

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

CHAIRMAN: P. M. Lee CBE SECRETARY: Mrs. M.E. Dales

**Annual General Meeting to be held at the Warnham Village Hall
on Friday 24th October 1997 at 8pm**

AGENDA

1 Introductions and apologies for absence.

2 Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st November 1996, and discussion of any matters arising. (minutes are enclosed).

3 Receipt and approval of the Accounts from 1st October 1996 to 30th September 1997.

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, a copy of which is enclosed.

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

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Report by the Committee

This has been a comparatively quiet year for the Society, due in part to the many other activities in the village surrounding the 750th Anniversary of the appointment of Warnham's first vicar. We played our part in the Fete by running a competition based on photographs taken in the village, and the barbecue was organised and manned by members of our committee.

We have nevertheless remained active in a number of areas of particular interest to the Society, and which we reported in the August edition of the Warbler. Briefly, these included:

A24 Improvement

Although design work and the Statutory procedures appear to be well in hand, there is now a major problem with the funding of the scheme. We wrote to Francis Maude MP urging him to maintain pressure on the Transport Minister to ensure that there would be no delay on this score, but he has replied that the Government do not intend to make financial provision for the project in the coming year. This is very disappointing and, although Mr. Maude will continue to press, further delay seems inevitable.

Traffic calming

Unfortunately the County have now made it clear that they will not fund a scheme for the village, so if traffic calming is to go ahead the money will have to be found from elsewhere. We will reopen discussion with the Parish Council to explore what possibilities are open to us.

Gatwick Airport

We have continued to support the Gatwick Airport Conservation Committee and we have written to our MP and to our County Councillor seeking their support for the GACC's efforts to reduce noise and nuisance; and in particular to resist any attempts to go against the legal agreement in respect of any second runway.

Housing

We will continue to monitor proposals for new houses or settlements in and around the village.

Committee membership

We were pleased to welcome Margaret Dales as our new Hon Secretary, and we are most grateful for the work done by her predecessor, Jan Jameson-Bates. We have some vacancies for Committee members and would be pleased to receive nominations.

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ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 1996 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD
FROM AUDITED ACCOUNTS
TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

Cash £ 19.50 ·
Bank £377.44 ·

£396.94

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions:-
£147.00 ·

Donations £ 20.00 ·
Profit from refreshments £ 4.80 ·
Bank interest (gross) £ 4.05

TOTAL £175.85

PAYMENTS

Hire of Village Hall £ 26.00 R.
Subscriptions to other organisations:-
Civic Trust £ 21.00 R.
Gatwick ACC £ 10.00 R.
Printing Headed Paper and Cards £ 80.00 ✕

Garden comp. £ 25.00 ✕


TOTAL £162.00

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 6.90
Bank £403.89

TOTAL £410.79

Signed G J Read (Hon Treasurer) Date

 *met.* 23.9.98
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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Warnham Society
held on 24th October 1997 in the Village Hall**

1 Introduction and apologies for absence

This meeting was held after the Autumn Meeting of the Society, addressed by Mr. Michael Rowan, Conservation Architect of West Sussex County Council.

Approximately forty members attended.

Apologies for absence were received from Sir James and Lady Dalrymple-Hay, Mrs. Bodanski, Mrs. Hallard, Robert Courtier, Dennis Dutton and Mr. and Mrs. Tewkesbury.

2 Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 1st November 1996

The minutes were agreed; proposed by Mrs. J. Burnham and seconded by Mrs. J. Lee

3 Receipt and approval of the Accounts from 1st October 1996 to 30th September 1997

The accounts were approved; proposed by Miss V. Ronaasen and seconded by Mrs. S. Dutton.

The Treasurer stated that Membership cards would be issued to all members.

4 Election of the Committee for 1997 – 1998

Mrs. Jan Jameson–Bates did not wish to stand for re-election. The Chairman thanked her for the work which she had undertaken for the Society over several years as its Secretary. This was wholeheartedly endorsed by the meeting. The ten remaining members of the Committee were willing to stand for election. Their re-election was proposed by Brigadier M. Hall and seconded by Mrs. D. Kup. A further nomination of Mr. D Cottell was proposed by Mrs. S. Dutton, seconded by Mrs. O. Thornton.

All of the proposals made above were carried by the Meeting.

5 Report by the Committee on the year 1996–1997 Following the presentation of the report the Chairman invited comment on the items covered .

A 24 and traffic calming in the village Disappointment was expressed on the delay to the A24 Improvement Scheme. Mr. N. Horton, W.S.CC. Councillor for Warnham, encouraged members to write individually to their M.P., Francis Maude, on this matter. Several members expressed support for a speed limit on the single carriageway sections of the A24, but it was thought that this was not favoured, especially by the police, since it would be practically unenforceable.

Traffic calming in the village was discussed, all the more needed in the absence of the A24 improvements. It was clear that money to carry out any measures would have to come from the Parish level , and could be in excess of £25 000 to implement the scheme costed a year earlier. Some members expressed the opinion that the parking restrictions in Church Street had caused a slowing down of the speed of vehicles.

Gatwick Airport was again discussed. GAAC had encouraged the Society, and its

members individually, to lobby for restrictions on noise, particularly at night, and to keep up pressure to resist any breaking of the agreement on the building of a second runway.

Housing provision in the area had been much in the news. The certainty that West Sussex would be required to make a major contribution to new housing caused concern. In the absence of specific planning applications in the Parish, it was a case of 'wait and see'. It was queried whether housing provision could be linked with road building. It was seen that this could necessitate a large scale residential development, which some members thought to be undesirable.

6 Any Other Business Mr. Bob Collyer, Editor of the Warnham Warbler, invited members to an open meeting to discuss future plans for the Warbler, on 26th November at 8p.m. in the Parish Room.

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.