

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES
REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

CHAIRMAN Sir James Dalrymple-Hay Bt SECRETARY: Mrs. J. H. Jameson Dip Arch.

Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall
at 8.00pm on Thursday 4 November 1993

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 October 1992, and discussion of any matters arising. (minutes already circulated)
2. Receipt and approval of the Receipts and Payment Account for the year ending 30 September 1993. (already circulated)
3. Receipt of nominations for, and election of, a Committee to serve for one year. The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of not less than eight and not more than twelve members.
4. Discussion of matters arising from the Committee's report.
5. Discussion of continuation of membership of the Civic Trust.
6. Discussion of the proposed development of the Glebe land by the Abbeyfield Society.
7. Report on the progress of the Warnham Society's traffic calming scheme for Church Street.
8. Announcement of the result of the competition for the garden contributing most towards the village streetscape.
9. Discussion of any other matters that members may care to raise.

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Report by The Committee on The Last Twelve Months

1. THE PAST YEAR

Many of the issues of concern in 1992 continued during the past year, such as traffic calming in the village and conservation matters.

2. TRAFFIC CALMING

Following the very interesting talk by Mr. David Taylor, West Sussex County Council Deputy Surveyor, at last year's AGM, the traffic calming scheme proposed by Mr. Robert Courtier has been progressed. We have been advised by the District Council that they are keen to introduce calming measures and will give positive consideration to the plan. It is unlikely, however, that it will be implemented until the A24 dualling has been completed.

3. CONSERVATION AREAS

We have been closely associated with Warnham Parish Council over the years and helped in the production of the Conservation Scheme for the village. We were therefore very pleased that the Parish Council agreed to hold a joint meeting at our Spring Event when we invited Ms. Margaret Macnab and Mr. Jeff Wailing of Horsham District Council to talk about Conservation Areas, and in particular how such designation affected Warnham. It is pleasing to see that British Telecom have started work on replacing overhead wires with underground cabling in Church Street and Bell Road, and hopefully in Friday Street.

4. ROAD NAMING

Over the years we have been trying to have the original street names in the village reinstated, and the Parish Council have expressed support for our negotiations with the Horsham District Council on this matter. We understand from the District Council that provision of sign boards is in hand for Bailing Hill, Threestile Road, Knob Hill, and Little London Hill, together with renewal of the 'Warnham' sign at the end of Bell Road.

Unfortunately we have been unable to persuade one of the residents along the western length of Byfleets Lane to agree to the reinstatement of the name 'Granny's Lane' and as a result the District Council is not prepared to do anything further on this matter.

5. GATWICK AIRPORT

There is a possibility that Gatwick may be chosen for expansion rather than either Heathrow or Stanstead to accommodate the anticipated growth in traffic after the year 2000. We are supporting the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign in their opposition to such a plan and also in their efforts to stop the possible increase in night flying from Gatwick.

6. RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

In addition to our support of the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) the Society was represented at the meeting of The Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies held at Rowhook in September. We have continued to work closely with the Parish Council and hope that there will be further opportunities for joint meetings in the future when matters of mutual interest arise.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

We have continued to keep a watchful eye on planning applications submitted for developments in Warnham, and are pleased to report that there have not been many controversial proposals during the year.

8. THE FUTURE

One of the major concerns for next year will undoubtedly be the proposals for Gatwick Airport and we will be adding our support to GACC and the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies in their campaigns to protect the area from detrimental development.

To be an effective Society we need to increase our membership, and we particularly need more people who are prepared to serve on the Committee.

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ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 1992 TO YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1993

Balance brought forward from audited accounts to 30th September 1992	BANK CASH	87.39 ✓	5.04 ✓	92.43 ✓
<u>Receipts</u>				
Subscriptions by cheque		71.00 ✓		
by cash			120.00 ✓	
Profit from refreshments			9.95 ✓	<u>200.95</u> ✓
				293.38 ✓
<u>Less Expenditure</u>				
Hire of Village Hall			35.00 ✓	
Stationery			13.26 ✓	
Subscriptions Sussex Amenity Society			15.00 ✓	
Gatwick Area C. G.			5.00 ✓	
Garden Competition prize			25.00 ✓	<u>93.26</u> ✓
<u>Funds carried forward</u>				
	BANK CASH	158.39 ✓	41.73	200.12 ✓

Signed R. H. Newman

R. H. Newman
Hon. Treasurer
1st October 1993

Signed R. J. Boud

R. J. Boud A.C.I.B.
Hon. Auditor

Dated 26.10.93

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society

held in the Village Hall on

Thursday 4 November 1993

Present: about 55 members and guests.

Chairman: Sir James Dalrymple-Hay

- 1.0 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence had been received from The Rev. Canon J. R. Taylor, Lady Dalrymple-Hay, Mr. & Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. F. Clark.
- 2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM. All members had received a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 October 1992. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Kup. They were, therefore, signed by the Chairman as being a correct record of the proceedings.
- 3.0 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS: The Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year ending 30 September 1993 which showed a good balance. He reported that no bank charges had been incurred, but pointed out the need to retain such a balance to avoid future charges. Approval of the Statement of Account was proposed by Mr. Park and seconded by Mrs. Burnham. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mr. Newman for preparation of the Accounts, and to Mr. Boud for auditing them.
- 4.0 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE: The Chairman reported the loss from the Committee of Mr. Benstead-Smith following his move to Devon. Mr. Benstead-Smith had been the first Chairman of the Society and Sir James Dalrymple-Hay expressed the gratitude of everyone for his interest in Warnham which had continued despite living out of the village.

The following members of the existing committee had expressed their willingness to stand for a further year:- -

Sir James Dalrymple-Hay

Mr. G. J. Read

Mr. R. H. Newman

Mr. A. G. Brand

Mrs. O. G. Thornton

Mr. R. H. Purcell

Mr. R. H. Courtier

Mrs. J. H. Jameson

Mrs. R. Ashton had expressed her willingness to stand for election to the committee. Her election was proposed by Mrs. J. Burnham and seconded by Mr. R. Overton.

The motion that the committee be re-elected was proposed by Mr. R. Melhuish. There were no other nominations.

- 5.0 REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST YEAR: The Chairman referred to the report which had been circulated to members.

Traffic Calming. Committee member Mr. Purcell had on display his updated plans for the introduction of traffic calming measures within Warnham. He explained the principles of the scheme for the introduction of a 20mph zone, and advised that there is now a lot of momentum within the West Sussex County Council to promote such traffic calming schemes. The WSCC are more likely to consider funding if they can adopt our proposals. It is proposed that Mr. Purcell's scheme be submitted by the Warnham Society to the Parish Council for their consideration and onward submission to Horsham District Council.

Gatwick Airport. The Chairman advised of a report he had received from the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign which highlighted the horrendous impact upon the region which would result from the provision of a second runway. GACC suggest that the second runway would increase present passenger throughput by four times; require the provision of 27,000 new houses; require the demolition of 558 houses, including 54 listed buildings and a Norman church; subject several additional villages to flight path noise; require the excavation of nine times as much soil as at Twyord Down. The Warnham Society will be supporting GACC in their campaign to resist the expansion of Gatwick, and members were urged to write to the Department of Transport and/or their MP.

- 6.0 MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIVIC TRUST. The Chairman reported that the committee had been questioning the need to continue paying for membership of the Civic Trust following the increase in subscription fees to £25.00. The CT had seemed to have little relevance to village matters, with more support being gained from the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies. Mr. Melhuish said that membership of the Civic Trust does give national standing, and thought that the Society would lose prestige as a result of non-membership, particularly in dealings with such as the County Council. Also, the Constitution of the Society would have to be amended if membership is withdrawn. The matter was put to the vote, with 15 members voting to retain membership and 10 voting to cease membership. It was therefore agreed that the Warnham Society would continue with its membership of the Civic Trust.

- 7.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE GLEBE LAND. The Chairman opened discussion of the proposed development of the glebe land by the Abbeyfield Society. He explained the proposed development and asked members for their opinions. The Chairman of the Abbeyfield Society reported that the proposed scheme has been discussed with the Planners who have not raised any objections. The next issue of the Warnham Warbler will

explain the proposals and ask the villagers to what extent they wish the scheme to proceed. It was confirmed that permission for vehicular access required to the site would only be granted for the Abbeyfield Society, not for general housing purposes. The Cricket Club have not objected to the new access. Mrs. Burnham said that she would have preferred to see the development of an existing property rather than eat into green areas, but understood that the cost of conversion is more than new build. Mr. Melhuish also expressed his worry at the loss of open space. Concern was expressed that the provision of further sheltered housing in the village could prejudice the interests of the younger elements of the community. It was confirmed that a majority of the members of the Parish Council are in favour of the scheme, and that they have agreed to the required new access. It was agreed premature to invite members of the Warnham Society to vote on the use of the glebe land until the plans are developed in greater detail.

- 8.0 BEST KEPT GARDEN COMPETITION. The Chairman explained that the annual award by the committee is judged over the year and is not granted just for summer display. The assessors had decided to make a joint award this year, and garden tokens were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Goodrich of 13 Church Street and Mr. & Mrs. Holder of 43 Bell Road,
- 9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS, There was no other business to discuss and the formal part of the A.G.M. was therefore concluded.

BIRDS OF WARNHAM

Sir James Dalrymple-Hay introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. John Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Natural History Society and the Sussex Ornithological Society and, together with his wife, is an enthusiastic member of the Warnham Wildlife Sanctuary where he monitors the bird life. He gave a most interesting and entertaining illustrated talk on the surprisingly large number of species who are either resident in the sanctuary or who visit during their annual migration. The talk was greatly enjoyed by the members, and was followed by open discussion.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A. G. Brand.