

## THE WARNHAM, SOCIETY

Minutes of the 143rd Committee Meeting held at Hawthorns, Knob Hill on Wednesday 25th February 2009

Present: Mrs Bridges, Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer, Mr King & Mr Knight

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Brand & Mr Purcell
2. Minutes of Meeting No. 142, 8th January 2009 were approved after the date of next meeting, Minute 13, was amended. Mr Elliott apologised for the confusion caused by his error
3. Matters Arising: None
4. Correspondence:None
5. Treasurer's Report. None
6. Membership Secretary's Report (Mrs Bridges). There is an ongoing need to recruit more members, one new family has joined. Outstanding subscription renewals will be sought using members' email addresses and the notice about the Spring Meeting. Regarding subscriptions, it was agreed that the Society should not continue to run with an annual deficit; also it was noted that costs were rising. After discussion, it was agreed that subscriptions will rise from October 2009 as follows: Family: £8, Single £5. Family is a replacement category for couples. The reasons for the increases will be explained to Members at the AGM
7. Annual Insurance with FoSAS: Mr Elliott & Mr King have examined the Policy document, its principal provision (relating to the Society) is Section 5.2 Public Liability, Indemnity Limit is £5,000,000. Cover is also provided for defending actions brought against us for libel or slander, Section 5.7. This Policy seems to be the cheapest way of securing Public Liability cover, 46 organisations are covered by this Policy. It was agreed to continue with this Policy
8. Planning Matters. Mr Hamer reported that additional signs are to be erected on roads into the village limiting access to HGVs
9. BBH Development. Mr Hamer reported that the proposals by Countryside Properties, Option 2, which differ from HDC's Master Plan, remain to be resolved, as has the impact of the current economic turmoil.
10. The Parish Plan and PDS. Mr Hamer reported that WPC is monitoring Plan implementation. It has identified a need to determine how it can support local business development, societies & clubs. It is pursuing the recruitment of someone to identify needs and how they could be met, as a specific project. Footpaths, a Plan issue, are signed by WSCC. Their condition is not monitored by WPC, but it reacts to reports of deficiencies
11. Standards Board Update (Minute 5, 8.01.2009 refers ) . Mr Purcell remains in correspondence with HDC. Given there has been no response from the Standards Board, it was agreed that Mr King would write seeking a reply to our letter of 13th December 2008

12. Brookhurst Wood, BIFFA Site: The Feb. Update was noted, members agreed to visit the public exhibition in the Village Hall, if possible. Also, see Minute 14

13. Village Hall Update (Mr Knight): The day-to-day operation has been noticeably improved, the painting weekend was a success and the Hall is cleaner. Rental charges have been raised so that current expenditure can be met from income. Two clubs have expressed concern about the higher charges, WPC is willing to consider requests for assistance. Plans for redevelopment have been modified, a proposal will be submitted to HDC seeking planning permission, piecemeal implementation may be necessary in line with funding availability. Preparations are being made for a summer AGM at which annual accounts would be presented. Mr King raised the issue of the Society joining the User Group

14. Spring Meeting: Mr Slyfield of The Horsham Society is willing to speak but is unavailable for this Meeting. It was agreed that Mr King would consult Mr Purcell on his list of Sussex speakers to identify one who may be suitable and available, and to engage at his discretion. Otherwise, BIFFA will be approached. Mr Slyfield will be considered for the Autumn Meeting. Other ideas for meetings were identified involving participation by parish residents, they will be discussed further. A summer walk was discussed either to explore footpaths, local history or nature, to be discussed at next meeting. Arising from this discussion, Mrs Bridges will approach The Field Place Press to find if they are willing to publish "Warnham - A History" by Ron Muggeridge, originally published in August 1985 and for which they hold the Copyright. Its reprinting, 25 years later, say in 2010, would coincide with the Society's Silver Jubilee

15. Any Other Business: None

16. Next Meeting: Thursday 9th April 2009, venue to be identified and announced by Mr King, who will chair the next meeting. Mr King was thanked for chairing the meeting and Mr Elliott for his hospitality