

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

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

COMMITTEE 1997 – 1998

P. M. Lee C.B.E. – Chairman
G. Read - Treasurer & Vice-Chairman
Mrs. M Dales – Secretary Mrs. R Ashton
A. G. Brand
Mrs. J. Burnham
D.S. Cottell
R.M. Courtier
Mrs. S. Dutton
Mrs. O. Thornton
Miss V. Ronaasen

**Annual General Meeting to be held at the Warnham Village Hall
on Thursday 1st October 1998 at 8pm**

AGENDA

- 1 Introductions and apologies for absence.

- 2 Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 1997, and discussion of any matters arising. (minutes are below)

- 3 Receipt and approval of the Accounts from 1st October 1997 to 30th September 1998.

- 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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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 1 October 1998

Report by the Committee

A number of activities and initiatives have been pursued during the year, with differing degrees of success:

A24 Improvement and Traffic Calming

The news on both of these is disappointing. The A24 Improvement continues to slip and we have not been able to make progress on developing a scaled down, and more affordable, traffic calming scheme for the village. We will try to take this forward during the coming year.

Speed Limits around Warnham

An excellently prepared case has been put to the County Highways Department by the frontagers for a speed limit along the full length of the road between Broadbridge Heath and Warnham. The Society subsequently gave its full support to the proposal; but in addition we asked that consideration should be given to the introduction of speed limits on all the approaches to the village, at the points where the approach roads leave the surrounding main roads. We also asked that notices "Preserve this Rural Area; please observe Speed Limits" be installed similar to those at Rusper and other villages in what is known as the Dorking Box. The County have replied saying that they are monitoring a number of experimental locations and that decisions will depend on results.

Housing

The Society, in conjunction with the Parish Council, supported Horsham District Council's petition against the Secretary of State's decision to impose the extra 12,800 houses in the County. The petition was well supported in the village and the Society was represented when the petition was presented to No 10 Downing Street. Sadly we now hear that the Judicial Inquiry was lost and the present position is that the extra provision must remain.

Gap between Horsham and Warnham

Both the Parish Council and the Society made representation to the County Planning Department about the status of the Gap between Horsham and Warnham and Broadbridge Heath. We asked that it should be upgraded from Local to Strategic Gap, particularly in view of the erosion already taken place to the gap. The Parish Council subsequently asked for a meeting with the Planning

Officer and invited our chairman to attend. Regrettably no such meeting has yet taken place, but we stand ready to support the Parish Council if and when it does.

Visit to Arboretum

By kind invitation from Mr & Mrs Lowe of Nursery House, members had a very interesting visit to their gardens on 21 March. It came as a surprise to many of us to learn of the many rare examples of different tree species. Mr & Mrs Lowe have invited Society members to visit "at any time" and we are currently trying to arrange a series of suitable dates which we will notify to members in due course.

Millennium Funding

The committee have suggested to the Parish Council that a possible candidate for Millennium funding could be the installation of a village pond, perhaps at the bottom end of the village green. It is too soon to know how the Parish Council will respond, but it may be useful to have other, fallback, suggestions. Members may care to consider and give any proposals to the committee.

Horsham Local Transport Forum

The Horsham Society has invited your chairman to represent them in this Forum, which has an advisory and consultative role in assisting the County and District planners in drawing up a strategy for transport of all kinds in the Horsham area. Although representing the Horsham Society, he will ensure that the particular interests of Warnham and its surroundings are not overlooked.

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ACCOUNTS 1ST OCTOBER 1997 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD
FROM ACCOUNTS
TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 1997

Cash	£6.90	
Bank	£403.89	
		<u>£410.79</u>

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions:-
Cheque £61.00

Cash £ 120.00
Donations £ 9.00
Profit from refreshments £ 15.10
Bank interest (gross) £ 4.26
Other £ NIL

TOTAL **£209.36**

PAYMENTS

Hire of Village Hall £ 55.00
Subscriptions to other organisations:-
Civic Trust £ 21.00
Gatwick ACC £ 10.00
Expenses Hon Sec. £ 56.35
Other £ 32.20

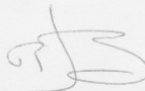
TOTAL **£174.55**

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 4.40
Bank £451.20
GACC Sub. £10 (£441.20)

TOTAL **£445.60**

Signed Date
G J Read (Hon Treasurer)

Signed  Date 24.9.98.
R J Boud A.C.I.B (Hon Auditor)

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st October 1998

Approximately thirty members attended the A.G.M. which followed the Autumn Meeting.

1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Burnham, Mrs. J. Bodanski, Mr. D. Dutton, Mr. G. Read, Miss P. Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. Treasure.

2 Minutes of the AGM held on 24th October 1997 were approved as a correct record. Acceptance was proposed by Robert Courtier, seconded by Janet Lee and carried by the meeting.

3 Matters arising These were discussed under item 6.

4 Receipt and approval of the audited accounts for the period 1/10/97 to 30/9/98

Funds carried forward amounted to £ 445.60. Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Peter Merryweather, seconded by Rosemary Ashton and carried by the meeting.

5 Election of members of the Committee Philip Lee, the retiring Chairman thanked the Committee for their support, and expressed his appreciation particularly to Rosemary Ashton and Geoff. Read, who did not wish to stand for re-election. Thanks were expressed by the Committee to Philip Lee who was also retiring from the Committee, after a period of active and efficient Chairmanship. Four nominations to the Committee were received:

Reg Melhuish (Nominated by Philip Lee & seconded by Margaret Dales)

Dick Newman (Nominated by Olive Thornton & seconded by Janet Lee)

George Elliott (Nominated by Shelagh Dutton & seconded by Dulcie Kup)

Martin Rogers (Nominated by Philip Lee & seconded by Olive Thornton)

All nominees were elected.

It was proposed by Janet Lee and seconded by Dulcie Kup that the rest of the 1997–98 Committee should be re-elected for 1998–99. This proposal was carried by the meeting. Thus the Committee for 1998–99 is:

Mr. A.G. Brand	Mrs. J. Burnham	Mrs. M. Dales
Mrs. S. Dutton	Mr. G. Elliott	Mr. R. Melhuish
Mr. R. Newman	Mr. M. Rogers	Mrs. O. Thornton
Miss. V. Ronaasen		

The Committee subsequently appointed the following officers; Chairman –

Mrs. M. Dales, Vice-Chairman - Mr. R. Newman, Treasurer- Mr. A.G. Brand

6 Report by the Committee on 1997–98 The Chairman presented the report and answered questions on the progress of certain items. A number of items had been the subject of earlier reports and reflected the continuing concerns of the Society, Examples were improvements to the A24, traffic calming in the village, the impact of the large number of new houses allocated to the area, and the fragile nature of the Local Gap. These issues would continue to be addressed by the Society in the coming year.

7 Spring Meeting 11th March 1999 Ideas for topics were requested. The meeting ended at approximately 9.55 pm.