

**THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday 11 July 2022 at 10.00 a.m.**  
**Salvation Army Hall**  
**MINUTES**

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1. **Present**

Paul Gloess (PGs), John Lowe (JL), Harry Downie (HD), Jeff Phillips (JP), Alan Bunting (AB) and Bob Fletcher (RF).

2. **Apologies for absence**

These were received from Ron Taylor (RT), Penny Ayres (PA), Ian Barrison (IB), Chris Armitage (CA), Paul Gardiner (PG) and Karl Wingfield (KW).

3. **Past Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 9 May 2022, previously circulated, were approved as a true record. (Post meeting note - two typing mistakes were corrected in the official published version).

4. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

None.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's reported that the Society finances were sound with the current balance being approx. £31.5K. However, this does not include recent spending of approx. £2K.

6. **Secretary's Items.**

Topics for new meetings were discussed. Suggested public meetings included:

- I. Meeting on pedestrianisation, parking and traffic flows in Harpenden. **Action: JP to progress this with Phil Waters.**
- II. New Planning Environment. **Action; JP to progress.**
- III. Meeting to describe the workings of Ladacan
- IV. Meeting on the local primary care network and its relationship with the new Integrated Care System. Possibly in Autumn 2023 once the new organisations have had time to establish themselves although an earlier date would be preferred.
- V. Meeting to describe the workings of the Harpenden Trust

7. **Chairman's Items.**

- (a) It was discussed that the Society needs a new recruitment leaflet, possibly A5 size, including a description of what the Society does and some of its achievements. It was mentioned that the name Harpenden Society does not describe what we actually do. However, this is the Society's official name and is difficult to change. The title of the leaflet could mention that we are the Harpenden Civic Society though. **Action: RT to consider this with help from AB.**
- (b) The working of the Conservation Working Group were discussed. It was mentioned that it is desirable for this group to produce a brief report before each Society committee meeting as otherwise there would be little knowledge of the group's plans and progress. **Action: JP to discuss this with Hester Gabbutt.**

8. **Membership Secretary's Items**

Paul Gloess (PGs) was welcomed as the new Membership Secretary. PGs reported that we gained 12 new members from the Carnival. We have lost six members in last 2 months (two have moved away, but unfortunately four have died).

9. **Newsletter Editor's Items**

AB reported that the next newsletter is on schedule.

10. **Working Group Reports**

(a) Community Safety: The Community Safety report had been circulated by PG prior to the meeting.

(b) Environment: Nothing to report.

(c) Transport: The Transport Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

(d) Education: Nothing to report.

(e) Health & Social Welfare: The Health Report has been circulated by IB prior to the meeting.

(f) Built Environment: JL reported that the number of planning application had reduced significantly in the past few weeks . He was not sure of the reasons why this was happening.

I. JL reported that there was an application to demolish the Pan Autos buildings before the detailed planning application was submitted for the site.

II. JL reported that no appeal had been lodged for the failed planning application for a new restaurant at 6 High St (Kingston House).

(g) Economic Activity: The Publicity report had been circulated by RT prior to the meeting.

(h) Arts, Leisure, Entertainment (ALE): Nothing to report.

(i) Sports: Nothing to report.

11. **AOB**

A brief discussion took place on how the Society could make more use of its social media presence.

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

**Committee Meeting dates:** 19 Sept 22, 14 Nov 22

**Public Meetings:** none currently planned

The meeting closed at 12.00 noon.