

## **THE WARNHAM SOCIETY**

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

CHAIRMAN : F. M. Lee CBE      SECRETARY : Mrs. J. Jameson-Bates Dip. Arch

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Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall  
at 8.00pm on Friday 10 November 1995

### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions and apologies for absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 October 1994, and discussion of any matters arising, (minutes enclosed)
3. Receipt and approval of the Receipts and Payment Account for the year ending 30 September 1995. (enclosed)
4. 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.
5. Report by the Committee on the past year and matters arising from this report. (copy of the Report enclosed)
6. Discussion on any other matters that members may care to raise.
7. Introduction of the Guest Speaker.

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#### **Report by the Committee on the Last Twelve Months**

During the year we have involved ourselves in a number of issues and activities:

#### **A24 Improvement**

Progress by the County Council has been depressingly slow: and it was with dismay that we learnt that the earliest start date for the main construction is now 1999. We continue to press the case for the scheme with the County; our principal concern now being to ensure that there is no further slippage.

#### **Traffic Calming**

we have continued our discussions with the County Surveyor's Department on our proposed scheme: some details remain to be agreed. In parallel, we have been in touch with the County Highways Committee about programme and funding. They do not see funds being available for many years, if at all. We have decided to continue to work up an agreed scheme so that one is ready should the money become available.

#### **Road Naming**

Contrary to our understanding which we reported last year, the District Council informed us earlier this year that the new nameplates were not in fact available. This was because there was confusion between the postal addresses in use and road names shown on Ordnance maps. As new nameplates would be likely to add to the confusion we decided not to pursue the matter.

#### **Gatwick Airport**

Although the possibility of a major second runway has been shelved, for the time being at least, studies of possible ways of providing extra capacity continue. We will respond to any proposals as

necessary. We have written to the Department of Transport and to Sir Peter Hordern to support the GACC's concerns about increased night flying.

### **Planning**

We have not been involved in any controversial planning matters in the last year. We are pleased to see the Tilletts Lane housing going ahead quickly and that the agreed routing of construction traffic appears to have kept the potential nuisance to a minimum.

### **Relations with Other Bodies**

We continue to liaise closely with the Warnham Parish Council on matters of common interest and, as mentioned above, we also continue to support the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign.

### **The Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies**

The Warnham Society is a member of the FSAS, the cost of which has been £20 payable to the main Federation and £5 to a Horsham group. Following our attendance at a number of, in our view, ineffective meetings we have withdrawn from the Horsham group. The committee also takes the view that membership of the Federation itself is of doubtful value and we think we should withdraw from it. We would welcome members' views.

### **VE / VJ Days**

This year saw a number of events to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the Society was represented on the organising committee for two of these in the village – the spectacular bonfire on the village green in May, and the lunch given for the wartime veterans on VJ Day. The Society also organised and ran the barbecue on VE Day, the profit from which – some £110 – went towards the VJ Day lunch. Members of the Society also helped as food and wine waiters on the day.

### **Membership of the Warnham Society**

We should still like to see more members. Please tell your friends.

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 1994 TO YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1995

Balance brought forward from audited accounts to 30th September 1994	BANK CASH	155.03	97.63	252.66
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Receipts

Subscriptions by cheque		71.00		
by cash			112.10	
in advance 95/96			3.00	
Donation			7.00	
Profit from refreshments			5.46	
Bank interest (gross)		3.12		
Proceeds of VE day Barbecue			220.20	<u>421.88</u>
				674.54

Less Expenditure

Hire of Village Hall		40.00		
Subscription Sussex Amenity Society		25.00		
Civic Trust		20.00		
Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign		5.00		
Expenses of Traffic calming		30.00		
Cost of Barbecue Food etc. VE day		107.91		
Profit of VE day barbecue given to VJ day celebration		112.29		<u>340.20</u>

Funds carried forward

	BANK CASH	315.56	18.78	334.34
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Signed.....

R.H.Newman  
Hon. Treasurer

1st October 1995

Signed.....

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

Dated.....

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### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the Village Hall on Friday 10 November 1995**

Present: about 40 members and guests

Chairman: P. M. Lee CBE

- 1.0 INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence had been received from Sir James and Lady Dalrymple-Hay, the Rev. Canon J. Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. R. Melhuish and Mr. & Mrs. Williams.
  
- 2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM: All members had received a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 October 1994. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mrs. Burnham and seconded by Brigadier Hall. They were, therefore signed by the Chairman as being a true record of the proceedings. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
  
- 3.0 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS: Copies of the Accounts to the year ending 30 September 1995 had been sent to all members, and there were no questions raised at the meeting. Mr. Newman expressed his thanks to Mr. Boud for his auditing of the Society's accounts.  
  
Mr. Lee advised members that, because Mr. Newman had served for the full 5 years as Treasurer, he would be standing down from the committee from that day. Mr. Lee expressed the thanks of the Society for all Mr. Newman's work over the years.
  
- 4.0 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lee said that Mr. Read had agreed to become Treasurer following Mr. Newman's retirement, and that all remaining members had expressed a willingness to stand for re-election.  
  
The motion that these members be re-elected was proposed by Mrs. Lee and seconded by Mr. Newman.

5.0 REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST YEAR: The Chairman went through the Report which had been circulated to members, and the following points were raised:-

**A24 Improvement.** On December 4 1995, at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, a presentation will be given to the Parish Council by the Highways Department of the West Sussex County Council.

**Traffic Calming.** Mr. Purcell gave the members an update on the negotiations with the County Council, and said that the scheme was now fairly advanced. In view of the apparent lack of County funding it was asked whether voluntary monies could be raised to implement the scheme. As the works could cost in excess of £30,000 this was not thought to be practicable. Mr. Hodgson suggested that there are sources of funding, possibly through the rates. Avenues of funding would be agreed with the Parish Council.

Mr. Read was asked about his liaison with Broadbridge Heath Parish Council on the introduction of a one-way system. He said that nothing concrete had come out of his liaison, but he advised the meeting that BBH PC were in favour of some measures being implemented.

**Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies.** The motion that the Warnham Society should resign from the FSAS was put to the members present. As a result of the vote it was agreed to withdraw from the Federation.

6.0 BEST KEPT GARDEN AWARD: Mr. Lee reported that the Society's award for the garden which had contributed most to the village streetscape during the year had been given to Mr. Dale of 64 Friday Street. The members applauded Mr. Dale for his achievement.

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Lee advised of a meeting to be held on 29 November 1995 at 7.30 entitled 'Police Meet Public'. Copies of an explanatory leaflet were available for members interested in attending. Volunteers from village organisations are required to form a committee to deal with Warnham's entry in the Best Kept Village and Britain in Bloom competitions. The Chairman asked that names of volunteers be given to him or the Secretary.

The publication 'Causeway Houses' is available from the Horsham Society and Horsham Museum.

Residents of Warnham have until 27 November to comment or object to the parking restriction proposals for Church Street. It was agreed to discuss this matter after the TravelWise presentation should members wish to remain. (see post meeting notes)

The formal part of the AGM was then concluded.

## TRAVELWISE IN WEST SUSSEX

Mr. Purcell introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Eric Hinkley, Mr. Hinkley lead the meeting through the West Sussex County Council's TravelWise workshop in which members were invited to participate in identifying problems with travel and transport systems in the county, and to help explore solutions to these problems. The ideas of the members could then be used by the County Surveyor to produce policies which will reflect the perceptions of residents of the county. It proved to be a stimulating and lively debate in which the audience had to work quite hard, but which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. R. Courtier.

### PROPOSALS FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH STREET:

Following the TravelWise workshop, the meeting was extended to allow members to discuss the proposed introduction of double yellow lines along Church Street. Mr. Purcell explained the proposed parking restrictions which comprise lengths of double yellow lines between Friday Street and Bell Road, the lines alternating along the east and west kerbs. Notices giving the times of enforcement (believed to be at all times) will be required for each length of lining, but it was unclear whether these would be fixed to existing lamp posts or whether new posts would be erected.

Mrs. Burnham explained that an application had originally been made in 1993 for yellow lines opposite the Hollands Way junction. Mr. Hodgson confirmed that the Parish Council had asked the County Council for the yellow lines, but that they had wanted them to be continuous along the west kerb. The County Council have changed the configuration and made the scheme unnecessarily complex. He wanted some of the scheme to be implemented, and said that the Parish Council will ask for cut backs in order to retain parking for the cottages.

Mr. Lee said that he was opposed to yellow lines in a conservation area, and that the Warnham Society would submit objections to the proposals if that was the wish of the majority of members. A show of hands indicated that a majority of members wanted the Society to object. It was also suggested that individuals should submit their own objections to the County Council.