

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES

REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

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

**Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall
at 8.00pm on Friday 1 November 1996**

AGENDA

1. Introductions and apologies for absence.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 1995, and discussion of any matters arising (minutes enclosed)

3. Receipt and approval of the Receipts and Payment Account for the year ending 30 September 1996.

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 enclosed)

6. Discussion on any other matters that members may care to raise

7. Introduction of the Guest Speakers.

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Report by the Committee on the Last Twelve Months

A24 Improvement

The County Council exhibited their latest proposals at a Public Consultation earlier this year. We decided not to comment at this stage on the details of the scheme: we realised that, in trying to improve a particular situation for some people, we could worsen it for others. We therefore felt that individuals should make their own comments on aspects which affected them personally. But we did make a general comment that, whilst we were supportive of the scheme, it would give very little traffic relief to the village unless some traffic calming was also put in place, and we asked for this to be included in the overall project.

Traffic Calming

In consultation with the Parish Council, we have had further meetings with the County about our proposals. The present position is that the concept is agreed in principle and we are now working on preparing plans for agreement of the detail. Funding of the work is still a problem unless we can have it included in the A24 scheme (see above).

Gatwick Airport

The main development has been the change in night-flying regulations by the Department of Transport. The number of night flights has not been reduced, but the maximum permitted noise level has. The possibility of providing a second runway continues to be closely monitored by the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign.

Planning Matters

We have not been involved in any controversial planning matters in the village.

We did, however, obtain a copy of the third review of the Structure Plan which was published in June. In our comments we asked that the countryside gap between Horsham and Warnham should

be redefined as a strategic gap; that conservation areas should be given special consideration, with a presumption against development in these areas; and that in considering development along transport corridors, the line through Warnham should not be put in the category of "frequently used". Examination in public of the Plan will probably take place in Spring 1997.

Parking Restrictions in Warnham

As agreed following last year's AGM, we made representations to the County to have the scale of the restrictions drastically reduced. Although not to the extent that we would have liked, some parts of the original proposals were deleted or amended; and the colour of the lines is not as intense as many people had feared. Further changes may be proposed by the County in the future.

Relations with other Bodies

We continue to liaise with the Parish Council and we continue to support the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign. As agreed at the last AGM, we have now withdrawn from the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies.

Membership

We placed a notice in the Warbler a few months ago, aimed at recruiting new members. This in itself was not very productive, but we have a number of new members from Warnham Manor. We welcome them to the Society. If any member has a suggestion for attracting new members, please feed your ideas in via any member of the committee.

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ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 1995 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD
FROM AUDITED ACCOUNTS
TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1995

Cash £ 18.78 .
Bank £315.56 .

£334.34

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions:-
Cheque £100.00

Cash £ 52.00
Donations £ 34.00
Profit from refreshments £ 10.60 .
Bank interest (gross) £ 4.07 .
Other £ 15.00 .

TOTAL £215.67

PAYMENTS

✓ Hire of Village Hall £ 45.00 .
Subscriptions to other organisations:-
✓ Civic Trust £ 21.00 .
✓ Gatwick ACC £ 10.00 .
✓ Expenses re traffic calming £ 17.28 .
✓ Structure Plan £ 8.00 .
✓ Garden comp. £ 25.00 .
✗ Other £ 26.79 .

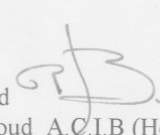
TOTAL £153.07

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 19.50 .
Bank £377.44

TOTAL £396.94

Signed Date
G J Read (Hon Treasurer)

Signed  Date 23.9.98 .
R J Boud A.C.I.B (Hon Auditor)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held at the Village Hall on Friday 1 November 1996

Present about 45 members and guests.

Chairman P. M. Lee CEE

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: The Chairman welcomed all present. Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. & Mrs. D. Marshall, Mr. & Mrs Way, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. E. Gibson, Mr & Mrs. N. Horton and Mrs. Bodanski.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM: All members had received a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10 November 1995. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mrs. Burnham and seconded by Mrs. Lee. 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 1996 were distributed at the meeting Mr. Read, the Treasurer, explained that these accounts had yet to be audited but that he did not expect to have to make any changes. No questions were raised on the accounts. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mrs. Burnham and seconded by Mrs. Lee

4.0 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE: Mr. Lee said that the Committee at present comprises eleven members, all of whom are prepared to serve for a further year. As the Constitution allows for twelve members, Mr. Lee extended an invitation for another person to join the Committee. He also asked for a volunteer to take on the role of Secretary as Mrs. Jameson-Bates had expressed her wish relinquish this task.

The motion that the existing Committee be re-elected was proposed by Sir James Dalrymple-Hay and seconded by Mr. Dutton.

5.0 REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST YEAR: The Chairman went through this Report, copies of which had been circulated to the members. He made the following points to amplify the Report :-

A24 Improvement. The District Council have recommended the inclusion of traffic calming measures in Warnham as part of the works associated with the dualling of the A24.

Membership. The need for new members remains if the Society is to best reflect the interests of the village. Several residents of Warnham Manor have joined, and he welcomed them to the Society.

A comment was raised from the floor regarding the yellow lining along Church Street i.e. that parking has been prohibited opposite the church where the road is at its widest, Mr. Lee commented on the difficulty of making changes to such schemes, although reductions can be made more readily than extensions.

6.0 BEST KEPT GARDEN AWARD: Mr. Lee reported that the Society's award for the garden that had contributed most to the village streetscape during the year had been given to Mr. & Mrs Tynan of 12 Gardeners Close. The members applauded them for their achievement.

7.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: As no further matters were raised for discussion the formal part of the AGM was concluded.

LAND ACQUISITION FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Following on from the Society's Spring Meeting and Margaret Podd's statements on the large numbers of additional houses to be built in the county, Rydon Homes had kindly agreed to explain the processes of land acquisition from the Residential Developer's point of view. Roger Povey opened the presentation by discussing how private companies set about identifying potential development sites, illustrating the process with his analysis of development potential in Warnham. He went on to explain his approaches to land owners, and his negotiations with Planning Authorities. Bob Moran extended the discussion on land acquisition to include the reclamation of industrial sites for housing use. Often such sites are heavily polluted by earlier industrial processes, and complex and costly remediation techniques have to be employed before they can be redeveloped for housing. The benefit of achieving successful land reclamation in largely urban areas is the consequent reduction in demand for greenfield sites in rural areas. Roger Povey and Bob Moran were ably assisted in their presentation by Clive Miles who operated the visual aids.

The presentation was followed by lively discussion with the audience which reflected strong feelings both for and against new housing development.

A vote of thanks was given by the Chairman, Mr. Lee.