

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting to be held at Warnham Village Hall  
on Thursday 23rd October 2003 at 8pm

### AGENDA

1 **Apologies** for absence

2 **Approval of the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 2002.

3 **Matters arising**

4 **Receipt and approval of the accounts** from 1st October 2002 to 30th September 2003. Copies of the audited accounts will be available at the AGM

5 **Election of a Committee** to serve for one year. The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least eight and no more than twelve members.

6 **Special Resolution** to allow the Treasurer to continue in office for one year.

7 **Report** on the year 2002-2003. Copies are enclosed with this agenda

8 **Other business** appropriate to the Meeting. Item 10 (4) of the Constitution requires that **fourteen days' notice** must be given for any such business. Please notify the Chairman of any matter which you wish to be considered

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October 2003

Dear Member

Enclosed are the Agenda and papers for the Autumn Meeting and AGM, to be held on Thursday 23rd October at 8pm in the Village Hall. The Treasurer's Report and a Statement of the Accounts will be available at the Meeting.

Details of the Speaker and topic for the Autumn Meeting are on the enclosed sheet, and we hope that members and visitors will find both the subject and its presentation stimulating and enjoyable. Though not on the staff of English Heritage, Julian Humphrys does much work for the organisation as a historian and lecturer. He will illustrate his talk with slides. Please encourage neighbours who are not members to come along to the meeting. Admission is free to members though we would welcome donations, particularly from non-members.

Subscriptions for 2003-2004 will be due in October. They can be paid at the Autumn Meeting, or sent to the Membership Secretary, Martin Rogers at Bailing Hill House, Warnham, RH123RT. The subscription remains the same as last year (£5 per couple and £3 for individual membership).

Last year we reported being under strength on the Committee. Sadly Vivienne Ronaasen died during the summer after a considerable period of ill health. She had served on the Committee for nine years. Two of our long-serving Committee members, Shelagh Dutton and Dick Newman, have decided to retire. We shall miss their contributions to the work of the Society.

Unless we have several new members joining the Committee this year we shall be **seriously** under strength, to the point of possibly being non-quorate, and with the certainty of not being able to continue the work which has been carried out in previous years. Two members of the committee are now Warnham Parish Councillors, and while being willing to serve on the Committee of the Society, there are constraints on the volume of work which they can undertake, and on the occasional conflict of interests which may arise. Both Chairman and Treasurer have served in those offices for five years, the maximum permitted under our Constitution. George Brand is willing to continue to serve as Treasurer subject to approval of the Special Resolution to be put to members at the AGM.

Thus we are approaching a serious "under-staffing", and **must** swell the ranks of the committee if the Society is to continue to thrive. The various duties can be flexibly organised, and obviously the load can be spread lightly if there are plenty of us. The main qualification is enthusiasm for the future well-being of Warnham Parish and a willingness to bring constructive comment to discussions on issues as they arise. The Society is often consulted by statutory and other bodies, so a willingness to read documents on planning and highways issues, recreational projects, airport expansion, waste management, countryside issues etc. would be useful, but not obligatory. We need somebody to type up the minutes (not to take them - they appear for typing as immaculate

manuscripts). Please consider joining a friendly, informal committee and phone me if you would like to find out more about what is involved or to volunteer for nomination. If you wish to nominate a potential Committee member please contact me, having ascertained the nominee's willingness to stand.

As noted in the Annual Report, progress has been made on the **Traffic Management Scheme**. An exhibition of what is proposed is being prepared, probably for the end of November. The date and venue will be publicised in the Village shop, on the Parish noticeboard outside Farebrothers, and elsewhere.

The County Councils' Exhibition on the **A24 Horsham to Capel Recommended Route** is due to be mounted for Public Consultation, also before the end of the year. Notices of times and venues will no doubt be published in the local paper, and will be displayed on village noticeboards, so watch this space for both exhibitions.

We hope to see you on 23rd October. Wine and coffee will be available from 7.30, and after Julian Humphrys' talk. The meeting will start at 8.00.

Margaret Dales - Chairman, on behalf of the Warnham Society Committee

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**THE WARNHAM SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23rd OCTOBER 2003**  
**REPORT ON 2002–2003**

**MEETINGS**

There have been eight committee meetings and two open meetings.

**Autumn Meeting and Annual General Meeting 24th October 2002**

The AGM, is recorded in the minutes accompanying this report. The Autumn Meeting talk was given by Dr J Clarke, of Park Surgery, on Primary Health Care.

**Spring Meeting 13th March 2002**

Inspector Simon Morley and colleagues spoke on rural and other policing issues, and joined members for refreshments and informal discussion after the talk.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Warnham Society now has 116 members, which is an increase of one on this time last year. As always we - have a few members who have forgotten to pay this year's subscription but we hope that they will want to renew their membership for the coming year. The cost of the subscription remains the same, at £5 for a couple and £3 for a single member. This allows us to meet the costs of the Society, but only if all our members remember to pay their subscription. We are keen to encourage more people in the village to join the Society. Recruiting campaigns in the past have met with only modest success, so we do rely on the existing membership to encourage their neighbours and friends to join.

**FINANCE**

The Treasurer's report and audited accounts will be presented at the AGM

**RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES**

The Society continues to be affiliated to GACC, CPRE & the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies.

Through our membership of GACC we are kept informed on matters relating to development at Gatwick, and received a copy of GACC's response to the Department for Transport's Consultative Document on The Future Development of Air Transport in the UK. In June the Committee responded formally to the Consultation Document, strongly opposing the construction of one or more runways at Gatwick, supporting the legal agreement that there should be no new runway before 2019 and noting that the consultation document showed - that Gatwick had ample capacity to handle a growing number of passengers, thus allowing for economic growth, without the need for a second runway.

As noted below, the Warnham Society is working with the Parish Council, on a Traffic Management

Scheme, and is represented, with the Parish Council and Kingsfold Residents' Association, on the A24 Liaison Group which was set up to maintain a dialogue with David Hall, the Project Manager of the A24 Horsham to Capel Road Improvement Scheme.

## **PLANNING**

**West Sussex Waste Plan** - We lodged a formal objection to the large scale waste management proposals at the Brickworks and Graylands. Our response was brief, has been acknowledged, and we shall be included in the next round of consultation.

We have monitored the **list of Planning Applications**, published weekly in the Property Section of the West Sussex County Times and have responded where we thought it to be necessary. In general we have adopted a policy of 'non-intervention where there is no planning principle at stake, though we have often commented on the lack of detail provided by applicants and their agents on the materials to be used and have sought assurance that the planning officers of HDC will make adequate conditions on such matters, particularly where the proposed Development, however minor, is in the Conservation Area, or affects a Listed Building.

The greatest effort, and subsequent disappointment, concerned the planning application for 36 houses and flats at **Warnham Court Farm**. A copy of our letter was distributed to members of the Society who will know that in principle, the Society welcomed development on the site, with favourable comment on the inclusion of social housing, but opposed the use of the whole site shown in the plans. We also strongly opposed the position of the access and the design of both the layout and of the buildings. The loss of on-street parking, and the lack of integration of the site with the public footpath were further causes of opposition, as was the surrounding of much of the site by a six foot high brick wall.

In spite of 67 letters urging rejection of the application, the plans were recommended for approval by the Planning Officers of HDC. Representatives of the Parish Council, Church Street Residents and the Warnham Society spoke against the granting of planning permission at the Development Committee Meeting on 3rd June, but District Councillors, including those representing Warnham, voted to grant planning permission.

We understand that the site has been offered for sale, with restrictive covenants allowing only the permitted scheme to be erected on the site. Positive covenants include the requirement for the purchaser to erect the 18 metre brick wall along the eastern, southern and (part) western boundaries.

## **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

There has been progress since last year's establishment of a Joint Working Party, involving the Society and the Parish Council. The plan to establish a 20mph zone in the heart of the village and to sign all roads leading to the village as 30mph or 40mph, has been agreed with WSCC Traffic

Calming Officer, Roger Hobbs. The 40mph limit is on a trial basis, as some stretches of the lanes did not confirm to certain criteria, following analysis of the data from the speed loops laid down in December/January, and by an assessment of domestic frontages and other factors.

It is planned to hold an exhibition towards the end of November to show the planned speed limit zones, and to indicate other traffic management features which might be implemented. This will provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposals.

### **A24 HORSHAM (DAUX) TO CAPEL ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

In October 2002 WSCC and Surrey CC mounted an exhibition showing the route for which funding by GOSE was being sought. With surprise and consternation we learned that the Blue Route, to run to the west of Kingsfold and to include roundabouts at Bearsden and Marches Road, were favoured and granted approval.

The Society had established contact with David Hall, Project Manager for the County Councils, and he proved to be helpful in providing us with the Consultant's (Halcrow) appraisal of the route from which we were able to deduce some of the benefits, or otherwise of the, proposed route. We opposed the Blue Route, particularly the position of the roundabouts which would have increased rat-running through Warnham.

As the Parish Council and Kingsfold Residents' Association were also pursuing the same course we agreed to form a group for liaison with David Hall, the A24 Liaison Group, and met and corresponded during the ensuing months. The three participant groups retain independence and will respond separately when the time comes for the exhibition of the 'Recommended Route and Public Consultation towards the end of this year. We have been privy to the various variations of the Blue Route under investigation by the Consultants, have commented on, and questioned many aspects of the 11 routes under investigation, but have not been free to divulge details of what has been considered, but it is fair to say that what is emerging is a modified 'Blue Route', sweeping west of Kingsfold, with a Marches Road junction.

The Committee will meet very shortly to discuss the 'Recommended Route', will respond, and seek to obtain answers to a number of queries, and intends to take part in the official Public Consultation and subsequent stages of progress.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The letter accompanying this report emphasises the need for new members. Please help us to follow through the projects which we have started, and enable us to continue as a thriving Society

Margaret Dales - Chairman, The Warnham Society October 2003

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

## ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 2002 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2003

Balance brought forward  
from Accounts at 30th September 2002

Cash           £   0.00  
At Bank       £ 336.54

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### Income

Subscriptions:-  
Cheques           £120.00  
Cash               £185.00  
Donations         £ 11.00  
Surplus from refreshments   £ 29.00  
Bank Interest (Gross)       £ 0.41

### Expenditure

Hire of village Hall (AGM)     £ 30.00  
Hire of Hall (Spring Mtg)     £ 30.00  
Administrative Costs         £ 74.88  
Speakers fee (Sussex Police)   £ 15.00  
Insurance (Fed of Sussex  
Amenity Societies)         £ 90.00

Subs. to other organisations:-  
G.A.C.C                         £ 10.00  
Council for the Protection  
Of Rural England             £ 25.00  
Fed. of Sussex Amenity Socs.   £ 25.00  
Horsham Society (NW Sx Branch  
Fed. Amen. Socs)             £ 10.00

**TOTAL                         £345.41**

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Excess of  
Income over Expenditure     £ 35.53

### FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash                 £ 0.00  
At Bank             £372.07

**TOTAL                         £372.07**

Signed *A. George Brand* Date *30/09/03*  
A. George Brand (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed *R.J. Boud* Date *7/10/03*  
R.J. Boud A.C.I.B. (Hon. Auditor)

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This year we have once again maintained our subscriptions at the same levels as the last four years, with little or no change to our income. Our expenditure has increased due to increased insurance fees, unfortunately a necessary cost to cover public liability at these and other meetings.

Administrative costs include mainly for photocopying and postage. Other costs, not included in the accounts, have been absorbed by members for which we are grateful.

The cost of £15.00 in the expenditure column paid to the speaker from the local police was passed on as a donation to Comic Relief

In all a modest increase to funds is shown.

Once again we thank Mr Roy Boud for auditing our accounts.



## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 23rd October 2003 at 8pm

40 Members and visitors were welcomed by the Chairman (Margaret Dales)

1 **Apologies** for absence were received from George Brand, George Elliott, Shelagh and Denys Dutton, and Ivor and Sheila Gibbs.

2 **Approval of the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th October 2002. The minutes were approved unanimously after proposal by Eileen Ramsay, seconded by Mick Hodgson.

3. **Matters arising** (Traffic Management and A24 Great Daux to Capel road improvements) were discussed under Item 7.

4 **Receipt and approval of the accounts** from 1st October 2002 to 30th September 2003. Copies of the audited accounts were available to all present. The Chairman read a report on the accounts, written by the Society's Treasurer, Mr George Brand. No queries were raised. Thanks were expressed to Mr Roy Boud for his continuation as Honorary Auditor.

**Adoption of the accounts:**

**Proposed** : by Tricia Merryweather and **Seconded** by Brian King

**Adopted:** Unanimously

5 **Election of a Committee** to serve for one year. Thanks were given to the Committee for their work for the Society in the past year. As noted in the papers for this AGM sadly, Vivienne Ronaasen died during the summer.

The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least eight and no more than twelve members.

Simon Parker Smith was not seeking re-election. Shelagh Dutton and Dick Newman have decided to retire, after many years of valuable service to the Society.

**Six members of the Committee willing to stand for re-election were:**

George Brand

Margaret Dales

George Elliott

Roger Purcell

Martin Rogers

Olive Thornton

There were **five new nominations**

Bill Bousfield                      Tony Hull                                      Brian King  
Eve Kollmer (recently co-opted to the Committee)      Sarah Rees

A **proposal** to elect all 10 nominees was made by Peter Merryweather, **seconded** by Geoff Read and **carried unanimously**.

The Committee will **elect officers** at its next meeting.

**6 Special Resolution to allow the Treasurer to remain in office for one further year.** The Society's Constitution stipulates that officers should serve no longer than five consecutive years in office. George Brand had expressed his willingness to continue for a further year, if asked to do so by the Committee at its first meeting after the AGM. The AGM was asked to pass a special resolution that the Treasurer be allowed to remain in office for one year (from October 2003 to the AGM in 2004). The Resolution was **proposed** by Sue Overton, **seconded** by Jean Burnham and **carried unanimously**

**7 Report on the year 2002-2003** and discussion on matters arising from this report, copies of which had been sent to members approximately three weeks before the AGM

**1 Traffic and the Traffic Management Scheme** Mr Roger Purcell summarised the progress made with this project since the 2002 AGM.

**2 A24 Great Daux to Capel road improvement** - A resume of the current situation was presented. This included an outline of the work of the A24 Liaison Group.

There was an opportunity to discuss these and other matters informally after the talk later in the evening.

**8 Other business** appropriate to the Meeting. Item 10 (4) of the Constitution requires that **fourteen days' notice** must be given for any such business. No business had been notified.

**The 2003 Annual General Meeting closed at 20.17**