

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House
MINUTES

1. **Present:** Phil Waters (PhW), Alan Falconer (AF), Harry Downie (HD), Pauline Waddilove (PW), Mike Waddilove (MW), Ron Taylor (RT), Alan Bunting (AB) and Bob Fletcher (RF).
2. **Apologies** for absence were received from Jan Smith (JS), John Harris (JH), Penny Ayres (PA), Paul Gardiner (PG), Alan Jackson (AJ), , John Davis (JD), Chris Armitage (CA), John Lowe (JL), Tim Riley (TR), and Geoff Newman (GN).
3. Minutes of the meeting on 16 July 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) The meeting after this will be on the 2nd October, again at Fowden Hall, Rothamsted, and will be on the Neighbourhood and Local Plan with Cllr. Mary Maynard being the main speaker.
 - (c) RF reported that the Chairman and he had met with two representatives of the SHLI (Stop the Harpenden & Luton Incinerator) group. SHLI seem to be doing an excellent job in raising public awareness about the proposed incinerator and the Society intends to keep in contact with SHLI and involve our members and other residents of Harpenden if and when the planning application is submitted.
 - (d) RF reported that as a move towards the possible introduction of free membership it was necessary to investigate whether or not the Society could raise sufficient funds via sponsorship to replace those funds that would be lost with the abolition of membership fees. **Action: RT to start to explore sponsorship opportunities.**
6. Chairman's Items
 - (a) PhW reported that the campaign group Right School Right Place had lodged an appeal against the decision of the Judicial Review which found in favour of Herts CC. **Post Meeting Note: leave to appeal has NOT been granted.**
 - (b) PhW reported that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum would now probably be held in early 2019 – **post meeting note: it now looks as if the referendum will be held in January 2019.**
7. **Membership Secretary's Items**
 - (a) The Membership Secretary's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
8. **Newsletter Editor's Items**
 - (a) AB reported that the next newsletter would be slightly delayed to allow reports of the 26th September and the 2nd October public meetings to be included.
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.
 - (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:** Nothing to report this time.
 - (e) **Health & Social Welfare:** Nothing to report this time. **Post meeting note: JH reported that the Red House redevelopment planning application has been delayed, caused by the CCG, for reasons currently unknown.**
 - (f) **Built Environment:** The Built Environment report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. PW reported that the number of parking slots at the Pan Autos site had been increased to 1 per dwelling with 5 visitor spaces. The number of apartments had been reduced from 44 to 30. Also the developers were proposing contributing £62K to community services.
 - (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.
 - (i) **Sports:** PhW reported that GN was arranging another meeting of the Harpenden sports group.
11. AOB
- (a) None.
12. **Dates of the next meetings:**
- Committee Meeting dates:** 19 Nov, 21 Jan 19, 18 March 19.
 - Public Meetings:** 26 Sept, 2 October
13. The meeting closed at 8:55 p.m.