

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 108th Meeting held at Sands on Thursday 5th February 2004 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Hull, Mr Purcell, Mr Rogers.

1. Apologies for absence: Mrs Thornton, Mrs Rees, Mrs Kollmer, Mr Jones and Mr King

2. Agenda: The Provisional Agenda prepared by Mrs Dales was approved.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the 107th meeting were approved.

4. Matters Arising: To be dealt with in later agenda items.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported that the Society's funds stand at £490.49.

6. Membership: Mr Rogers reported that he had de-listed 23 units who had not paid their subscriptions for two years. Membership now stands at 73 units of whom 47 have paid, leaving 26 to pay.

7. Planning:

a. Warnham Lodge Farm: The applicant appealed on the grounds of "non-determination". A further, but little changed planning application has been submitted. The Society will object on the grounds used against the first application.

b. Warnham Studios: HDC has rejected their application to extend their opening hours.

c. Warnham Court Gardens: The owner is seeking formal clarification from HDC as to whether the outside buildings on the land are legally classed as residential, given payments of council tax in recent years.

d. Firs Lee, Dorking Road: Mr Brand drew attention to a planned extension at this property and its possible impact, through increased occupancy, on sewage disposal. It was agreed that the Society could take no action.

e. Two new planning applications were noted:

- The introduction of a mobile home at Marches Farm
- The extension of a semi-detached house in the grounds of Charmans nursing home leading to visual asymmetry

f. Mr Purcell reported an expected planning application for the erection of a radio transmission mast near the Great Daux roundabout.

g. Signage to Sands Farm Equestrian Centre, the Business Park and Animal Sanctuary: Mr Purcell described the plans to encourage the dispersal and beneficial routing of traffic to and from these businesses. The requisite signage proposals from the WSCC are due to be discussed shortly with the Parish Council.

8. A24 Daux to Capel: Mr Purcell reported that the two County Councils are jointly working up proposals for the recommended route. The Liaison Group has asked the Councils to optimise a railway option for environmental and cost evaluation. Public consultation is expected to take place during the summer.

9. Warnham Traffic Management Scheme: Mr Purcell reported a 40% return of Questionnaires. He distributed the statistical analysis and a summary of comments which were discussed. The response was adjudged encouraging in terms of support for the proposals, the variety of comments and the numbers responding. The questions raised at the recent exhibition were noted. The Working Group (of the Society and the WPC) will meet shortly to determine the next steps. A key requirement is the agreement of the Parish council. The Committee thanked Mr Purcell for his work in developing, managing the distribution and analysing the questionnaires.

10. The Parish Plan (PP) & Village Design Statement (VDS): Mrs Dales explained that the Working Group of the Parish Council needs help from the County Council's expert on PP matters on the methodology for developing a PP. For a PP to gain acceptance it requires widespread public acceptance. WPC intends to launch the Plan at its annual meeting in the spring 18 months is seen as a reasonable time to prepare a Parish Plan. WPC has prepared an outline Village Design Statement as input to the forthcoming HDC Local Plan. WPC is due to discuss its draft with Mr Rowley of the HDC.

11. Spring Meeting Thursday 25th March: The following actions were agreed:-

A Presentation

Parish Plan – 10 minutes. Mr Hodgson or speaker t.b.a.

A24 Great Daux - Capel, 20 minutes. Co-presentation by Mrs Dales and a representative from the Kingsfold Residents Association.

Traffic Management, 20 minutes, Mr Purcell.

B Arrangements:

Hall: booked by Mrs Dales

Timetable: 7.00pm : Committee members arrive to set up

7.30pm - 8.00pm: Wine and Coffee: served

8.00pm - 9.00pm: Presentations

9.00pm - 9.30pm: Wine and canapés

9.30pm -10.00pm: Restore Hall

Coffee: Mrs Thornton to be approached.

Canapés: Mrs Dales.

Wine: Mr Elliott.

Subscriptions: Mr Brand and Mrs Rees (if available). There will be no entry fee for non-members.

OHP: Mrs Dales to approach Mr Hodgson.

Leaflets: Mrs Dales to prepare, incorporating the involvement of the Kingsfold Residents Association into the text.

Warnham Warbler: Mrs Dales.

Invitations to Members: Mr Rodgers will prepare and incorporate a reminder to those whose subscriptions are overdue. He will also ask Mr Roger Jones if he could print envelope labels and place invitations in envelopes for distribution.

Distribution of Envelopes: Mrs Kollmer.

Chairman: Mrs Dales to seek Mr King's agreement to chair the meeting.

12. Correspondence: Mrs Dales undertook to circulate a document from the CPRE and a questionnaire for the FSAS, which members may copy and respond to if they so wish.

13. Any Other Business:

It was noted that the Society has insurance cover within its FSAS policy for incidents within and without the Village Hall. Without this policy our cover would only apply within the Hall.

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th April 2004 at 7.30pm at Sands, coffee at 7.15pm. Mrs Dales agreed to ask Mr King if he would chair the meeting, she also agreed to prepare the provisional agenda.