

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 113th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Wednesday 17th November 2004

Present: G. Brand, B. Bousfield, M. Dales, G. Elliott, R. Jones, Q. Knight, R. Purcell, S. Rees, M. Rogers & O. Thornton

Chairman of this Meeting: M. Rogers

1. Apologies for absence: T. Hull & B. King
2. The Provisional Agenda prepared by M. Dales was agreed
3. Minutes of Meeting 112 were approved with one amendment
4. Matters Arising:

.1 Woodstock has had its agricultural restriction lifted

.2 Warnham Traffic Management Scheme: R. Purcell reported that WSCC officers had indicated at a recent meeting that the 30mph limits on some roads could be extended to compensate in part for the lack of agreement on a 40mph limit proposed in the Scheme. Settlements like Goose Green could seek hamlet status to secure a 40mph limit

WSCC hope to implement the Scheme in the next financial year using their own funds until Section 106 funds become available from the Warnham Court Farm development. About £4500 is available from the Warnham Court development for "gateway" construction. The Scheme now proceeds to Outline Design, then public consultation leading to Detailed Design

It was agreed that the Society's input into the Scheme had resulted in its substantial acceptance by WSCC and facilitated its likely inclusion in next year's work schedule

.3 Parish Plan and Village Design Statement: HDC has received an outline VDS from the Parish Council. The Parish Plan project was launched at a recent public meeting at which a list of topics for attention was compiled. Volunteers were sought to join the Steering Committee and to provide other help in moving the project forward

.4 The Warnham Website: It is operational and can be accessed at

www.warnham.info. The Parish Council is identifying how it can best contribute to the site

R. Jones agreed to co-ordinate the Society's input to the site

.5 AGM and Autumn Meeting: The Biffa speakers were adjudged to have given a good account of their Company's plans for the Brookwood site. Concerns still exist, especially over traffic problems. G. Elliott had given each speaker a bottle of wine and sent them a letter of appreciation

.6 WSCC Waste Local Plan: M. Dales will ask B. King if he will prepare a response on our behalf for delivery to WSCC by 3rd December 2004

5. Treasurer's Report: S. Rees reported that funds stand at £365.81 with additional bank deposits imminent

6. Membership: M Rogers reported that two new units had joined but only 30 out of 82 units had paid the current year's subs due to a low attendance by members at the AGM R. Jones will reprint Membership Cards using board supplied by M. Dales

7. Planning Matters:

.1 R. Purcell reported that Hutchinson 3G has applied to install a 'phone mast adjacent to the Great Daux roundabout. S. Rees will write to HDC objecting to this proposal and recommend that the applicant finds a more suitable site. Letters of objection must reach HDC by Mon. 22nd Nov. otherwise the application will be automatically approved. WPC is to send a similar letter

.2 B. Bousfield reported that an application had been lodged to modify two listed terraced cottages, 4/5 Goose Green in which he has a part interest. The Committee raised no objection to this proposal

.3 G. Brand reported that a further extension is proposed at Orchard Lodge on the Dorking Rd. The Committee raised no objection to this proposal

8. A 24 Daux to Capel: R. Purcell summarised the results of the WPC's consultative questionnaires, previously circulated. Station Rd. residents had responded heavily, none favoured the Liaison Group Route. The WPC will decide their response to WSCC on 6th Dec. 2004. In its planning application WSCC is expected to favour the Modified Blue Route. Liaison Group Members will try to secure one of the very limited opportunities to address the Planning Committee meeting

9. Committee and Officers 2004/2005: A memo and Chairman's job description circulated by G. Elliott initiated a wide ranging discussion on identifying key tasks and to whom they should be assigned. The following conclusions were reached:

.1 S. Rees was appointed Treasurer

.2 M. Dales undertook to remain the named contact for external bodies for the time being as well as carrying on as Correspondence Secretary

.3 The job description does not recognise the Chairman's role in receiving and assessing correspondence with a view to initiating action sometimes outside Committee meetings

.4 The appointment of a Meetings Secretary could have merit and remains an option in reducing the Chairman's work-load

.5 The problems of undue centralisation or decentralisation were noted

.6 It was agreed to try to appoint a Chairman and Deputy Chairman at our next meeting, then to identify how to help them in securing the effective operation of the Committee and contact with external bodies

.7 It was agreed that candidates could be nominated or self-nominate (ie. volunteer) to serve as officers

.8 Nominations should be submitted to G. Elliott in time for the next meeting. M. Dales undertook to brief B. King in case he should wish to be nominated

10. Correspondence:

.1 R. Purcell agreed to receive emailed minutes from The Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies

.2 M. Dales reported that the County Structure Plan was progressing towards adoption

.3 English Heritage has begun a campaign to reduce visual clutter in our streets from excessive signage etc.

11. Any Other Business:

.1 Wyvern Close is to be the name of one of the roads in the Warnham Court Farm development

.2 The Committee agreed to T. Hull's request that we should attend meetings of the Kingsfold Residents' Association to understand their issues and share ideas

.3 B. Bousfield reported that the Government has allocated £150million p.a. to fund grants to keep threatened rural Post Offices open

.4 The Broadbridge Heath Parish Plan web site is open

.5 www.westsussex.gov.uk is open to residents wanting to say how they want the built environment to look

.6 A free, dedicated, timetabled, bus service is due to start soon serving Horsham, Crawley and East Surrey Hospitals

12. Meetings:

.1 Committee-Tuesday 11th Jan 2005 (a Sands 7.15 for 7.30

.2 Spring Meeting-Thursday 7th April 2005 *Ideas for speakers/topics welcome at next meeting*

.3 AGM & Autumn Meeting-Thursday 3rd Nov 2005