

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No.100 held on Thursday 20th February 2003 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs M Dales (Chairman); Mr G Brand (Treasurer); Mr G. Elliott; Mr R Newman; Mr R. Purcell; Mr M. Rogers, Mrs O Thornton

1 Apologies for absence were received from Miss V Ronaasen, Mrs S Dutton & Mr S. Parker-Smith

2 Minutes of Meeting No.99 were approved.

3 Matters Arising:

a) Minute 99/9a Mr Elliott reported on his attendance at a committee meeting of the North West Sussex Federation of Amenity Societies. The W.S. Committee expressed its concern that the line being taken by the NWSFAS in respect of A24 improvements could be prejudicial to Warnham and Kingsfold's best interests. The Committee agreed to keep continuing membership of the Federation under review

b) Great War Memorial (Min. 98/10a). Mr Rogers reported that the replacement cross, though of a somewhat different colour from the memorial base, represented the best option available in terms of colour match.

c) (Min. 98/10c) No final decision had been made on the closure of the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst.

4 Treasurer's Report Mr Brand reported that the Society's cash balance is £440.80

5 Membership Mr Rogers reported that 89 households are Society members. About half have paid their subscriptions for 2002–2003; some of the remainder would pay at the Spring Meeting.

6 Planning

a Mr Rogers has advised that there were no new significant applications to report. He reported that the Planning Application relating to Woodstock, Bailing Hill (WN/ /) had resulted in a modification of the agricultural occupancy condition.

b WN/84/02 Warnham Court Farm (Min.99/3d) Mrs Dales has been advised that a date for HDC consideration has not been fixed; it would be April at the earliest. The HDC officers have matters to resolve before the planning application can be presented for determination. Mr Purcell reported his correspondence with Mr Spencer Bryan WSCC on the question of a mini roundabout on Church St outside our preferred access to the site. Mrs Dales reported that 50 or so letters have been sent to HDC, all bar one comment on the proposed access. Three letters of support have also been sent. Mr Elliott expressed his concerns over the uncertain degree of disruption during construction which will be visited on residents and

users of Church Street. He was encouraged to ventilate his personal concerns in a letter to HDC.

c **WN/56/00 Land at Tillett's Lane:** The planning application has not been withdrawn, but there have been no developments.

7 Spring Meeting The following actions were agreed or noted:

- a The format proposed by Mrs Dales
- b Publicity - action as agreed
- c Membership Table Mr Brands Mr Rogers
- d Speaker's Host: Mr Purcell
- e Coffee : Mrs Thornton
- f Wine. Mr Elliott
- g Vote of Thanks Mrs Dales, encouraging members to interact with the speaker & Committee members
- h Mrs Dales will explore the need for any monetary reward to the speaker or Sussex Police
- i Committee members should arrive just after 7pm to set up the meeting.

8 A24 Daux to Capel road improvement Mr Purcell reported that:

- a The Liaison Group of KRA, WPC & WS had had a productive & friendly meeting with David Hall, the WSCC Project Manager
- b The Liaison Group is identified by WSCC as the main local contact for consultation
- c Grant approval by GOSE gives the County Councils the right to develop a scheme to meet local needs. Release of funds depends on deliverability of the final proposal.
- d The project team are charged with determining a preferred route by summer 2003 for consultation in 2004.
- e WSCC have been given a list of objectives by the Liaison Group designed to meet our local needs
- f WSCC will publicise activity by surveyors etc. in the Warbler
- g Tony Poole's video offer is being progressed. He is meeting the costs. WSCC will not be involved, at their request

9 Traffic Management (Min 99/3). Mr Purcell reported that following a meeting with Mr Hobbs WSCC:

- a Traffic loop data analysed to date supports a 20mph speed limit in the village centre and 30mph for an outer ring.
- b The data supports the need for mini-roundabouts on Church Street at Friday Street

and Bell Road junctions

- c More traffic loops remain to be installed, mainly in the rural lanes.
- d The average speed measured at Goose Green is too high to support a 40mph limit.

10 WSCC Waste Local Plan

A Draft Plan has been published. Consultation at public meetings is taking place at which the Committee has been and will be represented. Warnham is one of three major sites chosen for a major waste processing facility.

It was agreed that the committee should develop its views so that it could give a measured response to County during the Consultation period 15th May - 26th June 2003.

11 Correspondence and Reports

a Insurance The Society pays £80 per annum to protect itself against possible claims of negligence from third parties, attending its activities, which include two meetings a year in the Warnham Village Hall. Mr S Ritchie, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee advises that the Village Hall insurance policy covers all non-commercial users. Correspondence from Mr Ritchie will be circulated so that the Committee can determine whether to renew our present insurance policy due on 1st April.

b South Downs National Park Mr R. Overton, a WS member, is seeking support for declaring the South Downs as a National Park. Documentation will be circulated.

12 AOB

a Local Elections Mrs Dales advised that Parish and Local District elections are to take place on 1st May. Nomination papers need to be deposited by 1st April.

b Mr Purcell reported that there had been requests that Tesco might consider routing a bus through Warnham to take villagers to the store. Opinion in the Committee was divided on the merits of such a service. Accordingly, the Committee agreed not to take a decision to support or oppose the proposal at this meeting.

c Robin Hood Roundabout road markings Mr Purcell reported that he has tabled a proposal to WSCC Highways to amend the layout of the entry to the R.H. Roundabout on the A24, from RH, Lane. To reduce the possibility of accidents two lanes are envisaged, one turning left and the other for straight ahead and right turn, WSCC support is likely to be forthcoming.

13. Date of next Meeting: WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL - 8PM AT SANDS (Coffee at 7.45)

14. After the meeting closed Committee members celebrated their centenary with refreshments kindly provided by Olive Thornton