Withers.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th September were approved and  
signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made:-

- a) Correction to the spelling of Rothamsted on line 2, page 2.
- b) Page 4 line 2 of PLANS:- Delete 'National Westminster  
Bank Ltd.' and Insert 'Nationwide Building Society and the  
Halifax Building Society'.
- c) Page 5 last line of ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Delete 'Signs' and  
Insert 'Name Plates'.

### RAILWAY STATION:-

The Committee welcomed Mr. Sanders of British Rail, and Mr. Mills  
of the Transport Users Consultative Committee and discussion  
ensued on the acceptability of future plans for Harpenden Railway  
Station.

Mr. Sanders gave an account of British Rail's present plans for  
modifying and refurbishing the existing Station. These plans  
had come into being following recent financial cut-backs and,  
although B.R. recognised that a new Station was required, no new  
buildings were planned for the site until finances became  
available in, say, five years time.

B.R. wished the work of modifying the existing buildings on the  
town side of the Station to commence during the Winter; the cost  
of this work was set at around £90,000. A plan <sup>alterations</sup> ~~(with one or two  
alternatives)~~ for the whole area had been sent on 7th October to  
Mr. Steely, County Planning Officer, for his consideration.

Following Mr. Sanders account, the Committee discussed a variety of  
problems which they could foresee arising from the proposed plan.  
These included:- the limited size of the Station entrance and  
ticket area; no waiting room or shelters; the absence of toilets;  
cycle storage racks; the car park; the lack of facilities for the  
disabled. Mr. Mills told the Committee that in his opinion the  
proposed plan would be highly unsatisfactory. *His view was warmly  
upheld by the Committee.*  
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Replying to some of these objections, Mr. Sanders stated that new cycle racks would be provided, also a season ticket car park on the town side yard was under consideration. On the subject of station toilets, it was now a conscious policy by B.R. to abolish such facilities on stations and to provide them instead on all trains.

The Chairman requested that Mr. Sanders should forward copies of the proposed plan for the Station, together with plans of the station buildings as they existed at present. Mr. Sanders said that such copies would be made available to the Society. It was then agreed that on receipt of these plans the Committee should form a group, together with Mr. Mills and other professionals such as Mr. Evans, to study the site in depth and to put forward recommendations to B.R. Mr. Sanders stated that B.R. would consider any alternative plans submitted by the Harpenden Society, bearing in mind the limited finance and the need to start work during the coming Winter.

NP

The Committee then asked Mr. Sanders who was responsible for keeping the Station and its approach in an orderly condition? He replied that B.R. was responsible for the platform, the hedge trimming was the concern of the Civil Engineering Dept. and B.R. had a contract with the Highway Authority to keep Station Approach free from litter. The Chairman said he would take this up with the Highway Authority as there was an obvious need for much greater attention in this area. It was agreed that members of the Society might participate in an initial clearing-up operation on Station approach, and Mr. Sanders would give the necessary indemnity should he be asked to do so in the future. Mr. Jennings pointed out that at the recent Southdown meeting it had been suggested that the area around Skew Bridge should also be tidied up and Mr. Sanders said that indemnity could also be given for that area as well.

Turning to the important question of future parking facilities at the Station, Mr. Sanders said that Repair Workshop Commutacars was now under termination of lease, also that the £90,000 allocated for modifying the Station did not include improvement to the car park. The Committee pointed out that parking at the Station was very important to the town as a whole as parking in the streets would follow if adequate facilities were not provided, since improvements in the train service in Harpenden would undoubtedly result in more commuters driving to the station. Restrictions to all-day parking would have to be put on certain roads.

Inconsiderate temporary parking in Station Approach would also benefit from the occasional raid by the B.T.C. Police, followed by prosecutions.

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Discussion centred on the need for cutting back the bank in the car park to accommodate more cars, and on the importance of finding the right sites for the entrance and exit to the park. It was again stressed that positive recommendations should be formulated on the subject, to be forwarded both to B.R. and to the County and District Planning Departments.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Sanders on behalf of the Society for his attendance at the Meeting.

The Committee also thanked Mr. Mills for giving his time to this matter and for his help and expert advice.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:-

October 26th meeting - Mr. Bush handed out some posters on the Stansted meeting. These were to be displayed.

Programme for Spring -

- (i) Meeting on Wednesday 3rd February 1982 - Mr. Bush reported that he had arranged for Mr. H. Reginald Hyne, RIBA, to address this meeting. Mr. Bush would be writing to him again to finalise the arrangements and to offer payment for any expenses incurred.
- (ii) Wednesday 3rd March - AGM - After discussion with Mrs. Godfrey, Mr. Bush agreed to order the film and handbook "The Making of Kent" from the Kent County Council.
- (iii) Wednesday 5th May - Wine and Cheese Party - Discussion followed on the various merits of a Wine and Cheese Party as opposed to a Garden Party. It was agreed that the Chairman should ask Mr. Evans and the Director of Rothamsted if they would be willing to allow their gardens to be used for such an event should the need arise. The garden of Harpenden Hall might also be a possibility. It was also agreed that, following replies to the Questionnaire, sent out with the Newsletter, a small sub-committee should be formed to consider and organise all the arrangements for 5th May. It was pointed out that the Society would be liable to pay the full charge for the Public Hall if cancellation were not done before 5th March.
- (iv) Spotlight on Leisure - Mr. Bush had contacted Mr. Savage and said that the Harpenden Society would be represented. A form would be sent when the organising Committee had met.
- (v) Public Meeting on "sensitive" buildings - It was agreed that Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Wilson should prepare a list of such buildings, and organise this meeting.

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Mrs. Wang also pointed out the derelict state of the house <sup>near</sup> on the corner of Crabtree Lane and Gilpin Green, and Mr. Powlesland agreed to follow this up.

ROAD NAME PLATES:-

LW/CW/  
NP

Mrs. Wang reported that she had been in touch with the Council offices about the derelict state of certain road name plates and she thought it would now be useful to compile an up-to-date list. It was agreed to ask members in the News Letter for name plates which they considered to be in need of replacement, and to ask them to state whether these were at present on wood or aluminium.

REPORT OF GROUP CONVENORS:-

PLANS:-

AG

- a) The Chairman produced a copy of the 'City and District of St. Albans Plan', comments on which were to be sent in by 16th November. Mrs. Godfrey agreed to obtain two extra sets for the Committee, together with a copy of the 'Report on Public Participation'.
- b) Mrs. Wang reported that she and Mrs. Godfrey had visited the proposed BUPA site and a Press Release was shown on this. Mrs. Wang had ~~already~~ <sup>also</sup> brought to the Council's notice the <sup>danger of</sup> destruction of certain trees under preservation order, <sup>at a development in Ox Lane</sup> and officials had gone to the site to see the trees involved. Mr. Powlesland agreed to contact BUPA in the first instance to express the Society's concern.
- c) Mrs. Wang suggested that the Society recommend to the Council that plans should be produced showing the arrangement of existing planting in all planning applications.
- d) Mrs. Wang had also reviewed, together with Mrs. Godfrey, the Green Lawns Service station, Luton Road, and stressed the visual impact made by heavy goods vehicles and caravans parked there. *A letter to the Council on behalf of the Society concerning this had been sent to the District Council by Mrs. Wang.*

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TRANSPORT:-

Mr. Raw reported that the next meeting of this group was to be on 1st November at the History Centre. A copy of the draft District Plan was needed for this meeting.

AG

COMMONS AND TREES:-

Lady Bawden said that the new bark surface on the Commons path was satisfactory.

It was reported that the Tree Group was happy to be amalgamated with the Commons Group.

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Lady Bawden said that care should be taken to find the correct place to plant new trees, there were already too many on the Common. Lady Bawden would contact the Council about any future tree planting events which had been decided upon at their October meeting, and she also agreed to compile a list of trees which should come under the preservation orders. Mrs. Wang recommended that a damaged tree in Bowers Way car park be replaced.

SOUTHDOWN:-

Mr. Jennings reported on an excellent meeting at Southdown on 9th October. It had been well attended and discussion was most lively. Thanks were extended to <sup>Mr. Jennings as well as</sup> Mr. Bush for all his hard work concerning this meeting.

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It was agreed that the Chairman write letters of thanks to the following people:- Mr. McKenna (to include Mr. Bacon and Mr. Skeet), Councillor Wood, Mrs. Martin, Mr. E Brandreth.

KJ

Mr. Jennings agreed to produce at the next Group meeting on Wednesday 21st October, a record of the Southdown meeting and any recommendations arising from it. These would then be forwarded to Mr. McKenna, Councillors Wood and Nash.

Mr. Bacon had asked for the Society's comments on the following points:-

- (i) New scheme for the Green; (ii) Cravells Road car park;
- (iii) Suggestions for tidying up the area around the railway bridge.

It was reported that Fine Fare had supplied a 'suggestions box' for use by the public and its use should be encouraged.

Lady Bawden suggested that a Sorbus (Whitebeam) tree should be planted near the Harpenden Trust Building.

SCHOOLS LIAISON GROUP:-

Mrs. Godfrey reported that the background work to the Town Trail was now <sup>in hand</sup> ~~completed~~. It was agreed that the Group should now go ahead with producing a pamphlet or wall sheet to be on sale to the public.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

It was agreed that the Agenda for the next meeting should include an item on the future of Anscombe's. Mrs. Stuart reported that

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Mr. Harmer of Brading and Harmer was very much against any more Building Societies or Estate Agents, and wished the area to be used for more shopping facilities.

The Committee warmly thanked Mrs. Godfrey for the use of her house for the evening's meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 19th November in the History Room, Harpenden Hall, at 7.45 p.m.

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## THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

MINUTES of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 19th November 1981 at 7.45 p.m. at Harpenden Hall.

PRESENT:- Mr. Powlesland in the Chair;  
Lady Bawden; Mrs. Bush; Mr. Bush;  
Mr. Gaubert; Mrs. Godfrey; Mr. Jennings;  
Mr. McNicoll; Mr. Pepper; Mr. Raw;  
Mrs. Rogers; Mrs. Stuart; Mrs. Wang.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Ward and Mrs. Withers.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:-

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October were approved and signed by the Chairman after the following amendments were made:-

- a) Pg. 1 line 13 of 'Railway Station' to read:- "A plan for the alterations had been sent..."
- b) Add to last line of Pg. 1:- "His view was warmly upheld by the Committee."
- c) Pg. 4 line 13 to read:- "...near the corner of Crabtree Lane."
- d) Pg. 4 line 8 of 'Plans' to be amended to read:- "...Mrs. Wang had also brought to the Council's notice the danger of destruction of certain trees under preservation order at a development in Ox Lane and officials had gone..."
- e) Pg. 5 add to line 5:- "...parked there. A letter to the Council on behalf of the Society concerning this had been sent to the District Council by Mrs. Wang."
- f) Pg. 5 under 'Southdown' line 3 to read:- "...Thanks were extended to Mr. Jennings as well as to Mr. Bush..."
- g) Pg. 6 under 'Schools Liaison Group' line 2 to read:- "...was now in hand."

### MATTERS ARISING:-

It was agreed to ask, in the next Newsletter, for members to report on missing Road Name Plates.

### BRITISH RAIL:-

The comments of a Group of members with professional experience, formed to consider the British Rail plans, were put forward:-

- 1) To enlarge and repair the car park on the East side to accommodate more cars. A scheme which would, in all probability, pay for itself.
- 2) Mr. Mills, of the Transport Users Consultative Committee, advocated the idea of a one-way system in the car park

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- e) Traffic survey to be carried out to ascertain necessity of car park.

2. The "Green".

- a) Must retain appearance of a simple village green.
- b) Modest tarmac footpath needed.

Mr. Jennings ended his letter by thanking Mr. Skeet and Mr. Bacon and inviting them to the next Southdown meeting.

Mr. Powlesland also raised the following points:-

- a) The siting of the telephone box by the Green - perhaps the solution was post and chains to discourage wear and tear over this area.
- b) Need for a Working Party, and to press the Council about the poor appearance of the old cottages and the Cravells Road car park.
- c) A slip road needed at Walker's Road to alleviate rush-hour traffic.

Lady Bawden said that:-

- a) It was necessary to keep in mind the rights of the Common when considering the Walker's Road filter road.
- b) The Society should find out whether the Green was registered land.
- c) The area of road outside Fine Fare where large pools of water collected needed mentioning to the Council.

KJ It was agreed that Mr. Jennings would contact Mr. Bacon about the question of the filter road onto the A.6.

TRANSPORT:-

Mr. Pepper reported that the Herts. Advertiser had requested a short article on the County Council's proposals for a cycle-way between Harpenden and St. Albans, and had asked for any ideas on helping cyclists in Harpenden. Mr. Pepper had replied to the Herts. Advertiser, and had included a copy of a letter written by a Harpenden lady suggesting that a cycling-ramp should be placed over the railway foot-bridge. Mr. Pepper had also sent this letter to the Herts. County Council, and it was agreed that a copy should be sent to Mr. Sanders of British Rail. Mrs. Stuart would reply to the lady thanking her for her suggestion.

LP  
BS

PLANS:-

Mrs. Wang reported the following developments:-

1. Kinsbourne Green garage - a non-committal reply had been received from the Authority regarding the Society's objections. It was agreed that the Chairman should contact the Lord of the Manor, Mr. John Piggott, as the owner of the Common Land rights.

NP

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The Town Council had affirmed that they would replace any trees which they originally planted.

FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS:-

A talk entitled "Luton Hoo" would be given at Harpenden Hall on 9th December. Punch and mince pies would be provided and the entrance fee would be 25p.

NP

At this meeting it was agreed to advertise Mr. Arnot's kind offer to conduct a party of Society members around Topstreet Farmhouse, 28 Crabtree Lane. Meanwhile, Mr. Powlesland would reply to Mr. Arnot's letter.

Mrs. Godfrey also requested that an announcement be made at this meeting concerning the Civic Trust meeting on 17th December in St. Albans Town Hall at 8.00 p.m., entitled "25 Minutes to Moorgate".

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Mr. McNicoll was authorized to make the following payments:-

1. £10 - to the Town and Country Planning Association for their Bulletin of Environmental Education.
2. £25 - to the North West Essex and East Herts. Preservation Society in support of their Stansted campaign.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:-

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday, 14th January in the History Room, Harpenden Hall, at 7.45 p.m.

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Appendix attached.

## APPENDIX

### SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY ON THE ST. ALBANS DISTRICT PLAN FOR HARPENDEN 1981.

#### Metropolitan Green Belt.

A check needs to be made on the logical continuation of the Green Belt beyond the District/County boundary, particularly with respect to S. Beds., in view of earlier proposals by S. Beds. for intensive development between Kingsbourne Green and East Hyde.

#### Queries regarding designation changes from those shown in the Draft District Plan 1980.

M.G.B. changes (1981) Batford Mill, Lower Luton Road (to enable industrial extension).  
Forge area (Crabtree Lane), All Saints Church and Pinneys Garage (Station Road).

AMC designation(1981) a) Parcel of land N/W of Tuffnells Way - queried reason for this.  
b) Private Hospital development (in Green Belt) from APA to AMC.

O/PF (1980 Draft) c) Parcel of land between Mud Lane and Ayres End Lane. This designation eradicated in 1981 Plan. We request its inclusion in an extended conservation area.

#### Request for the Extension of Conservation Area.

- a) To include Southdown Neighbourhood Centre as marked in District Plan 1981 and sections of roads up to Railway line boundary (including lower Cravells Road).
- b) O/S2 (Harpenden Lodge field) and extend to include the triangular area formed by Tennyson Rd., Wordsworth Rd., and upper section (South side) of Hollybush Lane.
- c) Northern end of Milton Road (East side) up to Shakespeare Rd., Shakespeare Rd. itself, Cowper Rd. and south side of Station Road, which completes the triangle.
- d) Inclusion of U.R.C. and Adult Education Centre/Library (originally The Village School) and south side of Vaughan Road.
- e) Parcel of land (previous O/PF) in southern tip of Conservation area.

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Batford Springs (Central area, River Lea, Batford)

To be included in listed sites of Nature Conservation.  
Appendix 5.

Hyde Mill, Farm and Mill Pond (on Herts/Beds border).

To be included as site for Local Preservation and  
Historical Interest. (Policy 47 p 65).

Waldegrave Park OS/3.

Overall scheme for landscaping, and control of number  
and type of buildings.

Motorcycling.

Restricted area and restricted times on common land  
(such as exists on Nomansland, for model aeroplane).  
Countryside Recreation (2.8.19 iii p 77).

OMISSIONS from DISTRICT PLAN 1981.

1. Cycleway between Harpenden and St. Albans A1081 - which  
has received support from Herts. C.C. (2.4.31 p 51).
2. Midland Main Line - Planned New Station at Harpenden,  
including new approach road and increased car parking,  
on East side of railway line (p 44).

COMMENTS.

1. Warmly support ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES, and proposals  
for incorporating existing trees on planning application  
(Appendix I).
2. A 6129 Lower Luton Road. Early controls on H.V.Gs and  
speed restrictions essential when Luton East Circular  
Road complete (2.4.7 p 43).
3. Luton Airport an addition to Policy Intention 13(i) suggested:-  
...to oppose proposals for the intensification of use of  
Luton Airport if such proposals would:  
1) Result in an increased number of residents in the  
District being affected by noise nuisance or an increase  
in the amount of noise nuisance, particularly at night,  
by those residents already affected.

Numbers of pages and policy numbers  
relate to the publication 'WRITTEN  
STATEMENT' by the St. Albans District  
Council on the DISTRICT PLAN SEPT. 1981.

Lorna Wang.

Submitted on  
appropriate forms  
to District Council  
on 16th Nov. 1981.