

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 158th Meeting held at The Tower on Wednesday 15th December 2010

Present: Mr Brand; Mrs Bridges; Mr Elliott; Mr King; Mr Knight & Mr Thompson. In attendance by invitation, Mr Lancaster

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Hamer

2. Approval of Agenda: The proposed agenda was agreed, with the addition of an item on the Village Hall

3. Minutes of the Last meeting, 29th Sept 2010, No.157

- the Minutes were approved
- a letter has been received from Mr Purcell on behalf of Joy and himself thanking the Society for the gifts they received at the AGM

4, Correspondence:

4.1 A letter has been received from the Warnham Evening Flower Club seeking sponsorship to assist its celebration of its Golden Jubilee. Given its contribution to parish life Mr King was authorised to send the Club a cheque for £ 10 with the Society's best wishes

4.2 A letter has been received from WSCC advising that they have suspended preparation of their Minerals & Waste Core Strategy due to recent uncertainties concerning national and regional matters. We will be kept informed

4.3 A letter has been received from HDC advising their rejection of a planning application for the erection of units at Warnham Brickworks on which we had made representations. The refusal is traffic related, falling foul of specified HDC LDF policies

4.4 Mr Elliott put on circulation material from CPRE, FoSAS etc received from Mr Purcell who will continue to forward them until his successor is appointed & operational

5. Treasurer's Report (Mr Brand): At 1st December the bank balance stood at £1176.67, since when there have been some outgoings & income received. It was confirmed that Mr Purcell's valedictory gift would be paid for from the Society's funds and Mrs Purcell's by Committee Members, as grateful and frequent recipients of her hospitality. Mr Thompson agreed to replace Mr Purcell as an authorised cheque signatory, the others being Mr Brand & Mr Elliott, Mr Brand will arrange

6. Membership Secretary's Report (Mrs Bridges) :Paid up membership stands at 28 doubles & 19 singles. Increasing membership remains a long-standing Committee concern. A fuller report should be available at the next meeting. There is also a need to acquire from Mr Purcell members' email addresses.

7. Appointment of Officers:Continuation of the following appointments were agreed:

- Joint Chairmen: Mr Hamer & Mr King
- Treasurer: Mr Brand
- Membership Secretary: Mrs Bridges
- Minutes Secretary: Mr Elliott

Assignment of duties formerly undertaken by Mr Purcell:

- cheque signatory: Mr Thompson
- Correspondence Secretary: Mr Thompson
- Planning: Mr King will arrange a discussion with Mr Hamer and Mr Purcell to determine the best way for the Committee to undertake this onerous task, taking account of our beneficial links with the WPC.

8. Planning Matters: Nothing to report, but see 4.3 above.

9. Conservation Matters: Mr Bridges was reported as being satisfied with the progress with the Nature Conservation Project. A botanist has listed the flora on the site.

10. Feedback from AGM & Members' Expectations: Mr King noted that the Society's activities are dictated by its Aims in Article 2 of its Constitution. However, within this remit he suggested it may be beneficial to speak to members to determine if there are issues which they would like us to address. It was agreed that a dialogue with members could be a feature of the Spring meeting, see minute 11. The parish fete planned for 11th June was seen as an opportunity to raise the Society's profile.

11. The Spring Meeting 2011: Mrs Bridges will make provisional bookings of the village hall for the Spring & Autumn Meetings. It was felt that the Spring Meeting could include the proposed dialogue with members complemented by something on the changing face of Warnham, in effect, an expanded version of one of the Silver Jubilee's Meeting items

12. Warnham Village Hall (Mr Knight): A programme has been prepared to carry out the planned extension of the hall by early autumn 2011, subject to successful fund raising. Coincidentally, a raft of improvements, maintenance and audits are being implemented. A meeting to identify kitchen improvements was enthusiastically attended by hall users. Outgoings & income are reasonably balanced.

13. Any Other Business: Mr Elliott was granted permission to dispose of the Society's documents relating to HDC's Local Development Framework proposals. This decision is in line with previous disposals.

Mr Lancaster agreed to join the Committee, filling a vacancy under Article 7 of the Constitution, as with other members he may serve until the next AGM. All present welcomed him to the Committee.

14. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th January 2011 at Hawthorns, Knob Hill, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality

Minutes Approved: _____ Date: _____