

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 116th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Tuesday 19th April 2005

Present. Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Jones, Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees, Mr Rogers & Mrs Thornton

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr Bousfield

1. Apologies for Absence. Mr King & Mr Knight

2 The Provisional Agenda was agreed

3. Minutes of Meeting No. 115 were approved with one amendment

4. Matters Arising:

a. The Warnham Web Site (Mr Purcell): The site can be accessed but the information thereon is outdated. WPC plans to work through Mr Sturgess, the site co-ordinator, to enable it to receive and display new data and to advise users accordingly

b. Election of Officers: The newsletter sent to Society members prior to the Spring Meeting explained how the Committee was operating without a permanent Chairman. No Society member has expressed any concern

c. Late Availability of Drawings relating to Planning Applications (Mrs Rees). Mr Purcell, as a Parish Councillor, is providing Mrs Rees with a list of applications, however, the HDC web site is responding far too slowly to information requests

d. HDC Local Development Framework. The Society's response has not been acknowledged which appears to be standard procedure

e. Correspondence (Mrs Dales):

(i) to CPRE web site may be accessed using data on a card available from Mrs Dales

(ii) The latest GACC newsletter outlines BAA's proposals for a second runway at Gatwick. Mrs Dales agreed to write to The Warnham Warbler advising its readers how to contact GACC if they wish to respond to BAA before the closing date of 30th June 2005. The Committee did not agree on a collective response but its members remain free to respond personally

(iii) The FSAS is holding its AGM at Haywards Heath on Wednesday 4th May. Any Committee member wishing to attend can obtain the papers from Mrs Dales

(iv) Details of a lecture and a study course were circulated at the meeting

5. The South East Plan (Mrs Dales): A Working Party has met, decided that the WPC response to the Draft Plan coincided with its members' views and wrote accordingly to SEERA

6. Spring Meeting (Mr Bousfield).

a. Mr Purcell will write to Sarah Eastman, HDC, thanking her for her input

b. The Committee recorded its sincere thanks to Paul Rees & Gordon Brand for their vital technical input to the presentation

c. Some in the 40 strong audience had difficulty hearing Sarah Eastman, who had a temporary voice problem. It was felt that the acoustics of the Village Hall should be considered for possible attention prior to future meetings

d. The Village Design Statement is to be renamed the Parish Design Statement or just the Design Statement

e. Mr Purcell reported that 10 completed questionnaires have been returned to date

f. Mr Purcell distributed first draft copies of a questionnaire relating to the Design Statement Section of the Parish Plan, which, when approved by the Steering Committee, will be sent to all households within the Parish. Mr Jones undertook to seek the comments of Mr J Barter, a neighbour and someone with relevant business experience, on the design of the questionnaire. Committee members were asked to forward their views on it to Mr Purcell

g. Arrangements for the Autumn Meeting should be initiated at the next Committee meeting. The view was expressed that perhaps it was time "for something completely different" by way of a subject

h. Mrs Dales pointed out that the smooth operation of our biannual meetings depends on the efforts of Committee & Society members. We are fortunate indeed

7. The Treasurer's Report (Mrs Rees); Cash at bank stands at £445.92 with interest to come. Committee members are being reimbursed for expenditure incurred in creating the Parish Design Statement from the project budget

8. Membership (Mr Rogers): 57 units have paid their subscriptions, 24 are outstanding. One person has secured life membership on payment of £50

9. Planning Matters:

a. A Planning Application to extend Orchard Lodge on the A24 to provide additional health

care provision has been refused

b. Mrs Rees read out a letter she had sent to HDC setting out the Society's concerns on tree damage & proposed tree selling on the W.C. Farm site and for which she was warmly thanked, especially being done at very short notice

c. The owners of Nonsuch Cottage situated on the ridge of Byfleets Lane want to build a summer house in its grounds. Planning status is being determined

d. A group set up under the Parish Plan to consider the needs of Senior Citizens has recommended the provision of a seat between Stanford Orchard and the village shop, WPC is to ask Gleeson to modify their layout planned outside Woods' premises to accommodate a seat

10. Any Other Business:

a. A24 Great Daux to Capel: Mr Purcell pointed out that land at and around the Warnham brickworks is scheduled for industrial redevelopment in HDC's LDF, SEERA in their South East draft plan foresee the Gatwick area as an opportunity for increasing economic success. He suggested that the improved road access to an expanded industrial area could perhaps be met by locating the new A24 east of the railway line. It was agreed that Mr Purcell would write to SEERA (c. WPC) suggesting that this option should be considered in SEERA's review of the future of an improved A24, including the benefits of a dual carriageway option

b. Traffic Management Scheme (Mr Purcell). To accommodate the 3 mini-roundabouts & the 20 mph area in the village centre a minimum of 19 road signs will be required. A mooted pedestrian crossing in Church St. would require a further two signs. The Liaison Group (WPC & W. SOC reps.) will meet WSCC officers to review the proposals. It is envisaged that the proposals will be put on display to gauge public reaction prior to the WPC deciding whether to proceed with this part of the Scheme

c. Society Documents (Mrs Dales). Mr Elliott agreed to take over responsibility for the storage & maintenance of the Minutes etc. files from Mrs Dales. She agreed to destroy the Society's correspondence file for 1988-1994

11. Date & Chairman of Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd June at Sands, 7.15 for 7.30pm, to be chaired by Mrs Rees. Mr Elliott tendered his apologies in advance. The Committee thanked Mr Bousfield for chairing the meeting and Mrs Dales for her continuing hospitality