

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

**Annual General Meeting to be held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 4th November 2004 at 8pm**

### **AGENDA**

**1 Apologies for absence**

**2 Approval of the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd October 2003.

**3 Matters arising**

**4. Receipt and approval of the accounts** from 1st October 2003 to 30th September 2004. 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. Report on the year 2003-2004.** Copies are enclosed with this agenda

**7. 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 Correspondence Secretary (Margaret Dales) of any matter which you wish to be considered.

**THE WARNHAM SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4th November 2004**  
**COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON 2003 - 2004**

**MEETINGS**

There have been seven committee meetings and two open meetings. In the absence of a Chairman members of the Committee have rotated the chairmanship at meetings during this year.

**Autumn Meeting and Annual General Meeting 23rd. October 2003**

The AGM is recorded in the minutes accompanying this report. The Autumn Meeting talk was given by Julian Humphrys on 'Bringing Heritage to Life'.

**Spring Meeting 23rd March 2004**

There were three presentations, on the Parish Plan (Mick Hodgson, Warnham Parish Council), the A24 Daux to Capel Road Improvement (Margaret Dales. WSoc. & John Crockford (KRA) and Traffic Management in Warnham (Roger Purcell). These were followed by a social evening.

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Warnham Society has 115 members, which is one less than 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. This year (01/10/03 - 30/09/04) our expenditure slightly exceeded our income, emphasising our need to recruit a few more members, or we shall run down savings at the bank. Our expenses for use of the Village Hall for both AGM and Spring Meetings increased slightly, though a contribution from the Kingsfold Residents' Association (KRA) was received for the Spring Meeting. Though subscriptions for the Society's membership of GACC, CPRE and the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies remained the same as last year, there was a

considerable increase in the insurance premium and we paid £20 to Horsham District Council for copies of the Horsham Development Framework Preliminary Consultation Document. We were pleased to make a donation to Macmillan Nurses in memory of Philip Lee, a former Chairman of the Warnham Society,

Again we are grateful to Roy Boud for auditing our accounts.

## **RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES**

The Society continues to be affiliated to GACC, CPRE & the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies. Through their publications and by attendance at their meetings we are kept informed on relevant issues and respond accordingly.

We made a detailed response to the Horsham District Council Local Framework Consultation Document; a frustrating exercise as the document presented three options on the siting of developments, all of which included university buildings. Before the end of the consultation period it appeared that the accommodation of a university would probably not be necessary. Thus we have not yet had the opportunity to comment on a university-free option. We await the next stage of consultation due early in 2005.

As noted below, the Warnham Society is working with West Sussex County Council and the Parish Council, on a Traffic Management Scheme, and is represented, on the A24 Liaison Group.

We have submitted a page for the Warnham website which we look forward to seeing soon.

## **PLANNING**

We have continued to monitor 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.

## **WARNHAM, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME**

The Society has been active in promoting the proposals to introduce traffic management measures in the village and surrounding lanes to deter through traffic and lower traffic speeds, particularly in peak hours. The scheme developed by the Society has been

subjected to review by the technical officers of WSCC and received their endorsement. Funding for traffic calming in the village will be available as part of the planning permission for the development of Warnham Court Farm. The funds will be sufficient to enable much of the scheme to be implemented. The planned first phase is to introduce lower speed limits on all approach roads to the village and 20mph within the village centre. Approval of the scheme is subject to the WSCC Speed Committee and at the time of writing we are awaiting the outcome of their considerations.

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

Society members are represented on the A24 Liaison Group which was set up with the Parish Council and Kingsfold Residents' Association to monitor West Sussex and Surrey County Councils' development of the A24 Improvement Scheme. There have been nine meetings of the Group in the year, many with the County Council. In September we had a meeting with Tex Pemberton who is the WSCC Cabinet Member responsible for the scheme. The Group has been active in reviewing the reports and analyses undertaken by the County Councils and has identified shortcomings and deficiencies. The Group remains convinced that the impact on the local ecology, landscape, air pollution and human environment of Warnham would be minimised by a route close to the railway at its southern end. Our representatives have been effective in securing WSCC agreement to develop the Liaison Group (Railway) Route in equal detail to the Counties' preferred route, which is located to pass to the west of Andrews Farm and Kingsfold. The Counties' route will be subject to scrutiny by the WSCC Planning Committee early next year when we plan to object to the County Council so preferred scheme and to promote the Liaison Group Route close to the railway. The scheme is likely to be subject to further review at Public Inquiry at which the Society plan to oppose the Counties' preferred route.

### **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.

The Committee of the Warnham Society September 2004

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

## ACCOUNTS 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2003 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004

Balance brought forward  
From Accounts at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2003

Cash           £ 0.00  
At Bank       £372.07

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### Income

Subscriptions:-  
Cheques           £112.00  
Cash               £188.00  
Donations         £ 5.00  
Surplus from refreshments   £ 31.00  
Bank Interest (Gross)       £ 0.44  
KRA contribution to AGM     £ 19.28

### Expenditure

Hire of village Hall(AGM)   £ 35.00  
Hire of Hall(Spring Mtg)   £ 35.00  
Administrative Costs         £ 62.01  
Insurance(Fed of Sussex  
    Amenity Societies)     £ 115.00  
LDF documents from HDC   £ 20.00  
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  
Donation to McMillan Nurses £ 25.00

**Total**                         £355.72

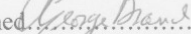
**Total**                         £362.01

Excess of Expenditure  
over Income                     £ 6.29

### FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash               £ 0.00  
At Bank           £365.78

**Total**                         £365.78

Signed  Date 1/10/04  
A.George Brand (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed  Date 17/10/04  
R.J.Boud A.C.I.B. (Hon. Auditor)

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 4th November 2004 at 8pm.**

About 30 members and visitors were welcomed by Margaret Dales who chaired the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Sarah Rees, Quintin & Margaret Knight, Bill Bousfield & Janet Lee.

**2. Approval of the minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2003. The minutes were approved unanimously after proposal by Martin Rogers, seconded by Roger Purcell.

**3. Matters Arising** were discussed under Item 7.

**4. Receipt and approval of accounts** from 1st October 2003 to 30th September 2004. Copies of the audited accounts were distributed. The Honorary Treasurer, George Brand reported that expenditure had slightly exceeded Income due to the Society's high level of activity. No queries were raised.

Margaret Dales thanked George, who is standing down as Treasurer, for his 6 years of service and his work with Sarah Rees his designated successor.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. Roy Boud for his continuation as Honorary Auditor.

The accounts were adopted unanimously after proposal by Roger Jones, seconded by Brian King.

**5. Election of a committee** to serve for one year. The Committee was thanked for its work in the past year. Thanks were also due to Eve Kollmer who resigned during the year. The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least 8 and no more than 12 members.

Members of the Committee willing to stand for re-election:

Bill Bousfield	George Brand	Margaret Dale	George Elliott
Tony Hull	Brian King	Roger Purcell	Sarah Rees
Martin Rogers	Olive Thornton		

Roger Jones co-opted after last year's AGM was willing to stand. There was one other nominee, Quintin Knight.

A proposal to elect all twelve nominees was made by Richard Overton, seconded by Betty Brand and carried unanimously.

The Committee will elect its Officers at its next meeting.

**6. Report on the year 2003–2004** based on the Committee's Report previously circulated to members.

**1. Traffic Management Scheme:** Roger Purcell gave a brief progress report.

**2. Great Daux to Capel road improvement:** A resume of the current situation, including the response to the Parish Council questionnaire, was given by Roger Purcell.

There was an opportunity to discuss these and other matters informally after the Biffa presentation.

**7. Other business** appropriate to the meeting. None notified.

**The 2004 AGM closed at 8.17 pm.**