

THE WARNHAM, SOCIETY

Minutes of the 138th Committee Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Thursday 12th June 2008

Present: Mrs Bridges, Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight, Mr Purcell & Mrs Rees

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence. Mr Brand & Mr Hamer
2. It was agreed that the Agenda would reflect the items in last Meeting's minutes
3. The Minutes of the 137th Meeting were approved
4. Matters Arising:
 - the Website has been updated
 - Mr King & Mr Elliott are to determine the extent of protection against legal action in our FSAS policy
 - the Spring Meeting was well attended, the speaker & his subject were well received
 - the AGM & Autumn Meeting will take place on FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
5. Membership (Mrs Bridges). There are 59 paid memberships, a list of named individual members will be sent to Mr Purcell. Mr Purcell will contact the PCC Secretary to determine how copies of the Parish Plan can be included in "welcome packs" given to newcomers to the village.

The Committee agreed to discuss at its next meeting how to increase membership numbers
6. Treasurer's Report (Mrs Rees). On 19th May the bank balance stood at £ 268.55. For the year to date expenditure is exceeding income. The WHS funds should now be in our account. The GACC subscription is due for renewal
7. The Village Hall: A belated AGM of the Committee was held on 4th June at which accounts for the last three years were distributed. At a well attended meeting there were expressions of dissatisfaction with the operation & facilities of the Hall. The Chairman listed some planned improvements which were regarded as incomplete, a more comprehensive plan with parallel attention to funding seemed to be what was wanted. Members were elected to form the new Committee. Mr King will write to Mr Ritchie asking him to publish the AGM Minutes in the Warbler, the Society will join the user group
8. Planning Matters: - Warnham Lodge Farm: The owners have alleged to the Standards Board of England that a WPC member failed to declare an interest when discussing their Planning Application. The Society was involved in the subsequent investigation. A final report has been issued which will be considered by the HDC's Standards Committee on 23rd June - Knob Cottage. The house has been re-roofed to match the tiling used on an extension. HDC's Enforcement Officer has ruled that this did not breach a planning condition of the two roofs matching, (the house was roofed with Horsham Stone). Mr Purcell will suggest to the WPC that it should consider the logic of the decision - the Parish Design Statement is coming to fruition, statutory consultation with HDC and consultation with residents are the next steps
9. Traffic Management. The scheme is close to completion. WSCC will assess its effectiveness in due course
- 10 West of Horsham Development. WSCC cannot support Option 1 for the planned road system, so Option 2 becomes HDC's only apparent choice
11. Minerals & Waste Management Development Framework. Mr King & Mr Purcell will discuss attendance at WSCC progress meetings
12. Warnham Post Office. The PO has closed. Mr King has written to the Information Commissioner regarding the lack of any response from Royal Mail to his requests for information on the reasons for closure
13. Autumn Meeting, 24th October, Speaker. Mr Hamer is to be approached, to be discussed at

next meeting

14 Any Other Business. In response to a request from FSAS Mr Purcell will suggest two issues of concern to the Society, namely: compatibility of membership of an amenity society and a parish council & Enforcement Officer decisions

15. Date & Venue of Next Meeting. Thursday 24th July 2008 at The Tower, Northlands Rd., 7.15 for 7.30. Mr Hamer will chair provisionally. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Purcell for his hospitality