

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No.101 held on Wednesday 9th April 2003 at Sands,

Present: Mrs M Dales (Chairman); Mr G. Brand (Treasurer); Mrs S Dutton, 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,

2 Minutes of Meeting No.100 were approved.

3 Matters Arising:

a) Spring Meeting (Minute 100/7) The Committee agreed that the format of the meeting had been a success, due, in no small measure to the two policemen remaining after their presentations and mingling with members. Mrs Dales has written, thanking the police for their contribution, a £15 donation for Comic Relief was given to the officers. She thanked Committee members for their individual efforts in helping to make the meeting a success

b) Insurance (Min 100/11a). After discussion, the Committee agreed to remain insured under the FSAS scheme, at a renewal cost of £90. This means that we will be covered for activities beyond those in the Village Hall, subject to notification of potentially hazardous events to the insurers. The committee agreed that Mrs Dales should progress her suggestion that the Society considers becoming a charity. The potential tax reclaim on members' subscriptions would fund our insurance cover described above.

c) local Elections (100/12a). Mrs Dales reported that there were 13 candidates for 11 places on the Parish Council, to be contested at the election on 1st May. Mrs Dales and Mr Purcell are candidates.

d) Tesco bus serving Warnham (100/12b) Mr Purcell reported that the Manager of Stanford Orchard is the prime mover in getting Tesco to route a bus via Warnham. The matter is currently being discussed by Tesco's management.

e) Robin Hood Roundabout (100/12c) & WSCC local works. Mr Purcell reported that the revised road markings had been executed at the RH roundabout. The Committee agreed that this suggestion by Mr Purcell should contribute to traffic safety. In this context Mrs Dales reported that, following a letter to WSCC Highways (BBHeath) from Professor Dales, the verge at the Pound Corner Letter box had been reinstated and kerbstones installed.

The erection of road names between School Hill and Northlands Road was noted.

4 Treasurer's Report Mr Brand itemised various disbursements he had made and some which were due He also advised on subscriptions and other receipts from the Spring Meeting. The cash balance stands at £438.

5 Membership Mr Rogers reported that 91 households are Society members, of whom 67 have

paid their 2002–2003 subscriptions, including some at the Spring Meeting.

6 Planning

a) Lower Chickens Mrs Dales undertook to examine the planning application for significant changes at this property, including a possible new junction to the A24.

b) Sands Farm Mrs Dales advised the meeting of current developments at Sands Farm in implementing their authorised planning application. Professor and Mrs Dales are to discuss with HDC planning officers issues relating to landscaping & lighting and their conformity to what was authorized.

c) WN/84/02 Warnham Court Farm The Committee agreed that the changes made by the applicant to his planning application were minor and did not invalidate the Society's concerns. The access proposals were rather worse than before the amendment. It was agreed that Mrs Dales would write to HDC on the Society's behalf making this point. Committee members were urged to do likewise to reinforce any personal submissions. Mr Purcell reported discussions with WSCC on the validity of their approach in determining the conditions for the safe egress by traffic from the proposed development. He is to secure updated documentation prescribing the rules to be applied.

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

7 A24 Daux to Capel road improvement

a) Mr Purcell reported

i) that a planned meeting between the A24 Liaison Group & Mr David Hall, the WSCC/SCC A24 Project Manager has been postponed.

ii) that Mr Tony Poole is proceeding with the video and has secured the services of a TV producer to support its production.

iii) that he had attended a meeting of the A24 Alliance whose members have disparate agenda which are focussed mostly in the southern stretch of the A24, and on wider issues of regional strategy. He advised them that the Warnham Society and its partners in the A24 Liaison Group are clear in their objectives for the A24 north of Great Daux and shall be working with the County Councils to that end.

b) Following the inspector's report on the WSCC draft deposit Structure Plan, there is uncertainty over the scale of housing development in the areas of Broadbridge Heath and Christ's Hospital. Given the current overloading on the A24 around Horsham, improvements will be required before housing can be provided. The number of houses to be built also needs to be decided to determine traffic volumes.

c) A24 Liaison Group members had met HDC Councillor David Jenkins and Transport

Officer Ray Turner, with Mrs Burnham. A24LG members briefed them on our concerns about the A24 Blue Route and our desire to have the route aligned to avert traffic problems in Warnham , including Kingsfold.

8 Warnham Traffic Management (Min 100/9). Mr Purcell reported that all remaining traffic loops have been installed and data collected. Mr Hobbs will meet the WPS/WS working party to discuss the data's implications in the near future.

9 WSCC Waste Local Plan. It was agreed that those interested in contributing to the Society's response to the plan should meet at Sands on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm for a one hour meeting. The conclusions will be discussed at the Committee's meeting on 5th June.

10 Gatwick Airport Mrs Dales undertook to provide members with the second (ie February 2003) DFT Consultation document on The future development of airports in the south east. This should enable the Committee and individual members to determine their response, and submit them to arrive no later than 30th June.

11 Committee Structure & Membership Members were asked to recommend nominees for membership of the Committee and changes to its structure.

12 AOB The Village Hall is provisionally booked for Thursday 23rd October for the Autumn Meeting & AGM

13. Date of next Meeting : THURSDAY 5TH JUNE – 8PM AT SANDS (Coffee at 7.45)