

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 117th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on
Thursday 2nd June 2005

Present: Mr. Bousfield, Mrs. Dales, Mr. Jones, Mr. King, Mr. Purcell, Mrs. Rees and Mrs. Thornton.

Chairman for this meeting: Mrs. Rees.

1. Apologies for absence: Mr. Brand, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Knight and Mr. Rogers

2. The agenda circulated by Mrs. Rees was approved.

3. Minutes of the last meeting were approved, and signed by Mrs. Rees.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1. Correspondence: The Society's insurance certificate had been received, as had minutes of the FSAC meeting on 16 May. The Horsham Society forum would be on 9th September.

4.2. The Society commented on the South East England draft plan.

4.3. Mr Purcell said BAA had published their proposals for Gatwick, showing the extension would be the wide spaced runway, 300m west and 1 km south of the close runway option, so that the proposal should be fed into the Local Design Framework statement. Although not part of the government consultation, comments were invited by 30th June. Mr. Purcell would reply for the Society in order that there should be a letter on file.

Spring Meeting: Sarah Eastman had been thanked for her contribution.

The Senior Citizens group had asked if a seat could be provided in the village; Mr. Lucas would not agree to change plans at this stage when approached by Mr. Purcell, but it was agreed he should be asked again when the development was finished.

4.4 The Parish Council have written to SEERA to suggest routing the A24 to the east of the railway line.

4.5. Traffic management: the Senior Citizens want a pedestrian crossing in Church Street, and the provisional plan now shows this.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Rees reported that the bank balance stood at £462.23 at 16th May.

6. Membership: Mr. Rogers had reported that one more couple had paid; 23 memberships were outstanding.

7. Planning Matters:

7.1. Horsham Council had approved the tree felling outside Wyvern Place.

7.2. Warnham Lodge Farm: approval had been granted for the barn conversion, subject to certain restrictions on access and link to the house. Appeals were in progress.

7.3. An application was coming from no. 33 Church Street for change of access. It was agreed that parking in front of the house should be strongly resisted.

8. Parish Plan Questionnaire: The main part of the meeting was discussion of the draft questionnaire which Mr. Purcell had circulated before the meeting, and which he handed out in printed form. The intention was that there would be an introductory section in the Plan, and up to 6 members of each household would be able to respond on each question.

The draft was discussed in detail and a number of suggestions made: some wording was revised, two questions added, and the sequence of questions re-ordered.

Mr. Purcell would incorporate the agreed comments and would re-circulate the amended draft to the Warnham Society as he passed the document to the Parish Plan steering group.

9. Any Other Business:

Mrs. Thornton said it was proposed to build a boundary wall in front of the farmhouse but felt the picket fence should be replaced, in keeping with the rest of Church Street. This was agreed, and Mrs. Thornton will ask Mr. Lucas about this.

Mrs. Dales asked everyone to think of a topic for the Autumn Meeting, to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: 21st July at 7.30 pm at Sands. Mr. King agreed to act as Chairman.