

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 131st Meeting of the Committee held at 7 School Hill on Thursday 14th June 2007

Present. Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell and Mrs Rees

Chairman of this meeting: Mr Bousfield

1 Apologies for Absence: Mrs Stockley

2. The Agenda proposed by Mr Bousfield was accepted

3. The Minutes of the 130th Meeting were approved. Mr Elliott apologised for their late distribution

4. Correspondence: Mr Purcell put a folder on circulation

5. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Rees reported a bank balance of £545.22. CPRE are seeking an annual subscription renewal of £50. Mrs Rees was authorised to pay £30, as allowed by renewal conditions

6. Membership: No new members were enrolled at the Spring Meeting

7. Resignation of Mr Jones: Mr King agreed to ask Mrs Stockley if she would be willing to become Membership Secretary. Also, he would liaise with Mr Jones to ensure the transfer of the Society's records to a Committee Member prior to Mr Jones's imminent departure from Warnham. Mr King and Mr Bousfield are to sign a card, on behalf of the Committee, thanking him for his service

8. Updating of Website: Mr Purcell agreed to update the Society's entry

9. Planning Matters:

9.1 Cider Mill Farm: Planning Applications need to be kept under review due to ongoing developments

9.2 Tickfold Farm: The Committee decided not to object to a proposal to build another house on this property

9.3 Goose Green Barn: The issues related to a revised application were discussed at length. WPC has objected. The decision lies with HDC

10. Parish Plan: The Society is committed to supporting WPC in implementing the Plan. However, it's involved in the development of the Parish Design Statement with completion at the year end, say. Until then, its involvement with the Plan will be limited to normal business, e.g. planning applications, to make best use of its limited resources

11. Parish Design Statement: Mr Purcell gave a progress report indicating that the project was well under way. He distributed a LIKES/DISLIKES document and asked members to pass their comments to Committee members of the Working Group

12. LDF: No report

13. Minerals & Waste: Some Committee Members visited the local BIFFA site where they had useful discussions with the management. As yet, BIFFA has no contract with WSCC for waste processing, which it needs before it undertakes major capital investment, so the project is at an early stage. Mr Bousfield was anxious that the possibility of a dedicated railway line to the site should not be overlooked

14. Warnham Traffic Scheme: Mr Purcell gave an update, including some problems and their resolution. WSCC seem resolved to starting the roadworks in the near future

15. Spring Meeting Review: There was a good attendance for an interesting talk. However, there is continuing disappointment about the operation and development of the Village Hall. It was noted that its management is not a function of the WPC

16. Amalgamation with Warnham Historical Society: Mr King reported that he is due to have another meeting with Mr Hamer to discuss a new Constitution for adoption at the AGM, and any other relevant matters. The questions of Purchased and Honorary Life Memberships should be resolved at our next Meeting for inclusion in the new Constitution

17. Any Other Business: The AGM and Autumn Meeting were provisionally fixed for Thursday 15th

November 2007. Mr Bousfield will book the Village Hall, after confirming there is no clash with a church event. Mr Purcell will contact a possible speaker on Warnham's bird life

18. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th August 2007 at "Hawthorns", Knob Hill, 715 for 7.30pm. Mr King to chair. Mr Bousfield was thanked for chairing the meeting and Mr Purcell was thanked for his hospitality