

**THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday 16th July 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House**  
**MINUTES**

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1. **Present:** Phil Waters (PhW), Jan Smith (JS), John Harris (JH), Alan Falconer (AF), Penny Ayres (PA), Harry Downie (HD), Paul Gardiner (PG), 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 Chris Armitage (CA), John Lowe (JL), Ron Taylor (RT), Tim Riley (TR), and Geoff Newman (GN).
3. Minutes of the meeting on 14 May 2018, previously circulated, were approved as a true record.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - (a) HD had previously circulated the up to date accounts.
  - (b) HD reported that the Society's finances were sound.
5. **Secretary's Items**
  - (a) The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 September. The speaker will be the Police & Crime Commissioner. The meeting will be at Fowden Hall, Rothamsted.
  - (b) Alan Falconer will liaise with the "Har Park" group about a possible public meeting on parking in Harpenden. **ACTION: AF**
  - (c) A public meeting on the Chiltern Green Energy proposal is a possibility. **ACTION: RF**
  - (d) Additionally, the Society could invite our MP, Bim Afolami, for another public meeting. **ACTION: RF**
6. Chairman's Items
  - (a) PhW reported that the judicial review of the decision to locate the new secondary school in Common Lane, Batford has now taken place. A decision is expected before the end of July.
  - (b) PhW reported that twelve comments had been received (four from developers) for the Neighbourhood Plan. The referendum is scheduled to take place in the Autumn.
7. **Membership Secretary's Items**
  - (a) JS reported that the membership was now 955 (including schools and libraries) but this includes several who did not pay last year. 125 members have no email listed.
  - (b) JS also reported that unfortunately she has submitted her resignation to take effect from April 2019.
8. **Newsletter Editor's Items**
  - (a) AB reported that the Autumn 2018 newsletter was now being planned. PA asked for a reminder about the Society Awards to be included in the Autumn issue.
  - (b) It was agreed that letters from members should be requested and included in future newsletters.
9. **Publicity Officer's Items**
  - (a) The Publicity Officer's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
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 discussing obtaining up to date information from the police to put onto the Society's website.
  - (b) **Environment:** The Environment Report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. JD commented that the decision to fill-in the air raid shelters had been taken by HTC with no input from residents and that this had implications for local democracy.
  - (c) **Transport:** The Transport report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.

- (d) **Education:** Nothing to report this time. It was agreed that CA would liaise with AF on the subject of school travel plans.
- (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. It was agreed that the Built Environment reports will include brief details on the current use of buildings that are being proposed for a change of use.
- (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 two months ago he was hoping that the response to SADC's Planning Application for the new Arts Centre might be known by the end of May. There is still no news. Astonishingly, there hasn't been a SADC press release on the new Arts Centre since 26 July 2017. Planning Application 5/2018/0157 was registered on 15 February and remains 'under consideration'. Fortunately we have held back on the implementation of our plans to support the new centre; it looks as if we may have to keep our plans on hold for some time. It's still not the time to go ahead with a public meeting."
- (i) **Sports:** Nothing to report this time.

11. AOB

- (a) None.

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

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

**Public Meetings:** 26 Sept 18

13. The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.