

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 136th Committee Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Thursday 20th March 2008

Present. Mr Brand, Mrs Bridges, Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell and Mrs Stockley

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr King

Obituary: Members expressed their sadness at the sudden and unexpected death of Bill Bousfield, our Joint Chairman, Mr King paid tribute to his contribution to the Society, he will send a cheque for £25 from the Society to Bill's chosen charity, Medecins sans Frontieres

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Hamer & Mrs Rees
2. The Agenda proposed by Mr King was agreed
3. Minutes of the 135th Meeting:
 - The Minutes were approved
 - Matters Arising:
 - a. The Village Hall. Mr King has written to Mr Ritchie raising the Committee's concerns, (Minute 4), but has received no reply. The next WPC meeting on Monday 31st March will provide an opportunity to raise the matter. Mr King, Mrs Bridges and Mr Knight will attend. Members are asked to email their concerns to Mr King to allow him to prepare a comprehensive written brief
 - b. Overflowing Bottle Banks. Mr King has had no response to his letter to HDC, Minute 11.8
 - c. Amalgamation of Funds: Mrs Bridge will arrange the transfer of the WHS funds to the Society's account, (Minute 7)
4. Treasurer's Report. The following annual subscription renewals are now due and need Mrs Rees' attention
 - FSAS. Insurance
 - FSAS. Membership
 - FSAS, NW Sussex Branch: Membership
 - CPRE: Membership
 - : Mr King & Mr Elliott agreed to determine the degree of legal protection under our FSAS policy
5. Membership. Mrs Bridges has taken over from Mrs Stockley, she has an updated data base on disc. Two groups were identified for attention:
 - WS Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions. Mrs Bridges will send them a reminder letter and notice of the Spring Meeting
 - WHS Members, who are not Society Members. Mrs Bridges will write inviting them to join us and give notice of the Spring Meeting
 - : She will contact Jill Jones of Upper Chickens who is a potential Member
 - : Members agreed to undertake hand delivery of letters within the village
6. Warnham Parish Design Statement: Mr Purcell reported that a final draft with photos is with the graphic designer. The PDS is a statutory document which needs final approval by HDC elected members. Extensive public consultation must be undertaken beforehand, which is in hand.
7. Planning:
 - a. Warnham Lodge Farm, PA DC/08/0026. The applicants remain concerned at their inability to remove restrictions that apply to the development of their property. The Committee will maintain a watching brief and respond as appropriate, eg to any appeal
 - b. Traffic Management: Mr Purcell reported that a SID survey showed a one third fall in

traffic numbers since the installation of the TM measures, speeds are also down. WSCC will carry out its own more extensive survey.

WPC has advised WSCC's County Local Committee of three issues it wants to explore.

- Width restrictions for vehicles on some parish roads
- 40 mph limits on Marches Rd. and BBH Rd.
- Possible realignment of the A24/Knob Hill junction

c. West of Horsham Development. Two options are being considered for the major roads within this development. The Society favours Option 2 as it would have less adverse impact on Warnham, Option 1 is favoured by BBH PC, and HDC, by whom the final decision will be taken in April. A safety shortcoming on the A 24 part of Option 1 makes it less acceptable to WSCC.

d. Waste Management. Mrs Stockley reported on a meeting she attended, arranged by BIFFA, who will tender to build SCC's planned incinerator at Capel. The meeting was poorly attended. If the project proceeds issues to manage the impact of the plant's operation have been identified, e.g. no waste from West Sussex will be treated, vehicle routes will be defined and monitored for conformance.

The approval by WSCC of the ball mill at Biffa's Warnham brickwork site was noted.

8. Warnham PO Closure. Mr King reported that he is awaiting a response from Royal Mail to his letter seeking information on the closure decision process. He is also awaiting a response from WSCC on their thoughts on mitigating the effects of closures. He may raise the matter when he attends the next WPC Meeting, see Minute 3a above

9. Survey of Ancient Woodlands. A survey is being taken at the instigation of The Woodland Trust, Mr Hodgson has asked if the Society would like to take part. Although no commitment was made, the concept was approved. It will be discussed at our next meeting after viewing The WT website

10. Spring Meeting, Friday 9th May. Mr King will confirm arrangements with the speaker, whose fee will be a donation to the Shipley Mill trust. Mr Purcell will prepare a poster for public display, inclusion in the Warbler and as advice to Members, Mr Purcell will liaise with Mrs Bridges. Committee Members will assist with distribution. Mr Purcell will serve wine, Mrs Stockley will help with coffee. Mr King will look after the speaker and undertook to publicly acknowledge Bill Bousfield's contribution. Other logistical arrangements will be agreed at the next meeting.

11. Membership of the Committee & Officers:

- Mrs Stockley explained her decision to stand down from the Committee due to increased external commitments. Mr King thanked her warmly for her contribution during her tenure
- Mr King agreed to continue as Chairman, he will contact Mr Hamer to see if he would replace Mr Bousfield as Joint Chairman
- Members agreed to seek new Members for the Committee

12. Any Other Business:

- Footpath Leaflet. Mr Purcell suggested the Society may wish to publish a parish footpath map annotated with noteworthy features, when time is available
- The Warnham Website. Mr Elliott agreed to provide Mr Purcell with a list of speakers and topics over the past 5 years for updating the website

13. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th April 2008 at Hawthorns, Knob Hill (2nd drive on left), 7.15 for 7.30, Mr King to chair. He was thanked for chairing this Meeting and Mr Purcell was thanked for his hospitality