

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 115th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Thursday 10th March 2005

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr Purcell

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

2. The Provisional Agenda prepared by Mrs Dales was agreed

3. Minutes of Meeting No. 114 were approved

4. Matters Arising:

a. The Warnham Web Site (Mr Purcell). It is not yet operational

5. The Treasurer's Report (Mrs Dales for Mrs Rees): Cash at bank stands at £464.77.

Several bills are due for payment shortly. Some outstanding subscriptions should be paid at the Spring Meeting

6. Membership (Mr Rogers): 33 units have paid their subscriptions, reminders are being sent to the 48 units yet to pay. Mr Knight will speak to Mr Jones about Membership cards

7. Election of Officers: Mr King said he was honoured to be offered the position of Chairman, but other commitments precluded his acceptance. It was agreed that the Committee would appoint a chairman for each meeting at the preceding meeting and that person would prepare and distribute an agenda prior to the meeting, to include items proposed by members well beforehand. Mr Bousfield volunteered to chair the next meeting.

Mr Elliott accepted the post of Secretary, undertaking to take minutes of meetings, word-process them & distribute copies to members.

It was agreed that the Spring Meeting newsletter would advise how the Committee is managing its business without a permanent chairman and that it is doing so successfully.

8. Spring Meeting Thursday 7th April: The Society is grateful to Mr Gordon Brand who is assembling the visual elements of the presentation from photos, taken by Committee members and text supplied by Mr Purcell, arising from work undertaken by a sub-committee set up at the last Committee meeting.

Mr Purcell will contact Mrs Rees to confirm that she can supply the equipment to project the visual material, so avoiding the need to borrow a digital projector from HDC.

Mr King agreed to chair the meeting. Mr Purcell will ask Mr Hamer to speak and set the VDS in the context of the Parish Plan. Sarah Eastman (HDC), Mr Purcell & Mrs Dales will make the presentation. Questionnaires will be distributed at the meeting on completion they are to be forwarded to Mr Purcell, contact him with any comments on its design.

Posters advertising the meeting will be displayed widely within the Parish. WSCT will be asked to include an item in its Community Forum pages in the week prior to the meeting.

Other Arrangements:

- a. All Committee members should attend at 7pm to set up furniture & equipment
- b. Keys to Hall: Mrs Dales
- c. Membership Table: Mrs Rees & Mr Rogers
- d. Cable Tape: Mr Bousfield
- e. Coffee: Mrs Thornton
- f. Wine: Mr Elliott

9. Planning Matters:

- a. Warnham Lodge Farm: Applications are being progressed but a resolution seems to be months away
- b. Warnham Cricket Club. An application has been submitted to erect a building behind the pavilion to store equipment. It was agreed that Mrs Rees would object on the Society's behalf on the grounds of inappropriate appearance in its setting.
- c. Mrs Rees is finding it difficult, at times, to comment on applications due to the late availability of drawings. Mr Purcell will arrange for Mrs Rees to be supplied with the Parish Council's list of applications & its attendant drawings.

10. HDC Local Development Framework. Mr King was thanked for preparing the Society's response to the HDC Options papers based on the work of a sub-committee set up to address the issues. To meet the 18th March deadline members were asked to send comments to Mr King by Tuesday 15th March.

11. South East Plan. This consultative document, prepared by the South East of England Regional Assembly (SEERA), contains proposals for housing, transport & employment up to 2026. The Gatwick area and the Sussex Coastal Towns are the two areas within Sussex

identified for expansion. The former includes Warnham and Kingsfold to which we may wish to object. Mr Purcell agreed to circulate his thoughts on the Plan. Mrs Dales will secure a copy of the Plan for use by members. Given the latest response date members were asked to forward their comments to Mr Purcell directly.

12. Correspondence:

a. Mr Hull has resigned from the Committee due to pressure of business. He was thanked for his contribution to the Committee's work

b. Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies, North-West Sussex Group: Dates of meetings have been advised, attendance by Committee members has yet to be resolved.

13. Any Other Business: None

14. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 19th April 2005 at Sands, 7.15 for 7.30.