

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 125th Meeting of the Committee held at The Tower, Northlands Rd. on Monday 24th July 2006

Present Mr Bousfield, Mrs Dales, Mr Elliott, Mr Jones, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees and Mrs Stockley

Chairman for this Meeting: Mr Bousfield

1. Apologies for Absence. Mr Brand

2. Resignation of Mrs Dales: Mrs Dales has tendered her resignation from the Committee in a letter to the joint Chairmen. Currently, Mrs Dales undertakes two specific roles, Correspondence Secretary and organiser of the biannual meetings, alternative arrangements are required. She is also the holder of a substantial archive which she wants to put in order prior to its transfer to new holder(s). Further discussion was scheduled under A.O.B.

3. The agenda proposed by Mr Bousfield was approved

4. The minutes of the 124th Meeting were approved and signed, then passed to Mr Elliott for filing

5. Treasurer's Report Mrs Rees reported that the bank balance stands at £416.21. She gave Mr Elliott the insurance certificate, bought through the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies, for retention on file. Our subscription to the Federation's N.W. Sussex branch has also been paid

6. Membership It was agreed that Committee Members would approach new Parish residents and encourage them to join the Society

7. Correspondence (Mrs Dales):

7.1 Various documents were put on circulation

7.2 WSCC Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework Two letters have been received from HDC giving dates of meetings & forums. A decision on Committee attendance will be taken at the next meeting

7.3 HDC has approved with conditions, the installation of a telecom. mast at Sands Farm

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

8.1 Current Planning Applications (Mr Purcell):

- HDC has rejected an application to replace an existing telecom mast at Kingsfold
- Orchard House Care Home has withdrawn an application to build an extension
- HDC has rejected an application to extend Pear Tree Cottage
- Upper Westbrook Farm has applied to replace a barn with a bungalow
- HDC has approved the building of a two storey extension to a Church St. property

8.2 NW Sussex Branch of FSAS (Mr Elliott): The principal issue at the July meeting was the Branch's representation at the Examination in Public in September, the Warnham Society will not be represented, as agreed last December. Various village organisations will be taking part, as will the Branch. However, it is clear that those speaking at the Examination will only be allowed to do so within tightly controlled rules of procedure.

The next Branch meeting is on Monday 11th September, attendance by the Society will be decided at our next meeting

9. The Parish Plan Mr Purcell reported that the final version is being prepared. Once it's approved the Society will begin to develop the Parish Design Statement

10. The Autumn Meeting & AGM. Mr J. Lucas has agreed to speak on the Warnham deer park. Mr Bousfield is to agree a title and talk duration with Mr Lucas. Mr King undertook to coordinate arrangements for the meeting, including Warbler publicity as a priority, the Chairmen's report to members & notification of the meeting. Mr King agreed to chair the meeting

11. Any Other Business:

11.1 Mr Purcell reported that the projected funfair had been cancelled by the WPC

11.2 Mr Purcell reported that WSCC has consulted residents on features of the Traffic Management Scheme. On 20th August WSCC officers & WPC members will meet on site to decide their response to residents' concerns

11.3 Wyvern Place Mr Purcell reported uncertainty over the future of the planned pond and concern by residents over parking on the entry road, which has yet to be adopted by WSCC

11.4 Spring Meeting : Mr King suggested that Mr Roger Birch, a local geologist, could be invited to speak on Horsham stone

11.5 Wapple Way Mr King feared that its recent upgrading could lead to its abuse, by 4x4 vehicles, for example

11.6 Mrs Dales' retirement from the Committee:Mr Purcell agreed to be the named person for the receipt of incoming correspondence which he will distribute to Committee members according to their new roles, yet to be identified, hopefully at the next meeting

12.Dates of Next Two Meetings:

Tuesday 5th September 2006 at "Hawthorns", Knob Hill,7.15 for 7.30, Mr King to chair

Tuesday 24th October 2006 at 7 School Hill, 7.15 for 7.30, Mr Bousfield to chair

Mrs Dales was thanked for her years of service to the Committee. In response,she said that members were motivated by what was best for Warnham and did so with good humour which had made her service such a pleasure. Mr King was thanked for his hospitality,as was Mr Bousfield for chairing the meeting.