

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 133rd Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Thursday 18th October 2007

Present. Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees and Mrs Stockley

Chairman of this Meeting; Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Bousfield and Mr Brand

2. The Agenda proposed by Mr King was agreed

3. The Minutes of the 132nd meeting were approved after one amendment

Matters Arising: Mrs Stockley reported that she has the disc containing Members' details and blank Membership Cards Mr Purcell circulated a file of recent correspondence

4. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Rees reported a bank balance of £309.13 as at 19.09.2007

5. Membership: Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees and Mrs Stockley agreed to liaise in determining how to extract information from the computer disc as address labels, lists etc. WHS Members should be added when their details become available

6. Planning Matters:

6.1 West of Horsham Development. Mr Purcell gave a presentation on the Highway Proposals in HDC's draft "Land West Of Horsham Master Plan" and the Traffic Management implications. Discussion centred on making recommendations least detrimental to Warnham, there being no wholly satisfactory solution. The second of the two options was the Committee's preferred solution, but it supports the tabling of an option based on linking the A281 directly to the A264 achieved by removing the roundabout at the western end of the existing BBH bypass, which, with other changes, would deal with the rat-run through Warnham. Mr King will write to HDC giving the Committee's views by 6th Nov. 2007. Mr Purcell was thanked for all his work on this difficult, but important, issue

6.2 Minerals and Waste Management. An update from WSCC was circulated before the meeting relating to the preparation of the Core Strategy and identifying Strategic Waste Sites. The procedures for dealing with these issues keep changing so delaying their resolution.

6.3 FoSAS Update: Mr Elliott was asked to contact the Federation's Secretary to resolve the identification of premises on the Society's insurance policy

6.4 Graylands, Langhurstwood RC. An application has been made to build premises for garaging and washing of buses

6.5 Wise Old Owl P.H. Mr King has emailed HDC recommending that a more appropriate material should be used to roof the veranda

7. Parish Design Statement. Mr Purcell reported that a fourth draft has been circulated. When amended, it could be circulated to a selected wider constituency prior to distribution to Parish residents for their comments. The Working Group, coincidentally, are seeking someone to prepare the final version for publication to the standard of the Parish Plan. They also need photographs, quotations etc. to supplement the text

8. Traffic Management:

8.1 Scheme Update: 20 and 30 mph signs have been installed, some had to be relocated. Church St. is to have a deep resurface and 20 mph roundels painted on. The mini-roundabouts have also to be constructed

8.2 Signing of Village Approach Roads: WPC is in ongoing discussion with WSCC on signs to direct unnecessary traffic away from the Village centre and to limit access through width restrictions. The Committee remains dissatisfied with HGV traffic in the Village and its environs. Mr Purcell spelled out the difficulties in securing timely and appropriate action to improve matters

9. Warnham Historical Society.

9.1 Proposed Amalgamation: No obstacle has emerged. Mr King hopes to meet Mr Hamer next week to resolve such matters as transfer of funds, the WHS constitution and his attendance at the Autumn Meeting, when the Society's Members will be asked to approve the amalgamation

9.2 Amendments to the WS Constitution The objects need to be amended because of the merger and to correct existing anomalies. Mr King will progress with Mr Hamer and Mr Elliott so it is available for approval by WS Members at the Autumn Meeting

10. Autumn Meeting and AGM. 16th Nov 2007 Village 7.30 for 8 pm, Logistics.

Before Meeting:

- The speaker has been engaged and the Village Hall booked, BK
- Warbler entries have been arranged, also website, RP
- Posters will be prepared and distributed, RP
- Notification of Meeting to Members and Agenda: Send not less than 14 days before the Meeting, BK, RPMS et al
- Agenda: Report on Committee activities, BK, BB, RP et al to write
 - : Audited statement of accounts, SR to arrange
 - : Election of Committee (existing Members have agreed to stand, unless they advise otherwise)
 - : Amalgamation of WS and WHS :
 - Amendments to Constitution

Meeting: Open and Lock Hall, Return Keys, SR

- : Committee Members attend at 7pm to set up Hall
- : Collate 40 copies of Accounts, Committee's Report, Amended Constitution, BK/GE and Minutes of last AGM, GE, for handing out at Meeting, ALL
- : Welcome and support speaker with equipment needs, BK
- : Arrange donation to charity in lieu of Speaker's fee, BK
- : Chair AGM and Meeting, BB/JH/BK
- : Take minutes, GE
- : Wine etc., QK
- : Coffee etc., GE/MS
- : Membership renewal, SR/MS
- : Vote of Thanks to Speaker, MS
- : Reinstate Hall, ALL

10. Any Other Business:

10.1 Mr Purcell reported that the Society's website has been updated

10.2 Mr Purcell conducted a survey on behalf of the WSCC Library Services

10.3 Mrs Rees that the Warnham PO faces possible closure

11. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday, 10th January 2008 at Marches

Barn, 715 for 7.30, Mr Bousfield to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing the Meeting and Mr Purcell was thanked for his hospitality