

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 114th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Tuesday 11th January 2005.

Present: Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr. King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell, & Mrs Thornton.

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr Purcell.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Hull, Mr Jones, Mr Rogers & Mrs Rees.

2. The Provisional Agenda prepared by Mrs Dales was agreed.

3. Minutes of Meeting No. 113 were approved after minor amendments.

4. Matters Arising:

4a. A24 Daux - Capel (Mr Purcell): The Parish Council has yet to decide whether to support the Liaison Group Route. The Minister of Transport has decreed that the A24 is not a priority for upgrading WSCC's planning application (to itself) is unlikely to be considered until after May's Council elections. Surrey CC has not submitted its planning application (to itself). Detailed design work has been suspended. These circumstances indicate that the construction of the new road will be deferred.

4b. Warnham Traffic Management Scheme (Mr Purcell): WSCC is developing preliminary designs on which the Parish Council will be consulted. A plan showing the extended 20 & 30 mph limits was circulated. Mr Bousfield & Mr King expressed their concerns about the lack of a 40 mph limit at Goose Green & Northlands respectively, neither of which met the 40 mph limit criteria. Mrs Dales pointed out that achieving hamlet status (cf. Winterfold) conferred no automatic right to a 40 mph limit. Also, the Society should support the current proposals and their implementation leaving the question of 40 mph limits to a later project Alternatively, Mr Bousfield & Mr King could raise their concerns separately at the public consultation on the Outline Design. Mr Purcell pointed out that the 40 mph limit criteria & Sussex Police's views on enforcement made any change unlikely.

4c. Parish Plan and Village Design Statement (Mr Purcell): A Steering Committee has been appointed, a Chairman designate & a Secretary. A VDS is a specific , major component of the Parish Plan. It was agreed that the Society should offer to provide major input to the VDS via the Parish Council & the Steering Group,

all within the umbrella of the Parish Plan.

4d. The Warnham Web Site (Mr Purcell): The site is due to be launched on 1st February 2005. Mr Jones will update the Society's section.

5. Treasurer's Report (Mrs Dales for Mrs Rees): Cash at bank stands at £464.69.

6. Membership: No report.

7. Election of Chairman & Officers : The need for a permanent Chairman was reiterated. Members agreed to undertake administrative tasks which would make a new Chairman's workload less onerous. Mr Knight pointed out that a new Chairman should be able to secure such a redistribution of duties, without diminishing his or her role. Accordingly, Mr King undertook to consider accepting the position, stating he was honoured to be proposed, but pointed out his heavy involvement in civic duties which could influence his decision. He will advise Mrs Dales of his decision shortly.

8. Spring Meeting, Thursday 7th April: It was agreed that the Meeting could be used to advise & consult members on the Society's contribution to the VDS. However, there is a prior need to secure the blessing of the Steering Committee & the Parish Council for our involvement. Mrs Dales will speak to their respective Chairmen to seek their agreement &, ideally, to secure their attendance at the Spring Meeting.

A sub-committee was formed of Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr King & Mr Purcell to plan the logistics of the Meeting, to meet at Sands on Thursday 20th January 2005 at 7 pm.

Mr Brand indicated that his son, Gordon, would help us manage the process of transmitting digital photos through projection equipment, to be borrowed from HDC, as before.

9. Planning Matters:

9a. The Fence at "Highbury ", Kingsfold: The owner of the fence has written to the Society seeking to involve us further in his dispute with HDC, following our letter of objection. It was agreed that we would write to the owner advising him that our contribution to this dispute was at an end, it being an issue between him and HDC.

9b. Various other matters were reported, none of which required action by the Society, as yet.

10. WSCC Waste Plan Deposit Draft: Mr King read out the letter he had written on behalf of the Society within a tight deadline and which has been acknowledged. He was warmly thanked for his efforts.

11. Correspondence etc. (Mrs Dales).

11a. The County Structure Plan has been adopted.

11b. HDC LDF: the latest version will be released on 3rd February for consultation, any response is required by 18th March. A proposal to set up a working party to prepare our response will be pursued after this meeting.

11c. WSCC Consultation Document-Statement on Community Involvement, SCI: It was agreed that the Society should make no response

11d. FSAS-SE Plan Forum, Saturday 12th February: No one was available to attend.

11e. NWSFAS Meetings: Mr Elliott undertook to represent the Society on 17th January in Horsham at 7pm. Representation at the 7th March meeting needs to be resolved.

12. Any Other Business: None

13. The next Committee meeting will take place at Sands on Thursday 10th March 2005, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. Mrs Dales was warmly thanked for her continuing hospitality.