

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 153rd Meeting held at The Banks on Wednesday 28th April 2010

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. The Agenda proposed by Mr King was agreed

3. Minutes of Last Meeting (25th March 2010; No.152) - the Minutes were approved

- Matters Arising: covered in the Agenda
- Correspondence: Mr Purcell will circulate

4. Treasurer's Report , Mr Brand: The bank balance stands at £1121.37, two cheques paid to outside bodies are yet to be cashed

5. Membership Secretary, Mrs Bridges: No change in numbers

6. Planning Matters:

- WSCC has approved the construction of the BIFFA treatment plant, the application to build two warehouse units is pending
 - WSCC is considering an application for a major extension of the brickworks - HDC
- Core Strategy Review: A final decision will be taken on the Berkeley Homes development after the General Election

7. The Nature Reserve (Mr Purcell): Guided trips to the Reserve have been carried out. yielding encouraging wild life observations. Mrs Bridge had a fruitful visit to Warnham Primary School

8. Warnham Village Hall (Mr Knight): The AGM is on Monday 5th July 2010 at 7.30, Committee members were urged to attend, if possible. Quotes. have been obtained for the installation of CCTV. There is nothing to report on the Hall redevelopment project. However, the floors have been renovated and the daily operation of the Hall remains very satisfactory. Mr Knight indicated his willingness to serve on the Committee for another year

9. Footpath Map (Mr Purcell): The map is ready for printing, 2000 copies. WPC is being asked to pay for the printing costs, preferably in total and, if not to share them 50:50 with the Society, the Committee has approved the latter deal, should the need arise. The Map will be printed on robust paper so obviating the need for a plastic sleeve. Distribution is to be arranged, but it will be widespread. Our aim is for the Map to be available for the Jubilee Meeting.

10: Spring Meeting:

- A Brief History: It was agreed that Mrs Bridges, Mr Elliott & Mr King would meet on Thursday 6th May at Hawthorns to prepare a final version, taking account of comments from Members on Draft 2, which are solicited before that date, allowing preparation of Draft 3. The document will be photocopied, double-sided on two A4 pages, 100 copies should suffice. Existing and possible new Members will receive a copy. Timing and distribution have yet to be arranged. It will assist the Chairman in formulating his welcome remarks at the start of the Meeting. Mr Elliott was thanked for his work to date.
- Invitees, Publicity etc: The Committee identified a list of people from within and

without the Society who will receive individual invitations; Mr Elliott will circulate a separate list for validation by Members, he will also circulate an invitation text for approval. Arrangements will need to be made to prepare the invitations, address and distribute them. Mr Elliott will be unavailable 10-30 May.

Members and easily accessed village homes will receive their invitations as a poster and footpath map, this effort will be co-ordinated by Mr Purcell, Committee Members will do the physical distribution.

Mr King will write a piece for the WSCT and The Resident, assisted by Mrs Bridges
The current Warbler contains a piece by Mr Purcell, previously agreed by the Committee

- Logistics: The event is timed to start at 7.30pm. Arrangements for welcoming special invitees need to be considered, when Mr Hamer judges that most people have arrived he will give a speech of welcome, to be followed by a 15 minute powerpoint presentation of old photos of Warnham (seating required? Consider on 7th June, see below?) Guests will then circulate between the static displays. As the event comes to an end Mr King will say a few words.

The Displays will be largely as agreed. However, Mrs Bridges' photos will come from a range of providers. Mr King will ask Mr Thornton about borrowing his historic collection to allow Mrs Bridges to mount them as a static display.

Mr Brand will make a table inviting guests who are not members to join the Society on the basis of 18 months for the price of 12.

Mr Purcell will secure a key to allow us to lock the Hall after the meeting, prior to which Committee Members will assist in re-instating the hall.

Committee members will attend the Hall on Monday 7th June at 12.30 to discuss the logistics of setting up the Hall, Mr Purcell will co-ordinate and confirm.

11 An Other Business: Mr Purcell reported that moves are afoot to update the Warnham website, which needs attention.

12. Date & Venue of Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd June 2010 at 7 School Hill 7.15 for 7.30, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for his hospitality and Mr King was thanked for chairing the Meeting

Minutes Approved: _____ Date _____