

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 151st Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Tuesday 23rd February 2010

Present: Mrs Bridges; Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King; Mr Knight; Mr Purcell & Mr Thompson

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Brand
2. The Agenda: To advance arrangements for the Silver Jubilee Spring Meeting, Thursday, 20. 05 2010
3. The Plan: There will be static displays of artefacts related to Warnham laid out on tables around the hall fronted by their providers. One of our Chairmen will welcome Members and guests, reflecting on the Society's 25 years. Drinks will be served. The aim is to promote a relaxed atmosphere of interaction, learning and pleasure as people promenade between displays. The provisional title is "Warnham Past and Present "
4. The Displays: They are as follows, to be arranged by assigned Committee Members
 - a. Warnham Lodge, including pre- Harben material, BK,
 - b. Warnham's Development: Including the Tithe Map, whose size may require it be displayed vertically, photos, graphs, books, the Parish Plan and Parish Design Statement etc will reflect growth to the present day, RP
 - c. Alan Ramsay's photographs, EB
 - d. St Margaret' s artefacts selected by Rachel Hamer, JH
 - e. Warnham Historical Society, WHS, archive materials, JH
 0. Horsham Museum's Warnham artefacts, EB
 - f. Nature Conservation Project by David Bridges, EB

To be finalised:

1. Invitation to author of the Molly Gregson book to sell copies, EB
 2. Arranging sale of surplus WHS materials, JH
 3. Inviting Susan Overton to sell copies of her book on the 100 years of The Flower Show
 4. The Warnham Footpath Map availability in time for the event, see 6 below
 5. A short history of the Society, GE
5. Logistics:
- a. To allow providers time to set up their displays the hall should be opened earlier than 7pm, could Mr Purcell explore with Tara Collins?
 - b. There will be no attempt to integrate materials from different providers to avoid possible confusion
 - c. The Committee wants entry to be confined to paid-up Members, invited guests and those wishing to join the Society (one of the event's objectives), a publicity and entry control issue
 - d. The Committee believes responsibility for avoiding damage to artefacts should lie with their providers, eg by not allowing handling of fragile items
 - e. Mr Knight will arrange the supply of wine and soft drinks on the usual donation basis, also nibbles. Coffee will not be served
 - f. Welcoming guests, Members and enrolling new Members will be carried out by Mr Brand and Mr Thompson, see 5.c above

g. Identifying guests and local media to be invited will be resolved at our next meeting

h. Mr Elliott was asked to prepare a brief history of the Society based on the Minutes of its Meeting in time for the event, he foresaw uses for it beyond the event. He will circulate a draft at his earliest convenience

i. At its next meeting the Committee will arrange to survey the hall to determine the practicalities of the hall's furniture accommodating the planned displays and the provision of seating

j. Publicity will be determined at our next Meeting

6. The Footpath Map, Mr Purcell: The text to appear on the Map has been defined, as has a way of clearly defining the paths on the map so it can be typeset readily. Permission needs to be given by HDC to our selected format. The Parish Council has agreed to fund pre-printing costs. Funding of printing costs will have to be found elsewhere. The Society is clearly not in total control of the timetable so a delivery date for printed copies is difficult to determine

7. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 25th March 2010 at The Banks, 7.15 for 7.30, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing this Meeting and Mr Purcell for his hospitality