

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House
MINUTES

1. **Present**

Phil Waters (PhW), Alan Falconer (AF), Harry Downie (HD), Paul Gardiner (PG), Pauline Waddilove (PW), Mike Waddilove (MW), John Davis (JD), Alan Jackson (AJ), Ron Taylor (RT), and Alan Bunting (AB).

2. **Apologies for absence**

These were received from John Harris (JH), Penny Ayres (PA), Jan Smith (JS), Chris Armitage (CA), John Lowe (JL), Tim Riley (TR), and Geoff Newman (GN).

3. **Past Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting on 19 November 2018, previously circulated, were approved as a true record.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

HD had previously circulated the 2018 accounts. HD reported that the Society's finances for 2018 were similar to the 2017 finances. HD also reported that he had met with the new Independent Examiner, John Bristow, that morning.

5. **Secretary's Items**

- (a) The committee agreed that the Society would place an advert in the Highland Games brochure at a cost of £145 as we have done for the past few years.
- (b) The committee also agreed that we would have a stand at the Summer Carnival.
- (c) The next public meeting is our MP, Bim Afolami, who will speak at our 14th Feb meeting. Post meeting note – this meeting has had to be cancelled due to the parliamentary Brexit vote which is also occurring on the 14th February
- (d) It was suggested that the transitional arrangements that will be put in place during the construction phase (i.e. how SADC will deal with limited parking, pool closures and so on) of the new Sports & Arts centre could be the subject of the presentation at the AGM. All these developments will take place on land that is in continual, heavy use by the public so at times the work is sure to prove very intrusive. April 25th was suggested as a date for the AGM. Julian Daly and Annie Brewster to be contacted to see if that are prepared to speak at the AGM. **Action RF.**
- (e) It was suggested that a public meeting could be held in March about waste management. **Action JD to progress.**

6. **Chairman's Items**

- (a) Neighbourhood Plan: It was agreed that the Society will send out an email to members in early February reminding them to vote in the 7th February referendum. There is also an article on the Neighbourhood Plan in the Society's Winter Newsletter. RT and GN have produced a video on YouTube explaining the benefits of the Plan and recommending residents vote "Yes". The chairman's email will also outline the benefits of voting "yes".
- (b) There was general feeling that, although a great deal of effort had been put into making residents aware of the Neighbourhood Plan, many residents had no knowledge of it. It was agreed that the Society's website should contain details of where paper copies of the Plan could be viewed and this information would also be contained in the chairman's email.

7. **Membership Secretary's Items**

No report this time from JS as she is on holiday.

8. **Newsletter Editor's Items**

- (a) Next issue intended to be distributed before the NP referendum. There is an article on the referendum urging members to support it and vote "yes". PW will help HD with the distribution of this next edition in JS' absence.
- (b) The Spring edition of the newsletter will have the annual report incorporated into it.

9. **Publicity Officer's Items**

Report circulated to committee members.

10. **Awards**

PA submitted a report asking for more suggestions for the 2018 awards. Currently the nominations include Park House and the Westminster Field development

11. **Working Group Reports**

- (a) **Community Safety:** The Community Safety report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. PG reported that there are an extra 75 frontline police officers being recruited bringing the total to 2,000 officers in Herts.
- (b) **Environment:** The Environment Report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. JD reported that in a recent quarter Luton Airport received over 5,000 noise complaints including those from 152 new complainants.
- (c) **Transport:** The Transport report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. AF reported that the Society's 17 January public meeting on car parking went well although some people were unimpressed by the outcome. PhW will write to Teresa Heritage thanking her for her support at the meeting and saying that the Society would like to contribute to the deliberations as they move forward. There is a meeting of the St Albans car parking working party on the 6th Feb.
- (d) **Education:** It was reported that work on the Katherine Warrington school had now started.
- (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.
- (g) **Economic Activity:** The Economic Activity report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
- (h) **Arts, Leisure, Entertainment:** AJ reported that the new Sports and Arts development in Rothamsted Park had now been approved by the Secretary of State.
- (i) **Sports:** Nothing to report this time.

12. **AOB**

None.

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

Committee Meeting dates: 18 March 19.

Public Meetings: AGM to be planned

14. **The meeting closed at 9:45 p.m.**