

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 155th Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Thursday 22nd July 2010

Present: Mr Brand; Mrs Bridges; Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King; 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, 2nd June 2010, No.154
 - the minutes were approved
 - Matters Arising & Correspondence, see Minute 6
4. Treasurer's Report, Mr Brand: Funds stand at £1044.13, enhanced by profits from refreshments and book sales at the Silver Jubilee meeting. The sum of £93.94 has been received from the NW Sussex branch of the FoSAS following its disbandment and its disposal of its funds, a process supported by the Society. Five new members were recruited at the Jubilee meeting under the offer of 18 months' membership for a year's subscription
5. Membership Secretary, Mrs Bridges: There are 5 new members, see Min. 4 above
6. Review of Silver Jubilee Activities: The meeting was judged a great success given the numbers attending, their keen interest and generosity and the subsequent written and verbal compliments. The Society was grateful for cards received from the WI and the Warnham Evening Flower Club congratulating it on attaining its Silver Jubilee. Gifts and letters of thanks to contributors had been appreciated. It was noted with regret that the WSCT had not responded to our invitation to cover the meeting
 - Mr Purcell reported that the Footpath Map has been distributed and well received, indeed the Sussex Oak and The Dog & Duck need more copies. Suggestions for other outlets were made
 - A letter has been received from Liz. Cox and Jenny Mc Mullen identifying perceived shortcomings in the Society's recently produced A Brief History. After a full discussion it was agreed that the document needed to be amended to address the letter's concerns. The following action was agreed:
 - Mr Elliott will agree an amended first paragraph with Mr King for the Committee's approval which will be incorporated in the document on line
 - the Society will lodge the updated version on the Warnham Website
 - the Society will publish an article in the Warbler reporting on the success of the Jubilee meeting and thanking participants. The article will include an admission of error by the Society in doing less than justice in A Brief History to the group meeting which led to the Society's inauguration, based on a draft prepared by Mr Hamer. The forthcoming AGM and Autumn meeting will also be publicised
7. Planning Matters:
 - It was agreed not to comment on an application by Warnham Cricket Club to extend its

pavilion

- It was agreed not to comment on an application by Broadbridge Heath Tennis Club to extend its playing area, (not its number of courts)
- the village hall has received planning permission to extend
- West of Horsham Development: Mr Purcell reported that the developer has been asked by WSCC to re-examine the planned road layout to expedite traffic flows and to minimise traffic diversions on to minor roads and lanes

8. Conservation Matters:

- the Nature Reserve is generating heartening levels of interest from individuals and groups
- WSCC is looking at options for more effective management of its footpath network, due to include those in the South Downs National Park. Proposals for a hierarchy of maintenance levels were voted down at a public meeting. The proposed cycle way from Bell Rd. is being progressed
- there is an ongoing interest in safeguarding trees, highlighted by a current blight problem affecting specific trees. The Society may want to help, it could use the Autumn Meeting to raise awareness

9. Warnham Village Hall, Mr Knight: The AGM was on 5th July, turnout was low. Accounts were presented, a new Committee was elected with several membership changes, Mr Knight was re-elected. An annual report was presented. Planning permission having been given for the hall's extension, work will begin on detailed design and cost determination. The Committee is overseeing the appointment of new advisors to manage its invested funds

10. Autumn Meeting and AGM: The meeting will take place on Friday 15th October 2010 in the village hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. Mr Purcell agreed to ask the Woodland Trust if they could provide a speaker on tree conservation.

AGM documentation required:

- notice in the Warbler
 - prepare and display posters
 - letter to members inviting them to the meeting, to be sent not less than 14 days beforehand, inviting Committee nominations, providing an Agenda, reminding that payment of subs. are due and including the Annual Report, prepared by the Chairmen.
 - the despatch of letters requires the preparation of labels, filling & labelling envelopes and arranging delivery
 - Annual Accounts and Minutes of the 2009 Meeting will be laid out at the meeting
- The above and other arrangements will be discussed at the next Committee meeting

11. Any Other Business:

- Mr Purcell wondered whether some Warnham Historical Society monographs would warrant reprinting in bound format. He also displayed a 1936 cutting from the WSCT containing a piece on Warnham
- Mrs Bridges will be approaching the Broadbridge Heath Historical Society to determine if there are areas of potential mutual benefit

12. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th August 2010 at The Banks, 7.15 for 7.30pm, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Purcell for his hospitality

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____