

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 107<sup>th</sup> Meeting held at Sands on Thursday 11th December 2003 at 7.30pm

**Present: Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Hull, Mr King,  
Mrs Kollmer, Mr Purcell, Mr Rogers & Mrs Thornton.**

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**Obituary: The Committee expressed its deep sadness at the death of Philip Lee, member & former Chairman. The Committee agreed unanimously to donate £25 to the McMillan Nurses Charity in his memory.**

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**1. Apologies for absence:** Mrs Rees.

2. The Provisional Agenda prepared by Mrs Dales was approved, as proposed by Mr Elliott & seconded by Mr Purcell.

3. Notes of Meeting 106 were distributed, read & agreed.

**4. Matters Arising:** Covered by other agenda items.

**5. Co-option to the Committee:** Mr Roger Jones was co-opted onto the Committee, as proposed by Mr Rogers & seconded by Mr King.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Mr Brand reported that the Society's funds stand at £499.41 It was agreed that Mrs Dales should be reimbursed for the honorarium she had paid to the Autumn Meeting Speaker.

**7. Membership:** Mr Rogers reported that 45 units out of 91 registered had paid their 2003–2004 subscriptions. The number registered will fall to about 75 when units who have not paid for two years are de-listed.

**8. Planning:**

**a. Warnham Lodge Farm:** Mrs Dales reported that the HDC's Development & Control Committee, North had voted in favour of delegating the decision to the Officers with a recommendation to reject.

**b. Warnham Studios (Extension of operating hours):** Mr Rogers reported that he had written a letter of objection to HDC on behalf of the Society.

**c. Bell Road (Dormer windows extension):** Planning application was refused by HDC.

**9. A24 Daux to Capel:** Mr Purcell advised that the Surrey & West Sussex County Councils

will recommend the modified Blue Route to their cabinets. However, the County Councils Project Team has undertaken to evaluate a route running close to the railway line, designated Option 7, as preferred by the Society. Mr Purcell outlined the process to be undergone to gain approval to build the new road. It culminates in Ministerial approval but the proposal has to be deliverable including surviving a public inquiry & be recommended by the Government Office in the South East & fall within government transport policies. Immediately the Liaison Group will maintain contact with the Project Manager, David Hall.

**10. Warnham Traffic Management Scheme:** Mr Purcell advised that the public consultation exhibition will take place on Saturday 17th January 2004. Committee members agreed to help distribute notices of the meeting & associated questionnaires to all households in the Parish & to help analyse completed questionnaires.

**11. Parish Plan (PP) & Village Design Statement (VDS):** Mrs Dales & Mr Purcell described the history, nature, purpose & the interrelationship of PP's & VDS's. A principal advantage in preparing these documents is that it allows a Parish to contribute proactively to its District Council's Local Plan rather than react to the Council's proposals which are likely to be deficient in local knowledge. The WPC is working actively to determine its preferred approach, so far none has been agreed. Urgency in achieving a resolution arises from HDC's spring publication of its new Local Plan. The best that WPC can achieve, if it is to contribute, is to prepare a framework statement, which falls short of being a PP or VDS. Twelve to eighteen months are needed for their preparation & they require extensive public involvement for acceptance.

**12. Spring Meeting 2004:** It was agreed that the meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The occasion will be used to brief consult & discuss with members on key issues facing the Parish, e.g. A24 Daux to Capel.

**13. Correspondence:**

- a. Mrs Dales undertook to circulate various items to Committee Members.
- b. WSCC has responded to our letter on the Waste Local Plan, in a format based on a careful analysis of our letter. Mrs Dales will review the response against our letter to determine any anomalies.

**14. Any Other Business:**

- a. Mr Purcell advised Mr Bousfield that no additional traffic measurements are planned for Broadbridge Heath Road.
- b. Mr King was advised that WSCC proposals for revised road signing to the

Equestrian Centre, Animal Sanctuary & Business Park were being passed to WPC for comment.

**c.** It was agreed that Mrs Rees should be asked to replace Mr Newman as one of the three authorised cheque signatories.

**d.** Mr Purcell mentioned a spate of break-ins in out-buildings with tack being one target.

**e.** Mrs Dales reported a case of confusion between Northlands Road, Warnham & its namesake in North Horsham, now re-designated Holbrook Road.

**15. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 5th February 2004 at 7.30pm at Sands. Coffee at 7.15pm. Mr Rogers agreed to chair the meeting, Mrs Dales agreed to prepare an agenda.