

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 144th Meeting held at The Tower on Thursday 9th April 2009

Present. Mr Brand; Mr Elliott, Mr King, Mr Knight & Mr Purcell

Chairman of this Meeting. Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges & Mr Hamer

2. Approval of the Agenda. Mr King's suggested agenda was approved

3. Minutes of Last Meeting (25th Feb. 2009, No. 143)

3.1. The Minutes were approved

3.2 Matters arising are included in the Agenda

3.3 Mr Purcell put correspondence on circulation

4. Treasurer's Report. Mr Brand reported the payment of annual insurance premium to FoSAS and annual subscriptions to FoSAS & CPRE, as agreed. The bank balance stands at £947.69. The renewal of our annual subscription to the NW Sussex branch of the FoSAS will be reviewed when it falls due. Mr Brand was authorised to renew the GACC subscription

5. Membership Secretary's Report. Not available

6. Expenditure Review:

6.1 FoSAS Insurance: Premium for 2009 - 2010 paid, see Min.4 above. Mr Elliott reported that users of the Village Hall have public liability cover of at least £5m.

6.2 Level of Future Subscriptions: The Committee was agreed that subs. needed to rise with effect from the AGM in October 2009. However, the planned increase from £5/3. (Families/ Singles) to £8/5 should be revisited together with the £6/4 option. The former may result in fewer renewals than the latter. It was noted that Village organisations are experiencing difficulties in retaining/recruiting members. The Society's reserves are equivalent to more than 2 years' expenditure, providing a cushion against an acceptable annual loss. It was agreed to seek the views of the Society's Members at the Spring Meeting

7. Planning Matters:

7.1 Traffic Management - restricting HGV access to village by width restriction: Mr Purcell reported that two promised signs have been erected, others to follow. Mr Purcell reported a lack of enthusiasm to operate SID equipment to deter & detect speeding motorists. However, parked vehicles are important in slowing traffic in the village centre.

7.2 Broadbridge Heath Development. There are no major changes to report

7.3 Parish Plan/ PDS: Warnham has done well to have created both documents

7.4 Waste Management. Mr Purcell reported that WPC is writing to WSCC regarding the Brookhurst Wood site's distance from waste generation points resulting in unnecessary traffic volumes.

7.5 Planning Applications: Mr Purcell reported that there were fewer PAs and none to refer to the Committee

8. Standards Boards HDC Update:Mr Purcell has terminated his correspondence with HDC. Mr King will write to the Standards Board seeking a response to our letter of 13th Dec.2008

9. Celebration of Society's 25th Anniversary. It was agreed that the Society should develop ideas to celebrate in 2010 the 25th anniversary of its establishment. Several ideas were identified, others are sought. Given the time for projects to reach fruition, it was agreed that two ideas should be pursued immediately. Mr Elliott will speak to Mrs Bridges about determining The Field Place Press's reaction to republishing Ron. Muggeridge's Warnham - A History" in 2010 in, say, cooperation with the Society, in time for our next meeting on 14th May 2009. Likewise, Mr Purcell will explore the possibility of preparing a publication on the footpaths in and around Warnham, incorporating history in the geography. Project funding may be available from public bodies. The 2010 Spring Meeting could be a celebratory social event.

10. Warnham Village Hall:Mr Knight reported that a Management Committee meeting after Easter is expected to agree plans for the AGM on 1st July 2009 to be followed by a Mgt. C'ttee Meeting to elect officers. The planning status and funding of redevelopment need to be clarified. It was agreed that Mr King would write to the Mgt. C'ttee seeking membership of the User Group

11. Warnham Nature Conservation Project. Mr Lucas remains enthusiastic and is in discussion with the fields' current tenant. Mr Lucas wants an economic return following the fields' change of use which will require the securing of funds from public bodies

12. Spring Meeting & AGM/Autumn Meeting 2009:The Spring Meeting will now take place on Thurs. 18th/ Fri. 19th June subject to the availability of the Village Hall and the speakers. Otherwise, it will be on 28th May, subject to securing a speaker. The May Warbler deadline is noon Sat.18th April. The Autumn Meeting is scheduled for Fri.16th Oct. 2009. Mr King will contact Mr Slyfield to speak on a Warnham topic, eg the Harben family.

The question of a third meeting will be raised at the AGM

13.AOB:None

14. Next Meeting:Thursday 14th May 2009 at 7 School Hill 7.15 for 7.30, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing the meeting and for his hospitality