

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 146th Meeting held at The Banks on Thursday 16th July 2009

Present: Mr Brand; Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King & Mr Purcell

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr Hamer

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges & Mr Knight
2. Mr Hamer's proposed agenda was approved
3. Minutes of Last Meeting (No. 145, 14th May 2009) & Matters Arising:
 - 3.1 The Minutes were approved
 - 3.2 Warnham Court / Deer Park: Mr Lucas has agreed that the proposed realigned footpath could incorporate a cycle path, he is progressing the proposal with WSCC
 - 3.3 Standards Board: Mr Purcell has been advised by the Chief Executive of HDC that, on review, there was no prima facie case against him and that he had not breached his public obligations. Although there was no statement of exoneration, Mr Purcell accepted that the matter had reached a reasonable conclusion given all the circumstances
 - 3.4 Traffic Management: The erection of the sign discouraging HGVs from using Northlands Rd. is being progressed
 - 3.5: Society's Silver Jubilee: Ideas for a distinctive social event were canvassed, eg a celebrity speaker or local transmission of a BBC programme, further consideration is needed
 - 3.6 The AGM & Autumn Meeting: A subject has yet to be agreed with the speaker, Mr Slyfield. It was agreed that Sir Henry Harben, Warnham's " unsung hero " should be suggested
4. Correspondence: This was put on circulation by Mr Purcell
5. Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported a bank balance of £994.88, with little expenditure due. Following consultation with members at the Spring Meeting it was agreed to raise annual subscriptions from 1st October 2009 to £6 for couples and £4 for singles
6. Membership: Whilst new members will always be welcome it was agreed that membership pro rata to the parish population was reasonable
7. Parish Council (Mr Purcell):
 - 7.1 Broadbridge Heath Development: Countryside Properties are modifying their Planning Application to conform to the Option 1 layout, as preferred by HDC, to Warnham's possible detriment
 - 7.2 The South East Plan calls for the building of an additional 9200 houses in the Gatwick sub-region by 2026. HDC has prepared a list of possible locations, some with potential implications for Warnham.
 - 7.3 Moves are afoot to relax development criteria for large villages e.g. Warnham
 - 7.4 WSCC has a long list of requests to implement Traffic Regulation Orders, including four for Warnham. Their implementation will depend on their priority rating and WSCC's operational capacity

8. Village Hall: Mr King reported that the Society's application to be recognised as a user group member had been turned down. Mr King will circulate a draft response to the Committee. Mr Purcell reported that the planning application for the Hall's redevelopment is expected to be submitted soon

9. Any Other Business (Mr Purcell):

9.1 A new footpath is planned between Mayes Lane and the A24

9.2 Mr Lucas is progressing the nature conservancy project off Tillett's Lane, (butterflies)

9.3 Mr Purcell and Mr Hamer have walked one circular footpath as part of the Society's Silver Jubilee celebrations. Members are invited to identify others and to walk them

9.4 If Ron Muggeridge's book is to be republished a feasibility assessment is needed soon

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th September 2009 at Hawthorns, 7.15 for 7.30, Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality