

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 9th May 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at The Friends Meeting House
MINUTES

1. **Present:** Chris Marsden (CM), Ron Taylor (RT), Helen Clothier (HC), Donald Robertson (DR), Jan Smith (JS), Alan Jackson (AJ), Alan Bunting (AB), John Lowe (JL), Mike Waddilove (MW), Pauline Waddilove (PW), John Davis (JD) and Bob Fletcher (RF).
2. Apologies for absence were received from; John Harris (JH), Penny Ayres (PA), Tim Riley (TR), Harry Downie (HD), and Victoria Evans (VE).
3. Minutes of the meeting on 21st March 2016, previously circulated, were approved as a true record.
4. Matters arising not on the Agenda:
 - (a) None
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - (a) HD, who was not present at the meeting, had previously circulated the accounts for the first 4 months of 2016. There were no comments on the accounts.
6. **Secretary's Items**
 - (a) It was agreed that the focus for the 22nd September public meeting will be the sports facilities in Harpenden.
 - (b) The following committee members will contact their relevant sports contacts to ask them to reserve the date - Cricket (CM), Rugby (HC), Football (RT), Boxing (RT), Tennis (RT), Bowling (RF,) Hockey (JD). Each sports club representative will be asked to speak on their club vision for the future. They will also have the opportunity to meet with the other sports representatives with a view to initiating future co-operation.
 - (c) The 20 October meeting could possibly feature Julian Daly's plans for the public halls and Rothamsted Park.
 - (d) For the December meeting we could ask the new Town Clerk to present his plans for Harpenden.
7. **Chairman's Items**
 - (a) CM reported that the AGM went well with good attendance. Julian Daly's initial proposals for the public halls and Rothamsted Park were well received by the audience.
 - (b) CM reported that his talk about the Society to the Probus Village club was well received.
 - (c) CM reported that after Eric Midwinter's departure John Harris had taken over as leader of the Health & welfare group but we were still looking for a leader for the Education & Leisure group.
8. **Membership Secretary's Items**
 - (a) JS reported that the Society had 977 members (up 17 from January). There are 44 lifetime members. Currently 140 members haven't paid or have not upgraded their £5 standing orders to £10.
9. **Newsletter Editor's Items**
 - (a) The Newsletter Editor's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
 - (b) A Community Safety slot in the next newsletter was discussed. **Action: AB**
10. **Publicity Officer's Items**
 - (a) The Publicity Officer's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
 - (b) The committee approved a prize of £100 for the Society's carnival competition (11th June).
 - (c) Members' lunches were discussed. HC and RT to explore this. **Action HC&RT**

11. **Working Group Reports**

- (a) **Community Safety:** The Public Order working group's report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting.
- (b) **Environment:** JD reported that vehicles were now parking with 4 wheels on the pavement. This apparently is not illegal. There is still no "STOP" sign at the bottom of Vaughan Road.
- (c) **Transport:** The Transport report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. HC will represent the Society on the Parking working party. **Action HC.**
- (d) **Education & Leisure.** Nothing to report.
- (e) **Health & Social Welfare.** HC briefly reported on the Red House development. The new facility is currently being called "The Stewarts". It was felt that the launch name should retain the "Red House" name in some way.
- (f) **Built Environment.** The Built Environment report had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. PW reported that it looks as if the Roundwood pitch will go ahead.
- (g) **Economic Activity.** RT reported the town centre Post Office is closing and the current plan is to locate it within WH Smiths.

12. **AOB**

- (a) None.

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

Committee Meeting dates: 4 July, 19 Sept, 21 Nov, 23 Jan 17, 20 March 17

Speakers meetings: 22 Sept, 20 Oct, 8 Dec, 26 Jan 17, 23 Feb 17, 20 April 17 (AGM)

14. The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.