

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 119th Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Thursday
19th August 2005

Present Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Jones, Mr King, Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees, Mr Rogers and Mrs Thornton

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr Bousfield

1. Apology for Absence. Mr Knight

2. The agenda provided by Mr Bousfield was approved

3. Minutes of the 118th Meeting were approved after a minor amendment

4. Matters Arising:

4.1." Streets For All" (Mrs Dales). Two copies were handed out for circulation to Committee members, Mr Purcell was given a personal copy

4.2 The Sussex Oak's Application for Extended Licensing Hours. Mr Bousfield circulated a copy of his letter to HDC setting out the Committee's objections to this application

4.3 The Parish Plan (Mr Purcell).The Parish Plan Steering Committee intends to distribute two questionnaires,one to those aged under 18 and one to those 18 and over. The PPSC is concerned about a shortfall in funding for the analysis of completed questionnaires. Various suggestions were proffered for dealing with this possible shortfall

4.4 Warnham Lodge Farm, Mayes Lane (Mr Purcell). The owner has been asked to fit reflectors to the posts to reduce their hazard potential

5. Treasurer's Report (Mrs Rees): The bank balance is virtually unchanged at about £4.17

6. Membership (Mr Rogers): There has been no change in paid-up members. Mrs Rees advised that income just meets expenditure. It was agreed to keep subscription levels under review. Mr Rogers agreed to write an article for publication in the Warbler to attract new members to the Society

7. Planning Matters. HDC has has turned down an application for the construction of a garage and a new entry at Naboths

8. Autumn Meeting and AGM (Mrs Dales):

8.1 The Village Hall has been booked for Thursday 3rd November

8.2 Mrs Dales is establishing if Mr Bridges can speak or identify someone who can. If neither option works out Mr Jeremy Knight is currently available to speak on the local connection with the Battle of Trafalgar. If this option is adopted the meeting would be a joint one with the Warnham Historical Society

8.3 Mrs Rees is to check with Mr Ritchie the availability of a microphone for use by speakers

8.4 Mrs Dales is to prepare the Committee's annual report to Society members. Contributions from Mr Elliott, Mrs Rees and Mr Rogers should be submitted no later than 10th September

9. Committee Membership: The Committee heard with regret that Mrs Thornton will not be standing for re-election at the AGM. With Mr Hull's resignation and Mr Roger's decision not to stand again there will be three vacancies to fill. Mr Rogers will ask Mrs Kolmer and Mr Purcell will ask Marion Stockley whether they will stand. Members should bring any other nominations to the next meeting

10. Correspondence (Mrs Dales)

10.1 West Sussex Waste Local Plan. It was agreed that Mrs Dales should complete the form accompanying the "revised deposit" but the Society would not participate in the Public Enquiry process

10.2 FSAS, Mr Bousfield hopes to attend the next meeting of the NW Sussex branch on Monday 5th September

10.3 Gatwick Airport Expansion. The Horsham Society is to host a public debate on this subject on Friday 9th September with a prestigious panel of speakers chaired by someone from SEEDA. Advise Mrs Dales if you want to attend

11. Any Other Business:

11.1 Traffic Management Scheme (Mr Purcell). The Committee was updated on arrangements for the public information exhibition on 9th & 10th Sept. It was emphasised that the new roadworks should be of an aesthetic standard worthy of a village conservation area without compromising the Scheme's objectives. The publication "Streets For All" could be a source of ideas

11.2 The Warnham Web Site is not fully operational

12. Next Meeting. Monday 19th September 2005 at Sands, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Mrs Dales to chair. Mr Bousfield was thanked for chairing the meeting and - Mrs Dales for her continuing hospitality