

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee held at Little Broomhall on 16th October 1986

Present : Mr G. P. McMullen (Chairman)
Mrs R Ashton
Mr R Bensted-Smith
Mr P Board
Mr R H Courtier
Mr. R. Melhuish
Mr R C Overton (Secretary)
Mrs O. G. Thornton

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Parr, Mrs Cox and Mrs McLaughlin.

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September

With reference to item 2 and Neighbourhood Watch, it was noted that the minute should have recorded that Mrs McLaughlin would liaise with Mr Dawson in Bell Road. With this amendment the minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

With regard to item 11, Millers' shop in Church Street, Mr Melhuish said that he found the new shop front inoffensive and in fact well up to standard, and it was agreed after some discussion to let this matter rest.

3 Vacancy of Hon Treasurer

There being no one on the Committee who could see their way to taking on the job, three or four other names were mentioned (not all members of the Society) and it was left that these possibilities would be explored before the Annual General Meeting. If these came to nothing someone would have to be looked for at that meeting.

4 Traffic in Warnham

Mr Roger Purcell was present for this item and took part in the discussion. A letter along the lines discussed at the last meeting had been duly sent to the Parish Council on 29th September. The Chairman said that the letter had been discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 13th October having previously been circulated to all members. He was pleased to say that it had been very well received and would form the basis of a recommendation about to be put forward to the County Council. He considered that it was appropriate now to let the Parish Council make the running, and Mr Purcell was inclined to agree.

The Secretary said that he had formed a rather different impression from his seat in the public gallery. It was certainly true that the letter had been favourably commented on in general terms but there had also been some specific criticisms, and he had been left uncertain as to how many qualifications the Clerk would feel obliged to add in forwarding it to the County as he had been instructed. He also pointed out that though the Chairman, Mr Charles Wood, had called for a joint committee (with representation from the Warnham Society) to discuss the issues raised in the letter, this has been emphatically turned down by the Parish Council.

The Chairman said that he would find out from the Clerk to the Parish Council what kind of submission was now being put forward to the County Council and would also remind him that the Society was hoping for a reply to their letter .

5 Planning Matters

A number of planning applications actual or imminent were discussed but no decisions were required.

The Committee noted with pleasure that the Parish Council were recommending to the District Council substantial extension of the conservation area.

6 "Super clean" award to Warnham

The Committee noted this achievement (award for second year running) with pleasure and joined in congratulating Mrs Thornton who had spear-headed the effort. It was also noted with pleasure that Mrs Mary Lockner, Chairman of West Sussex County Council's Coast and Countryside Committee would present the cheque for £150 at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 24th October thereby recognising the Society's involvement. It was agreed to seek views then on how the prize money might be spent - one possibility was cautionary notices to motorists at either main access to the village.

7 Annual General Meeting 24th October

The draft agenda and the Secretary's draft report on the year's activities were considered in some detail, and also a number of points affecting the arrangements for the meeting. No nominations for the Committee had been received from the membership. Mr Roger Purcell was asked if he would accept nomination and agreed, and Mr Melhuish would also approach Mr Michael Smith from Kingsfold.

8 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday 20th November at 8 pm, same venue.