

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 129th Meeting of the Committee held at The Tower on Thursday 15th February 2007

Present. Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Purcell and Mrs Stockley Chairman for this Meeting:Mr Bousfield

1 Apologies for Absence:Mr Jones,Mr Knight and Mrs Rees

2.The Agenda proposed by Mr Bousfield was accepted

3.The Minutes of the 128th Meeting were approved after one amendment. Mr Elliott reported that he now holds all the Society's Minute records since its inception

3.1. Matter Arising:Mr Purcell reported that HDC has refused to grant planning permission for the erection of a wall on a Friday St. property (see previous Minute 8.3)

4. Correspondence: Mr Purcell reported that he had responded to a letter from CPRE. He agreed to advise Mr Elliott of any dates for forthcoming meetings of the FSAS local branch

5.Membership:

5.1 Honorary / Purchased Life Membership:After discussion it was agreed that no immediate action was required. The revision of the Constitution to accommodate the possible merger with the Warnham Historical Society would be an opportunity to reconsider this issue and any others. The Spring Meeting would be an opportunity to secure Society Members' approval for changes to the Constitution

6.Updating of Website:Mr Jones is to recommend how the Society can use it most effectively

7. Treasurer's Report. Mr Elliott reported that, together with Mr Brand and Mrs Rees, he was now an authorised signatory based on the revised Mandate accepted by HSBC

8.Planning Matters:

8.1The Biffa Site: Mr Purcell reported that the proposed erection of a warehouse was attracting opposition from WSCC and from within HDC. The LDF Inspectors have removed it from The Core Strategy. Accordingly,any development is likely to be a long way off. As agreed,Mr Purcell wrote to HDC expressing our concerns about the projected volume of traffic arising from the warehouse and the planned mechanical recovery facility

8.2Goose Green Barn:Warnham Parish Council has objected to an application to build a stable block

8.3 Warnham Lodge Farm:An application has been made to change a condition of use on recently built accommodation. The Committee saw no reason to change this condition, Mr Purcell agreed to write to HDC expressing this view

8.4 Tildens.An application has been made to extend their business by the purchase of an adjacent property to which the society saw no objection, after due Consideration

8.5 WSCC draft Strategic Waste Plan has been published for consultation. It was decided that Mr King should write acknowledging its receipt making no detailed comment on its contents

9. The Parish Design Statement (PDS), Mr Purcell:The Parish Plan is with the printer. WPC hopes to launch it at an open meeting on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm. Subsequently,it will be distributed to each household in the parish, a task in which Committee Members will participate.

Work must now begin on the PDS. It was initiated by the distribution to the Meeting of a document identifying ideas for content, process, structure etc. to produce a PDS for eventual endorsement by WPC and HDC. The Society has undertaken to be responsible for the preparation of the PDS. There will be no financial cost to the Society for undertaking this role.

The Committee agreed that the first step was the establishment of a Working Group tasked with overseeing the preparation of the PDS. Mr Purcell will write to the Warbler seeking volunteers to join the Working Group or undertake work on its behalf. Given the Society's lead role it would be appropriate for Committee members to offer their services. Mr Purcell will discuss the Society's role

at the next meeting of the Parish Council. Given confirmation of its role the Society would need to determine how to give it practical effect in overseeing successful and timely completion of the project.

It was also agreed that, given the consultation carried out in preparing the Parish Plan, the next public involvement should be with an outline PDS

10. Possible Amalgamation with the Warnham Historical Society (WHS): Mr King undertook to explore with Mr Hamer the feasibility of amalgamation and how it could be brought to fruition with endorsement being possibly sought at the Spring Meeting

11. Traffic Management Scheme (Mr Purcell): Detailed design is proceeding. The project is included in the WSCC 2007–8 budget. There has been a dramatic increase in traffic on roads around the village paralleled by a continuous and wide-spread concern at traffic speeds and the absence of effective traffic management. A Mr Coote, No.2 to Lt.Col. Tex Pemberton at WSCC, is meeting WPC to discuss those and other concerns

12. The Spring Meeting Thursday 10th May (Mr Bousfield). A notice will appear in March and April's Warble. Mr King and Mr Purcell agreed to produce and distribute posters. Detailed logistics will be determined at the next Meeting

13. Any Other Business: Mr Purcell reported police thoughts on where the hand held traffic speed measuring device (SID) could be deployed

14. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 19th April 2007 at Marches Barn, Marches Rd., Winterfold, Mr King to chair. Forward any items for the agenda in good time. Mr Bousfield was thanked for chairing the Meeting and Mr King was thanked for his hospitality