

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 135th Committee Meeting held at Marches Barn on Thursday 10th January 2008

Present. Mr Bousfield, Mr Brand, Mrs Bridges, Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell, Mrs Rees & Mrs Stockley

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence. Mr Hamer
2. The Agenda proposed by Mr Bousfield was agreed, two items were added
3. The Minutes of the 133rd Meeting were approved with one minor amendment Matter Arising. Mr Elliott was authorised to advise the FoSAS that his home address should be the Society's premises' address on our insurance certificate
4. The Minutes of the 134th Meeting were approved

Matter Arising: There is no immediate prospect of the Village Hall's sound system being operational. The Flower Club has bought its own system, the WI expects to follow suit. It was agreed it would make economic sense for the Society to rent the Flower Club's or WI's system, if they were agreeable, for our bi-annual meetings until the Hall's system is operational.

The Committee expressed, yet again, its dissatisfaction with the condition of the Hall. While it welcomed plans for its improvement it would like to be better advised as to what is proposed and to provide some input. There is also a lack of clarity about the management arrangements for the Hall and its finances. It was agreed that Mr Knight and Mr Purcell would help Mr King write a letter to Mr Ritchie, Chairman of the Hall's Trustees, expressing our concerns

5. The Proposed Closure of the Warnham Post Office. Mr King reported that the Society's letter to the PO Consultation Team had been acknowledged. He was disappointed by the showing of PO staff at a public meeting he attended recently. The criteria for taking decisions on closure remain unclear. A decision on closure is due in about 4 weeks' time. Mr Purcell undertook to explore with the Parish Council possible action should the PO decide on closure

6. The Constitution: The minor amendments to the version approved at the 2007 AGM, proposed by Mr Elliott and Mr Purcell, were agreed. It was decided that there was no need to seek the approval of the Society's members at a General Meeting

7. Consolidation of Funds. It was agreed that Mrs Bridges would speak to Mr Hamer to secure the transfer of the WHS funds to the Society's account

8. Membership. Mrs Stockley presented an analysis of the two Societies' membership based on information bequeathed to her. She has prepared schedules listing names of members and their subscription payment status. Mrs Stockley announced she was standing down as Membership Secretary, Mr King thanked her for her analysis which she will share with Mrs Bridges who has agreed to take her place. Their discussions should identify late payers to whom reminder letters will be sent. Members of the WHS will be invited to join the Society

9. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Rees reported a bank balance of £262.72, monies banked have yet to appear in our account

10. The Spring Meeting. The Village Hall has been booked for FRIDAY 9th May, the AGM & Autumn Meeting will be on FRIDAY 24th October, the Hall has been booked. Mr King agreed to ask Jim Woodward-Nutt if he would speak on windmills. Failing this idea, George Francis could be approached to speak on bells. Chris Hare of WSCC is a further possibility. Logistics will be determined at the March meeting

11. Any Other Business:

11.1 Warnham Parish Design Statement. Mr Purcell reported that a Final Draft is ready, photos have been identified and mostly provided, photo captions have to be written, a cover photo has been provided. When complete, typesetting can begin. The extent of consultation with residents is being explored with HDC.

11.2 The Parish Plan. Actions identified in the Plan are largely taking place

11.3 WSCC Local Committee. Mr Purcell attended to suggest the imposition of restrictions on lorries using Warnham's lanes unnecessarily. He was disappointed to receive no support

11.4 Planning. Nothing to report

11.5 Car Accident on Bailing Hill, South Side: WSCC is investigating

11.6 Traffic Management Scheme: Work is in progress. Roundabouts will be constructed after the resurfacing of Church St. The CSO is now authorised to use a radar speed gun which will be used in Warnham

11.7 Capel incinerator. Mr Purcell agreed to arrange Mrs Stockley's attendance, as a representative of the Society, at a public meeting on 28th January in Dorking Halls

11.8 The Bottle Banks adjacent to the Village Hall: The WPC is writing to HDC to complain about the unacceptable overflow of bottle waste over the holiday period. Mr Purcell will prepare a letter for Mr King to send on behalf of the Society

11.9 Correspondence: Mr Purcell put some documents on circulation

11.10 Mr Bousfield reported that residents in Broadbridge Heath Rd, have written to Tex Pemberton seeking a 40 mph limit for the road

12. Date & Venue of Next Meeting. Thursday 13th March 2008 at 7 School Hill, 7.15 for 7.30, Mr King to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing the Meeting and Mrs Stockley was thanked for her hospitality