

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 14th May 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House
MINUTES

1. **Present:** Phil Waters (PhW), Jan Smith (JS), Ron Taylor (RT), Harry Downie (HD), Paul Gardiner (PG), Chris Armitage (CA), Alan Jackson (AJ), Pauline Waddilove (PW), Mike Waddilove (MW), John Davis (JD), Alan Bunting (AB) and Bob Fletcher (RF).
2. **Apologies** for absence were received from John Harris (JH), Alan Falconer (AF), Penny Ayres (PA), John Lowe (JL), Tim Riley (TR), and Geoff Newman (GN).
3. Minutes of the meeting on 19 March 2018, previously circulated, were approved as a true record.
4. **Treasurer's Report**
 - (a) HD had previously circulated the up to date accounts. HD reported that, as approved at the last meeting, the fighting fund money had been transferred into the general fund.
 - (b) HD reported that he had arranged a meeting with the new Examiner.
 - (c) The meeting approved the purchase of a multi-page scanner (c £250) to enable the Society's records to be scanned and stored securely.
5. **Secretary's Items**
 - (a) The next public meeting will be held on Thursday, 17 May. This will be about the proposed Luton Airport Expansion and will be held at Fowden Hall, Rothamsted.
 - (b) A presentation describing the 2017 Society Awards will immediately precede the 17th May public meeting.
 - (c) The next public meeting will be the Police & Crime Commissioner on Wednesday 26th September 2018. A venue for this meeting is still to be arranged.
 - (d) The Society will have a stall at the Carnival on Saturday 9th June.
6. **Chairman's Items**
 - (a) PhW reported that nearby residents had applied for a judicial review of the decision to locate the new secondary school in Common Lane, Batford. This is now with the courts.
 - (b) PhW reported that the team working on the Neighbourhood Plan were now dealing with several issues that had arisen and the referendum is scheduled to take place in August or September 18.
7. **Membership Secretary's Items**
 - (a) JS reported that the membership was now 964 but 165 members had currently not paid their 2018 subscriptions.
8. **Newsletter Editor's Items**
 - (a) AB reported that the Summer 2018 newsletter was now being planned.
9. **Publicity Officer's Items**
 - (a) The Publicity Officer's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
 - (b) RT reported that a Park & Ride service using Rothamsted as the car park and the Harpenden Hopper as the transport was now being considered by the Harpenden Hopper committee.
10. **Working Group Reports**
 - (a) **Community Safety:** The Community Safety report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. PG reported that he was seeking a meeting with the new Inspector.
 - (b) **Environment:** The Environment Report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
 - (c) **Transport:** The Transport report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.

- (d) **Education:** CA reported that he was working with the head of Katherine Warington School on a travel plan. There is also a plan to work with the year coming into secondary schools about the benefit of walking/cycling to school.
- (e) **Health & Social Welfare:** The Health report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
- (f) **Built Environment:** The Built Environment report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. PW reported that there was a plan to fill in two of the WW2 underground shelters as they are in danger of collapse.
- (g) **Economic Activity:** The Economic Activity report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
- (h) **Arts, Leisure, Entertainment:** The ALE report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. AJ reported that a decision on the planning application for the new sports and arts centre should have been received by the next committee meeting
- (i) **Sports:** PhW reported that other interested parties were looking at the sports organisation set up Harpenden as a model of “how to do things”.

11. AOB

- (a) There was a discussion about a possible new strap line for the Society. None of the previous proposals was favoured. More suggestions were invited.

12. **Dates of the next meetings:**

Committee Meeting dates: 16 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov, 21 Jan 19, 18 March 19.

Public Meetings: 26 Sept 18

13. The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.