

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 121st Meeting of the Committee held at Sands on Thursday 10th November 2005

Present. Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Purcell & Mrs Stockley

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr Purcell, who welcomed Mrs Stockley as a newly elected member of the Committee

1. Apologies for Absence. Mr Jones, Mr King, Mr Knight & Mrs Rees

2. The agenda proposed by Mr Purcell was approved

3. The minutes of the 120th meeting were approved

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 AGM & Autumn Meeting. The meeting was jointly organised with the Warnham Historical Society (who will pay 50% of the hall rental), it was adjudged a success. The sound system arrangements remain unsatisfactory

4.2 The Spring Meeting. Mrs Dales will consult Mr Bridges to see if suitable arrangements can be made for a field meeting on an April Saturday. Mr Elliott will determine from our insurer what action is required by the Society to maintain cover if a field meeting goes ahead

5. Election of Officers:

5.1 Chairman: Mrs Rees' proposal that the role be shared by two people was accepted. Mr Bousfield & Mr King were appointed

5.2 Correspondence Secretary. Mrs Dales was reappointed. She will forward relevant correspondence to a Chairman as appropriate

5.3 Minutes Secretary. Mr Elliott was reappointed

5.4 Treasurer. Mrs Rees was re-appointed

5.5 Membership Secretary: Mr Jones was appointed

5.6 Committee Membership List Mrs Dales agreed to circulate an updated version

5.7 Publicity. Mr Purcell will send a note to the Warbler reporting on the AGM & Autumn Meeting and giving the names and contact details of the two Chairmen, the Membership Secretary & the Correspondence Secretary

6. Treasurer's Report. Mr Purcell reported that the bank balance stands at £422, £130 of subscriptions are due to be banked

7. Membership. No report

8. The Warnham Website. The site is operational, offering opportunities for communication and interaction. Mr Purcell will ask Mr Jones to update his draft Society entry incorporating details of Committee Officers and Members

9. Local Development Framework. HDC has prepared three documents for submission to the Secretary of State on which representations may be made up to 4.20 pm on 16th Dec. 2005. The Society has received one free set of the Submission Documents, Background Documents and Development Control Policies

The Committee agreed to make representations to HDC, but confining itself to the impact of the Submission proposals on Warnham. The document package will be put on circulation to those Committee members wishing to participate in formulating our response, a time limit of two days before forwarding to the next recipient may be needed. Mr Purcell will email absent Committee members to find out if they want to take part. A meeting was arranged for Tuesday 6th Dec.2005 at 7.30 pm to determine the Society's views on the "Soundness "of the documents, a new Government process on which HDC has arranged two drop in meetings

10. Planning: HDC has rejected the application to build a conservatory on to Lower Chickens Farm, a listed building

11. The Parish Plan (Mr Purcell): About 40% of issued questionnaires have been returned. Analysis of responses should be available from HDC by the end of November. The Committee agreed to support the Parish Plan Steering Committee by undertaking to progress three Sections of the Plan to the next stage of identifying key issues arising from the analyses. The following responsibilities were assigned:

Section 4 - Housing: Mrs Dales

Section 5 - Public Transport. Mr Elliott

Section 6 - Roads, Rights of Way & Traffic. Mr Purcell

A template document is to be made available to secure a standard approach to the presentations of findings. Completion of this work will precede the preparation of the Parish Design Statement, also being undertaken by the Society

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Visit to Incinerator at Portsmouth: The NW Sussex branch of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies is organising this visit. Any Committee member wishing

to attend should advise Mrs Dales

12.2 HDC has refused 33 Church St.'s application for change of access

12.3 Warnham Lodge Farm has received planning permission for a barn conversion

13. Any Other Business:

13.1 Mr Purcell reported that incidents of hooliganism, vandalism and intimidation are occurring in the village. WPC is issuing a leaflet to village households seeking help in dealing with this problem. Members agreed to help Mr Purcell with the distribution of leaflets

13.2 Mr Elliott reported on his attendance at November's NWSFSAS Committee meeting. It was agreed that future attendance would continue to be shared among Committee members

13.3 AGM Documents: Mrs Dales advised that adverse circumstances dictated their distribution by post rather than by hand

14. Next Meeting. Thursday 12th January 2006 at Sands, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. Mr Purcell was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mrs Dales was thanked for her hospitality. Mr Bousfield agreed to chair the next meeting