

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 157th Meeting held at 7 School Hill on Wednesday 29th September 2010

Present: Mr King (Chairman), Mr Hamer, Mrs Bridges, Mr Brand, Mr Thompson, Mr Purcell

1. **Apologies** for Absence: Mr Elliott, Mr Knight
2. **Minutes** of the Last Meeting: no. 156 on 24 August 2010: the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.
3. **Correspondence:** a letter had been received from the CPRE seeking support to question HDC's adherence to housing targets identified in the now abandoned South East Plan. The CPRE feel that the targets may be excessive. The targets are based on a report produced by a property consultant - GL Hearn - for HDC. The CPRE adds support to queries raised on assumptions on which the report is based and the lack of public consultation. It was agreed that the WS should write to the HDC Chairman to add support for public consultation on the housing targets and ask for a copy of the GL Hearn report.

In the light of proposed relaxations by the Coalition Government on the housing targets, planning controls and building regulations it was proposed that the WS should write to Francis Maude MP to request that further weight be given to Parish Plans and Local Design Statements.

A letter had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee seeking input to the design of the proposed new kitchen. A meeting will be held on 19 October and the WS would seek to have a representative attend.

4. **Finance:** the books have been closed for the year and the balance of the accounts stands at £ 1032.41.
5. **Membership:** An up-dated membership list has been prepared. Paid-up membership stand at 38 couples and 16 singles – 92 total.
6. **Village Hall:** a quote £7230 has been received to provide CCTV at the village hall. The PC is to consider a grant for this purpose at its next meeting on 25 October 2010.
7. **Planning:** the PC has recommended refusal to two applications for developments in the village which fall short of the Design Guidelines contained in the Supplementary Planning Document 2008: Warnham Parish Design Statement, to which the WS contributed substantially.

8. **Parish Council:** topics discussed at the last meeting included: dogs fouling the cricket pitch; the need for more allotments; the gate on the car park by the cricket pavilion; a youth club in the village, the parish tree survey and management programme; and renewal of the cricket club lease.

10 **AGM.** Arrangements were reviewed and the following agreed.

- a) Letter of invitation and subscription reminder (by 9th October) – Elizabeth Bridges
- b) Posters/publicity , letter delivery and liaison with speaker –Roger Purcell
- c) Keys to village hall – Brian King
- d) Refreshments – Brian King / Quintin Knight
- e) Chairman, introduction of speaker and vote of thanks - Brian King and John Hamer
- f) Annual report – Brian King
- g) Accounts - George Brand.

Members of the committee agreed to stand for membership next year except Roger Purcell who will stand down after 25 years on the committee.

The book on Molly Gregson book will be on sale at the meeting.

Meet at 7 pm on 29 October in the village hall to arrange chairs etc

11. **AOB.** It was agreed that the WS should notify the Village Fete committee of its wish to be involved in the planned fete in 2011.

NB Brian King's e-mail address is now brian_king@btinternet.com

12. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, 1 December 2010 at The Tower.