

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 159th Meeting held at Hawthorns, Knob Hill on Wednesday 19th January 2011

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr Hamer

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Knight

2. Approval of Agenda: The proposed agenda was agreed

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No. 158, 15th December 2010 were approved

Matters Arising:

- Mr King has sent a cheque for £10 to the Warnham Evening Flower Club to support its Golden Jubilee celebrations
- Mr King reiterated the Committee's need to gain ready access to planning applications and related issues so it can continue to scrutinise them. It was agreed that Mr Hamer, as a Parish Councillor, would seek to find a convenient way for the Committee to be kept informed by the Parish Council of such matters
- Mr Elliott has disposed of the Society's documents relating to HDC's LDF proposals

4. Correspondence, Mr Thompson: Various organisations have been advised of our change of contact address. HDC has advised that an appeal has been lodged against the rejection of the application to erect warehouse units at Warnham Brickworks. HDC considered an application by Countryside Properties plc to build more than 900 homes etc at Broadbridge Heath at a meeting 18th Jan. 2011. This proposal's traffic implications for Warnham remain a concern. Various documents were put on circulation

5. Treasurer's Report, Mr Brand: The bank balance stands at £1213.17. Various payments out are due in Spring. Mr Thompson's authorisation as a cheque signatory is in progress

6. Membership, Mrs Bridges: There are 78 paid up members. Ideas for expanding the membership included:

- offering life membership
- offering more involvement through more and/or different meetings
- consulting members more, see Minute 13 below
- enhance the list of email addresses of members to facilitate contact

7. Parish Council, Mr Hamer:

- WSCC and HDC will be making significant expenditure cuts from 2011 onwards. Parish Council funding should be unaffected
- WPC elections are due in May 2011, nomination forms will be available soon
- The Warnham Warbler is partly funded by WPC who will be meeting its publisher, the PCC, to explore whether its reach needs to be improved
- WPC has advised WSCC that Tilletts lane is an unsuitable diversion while the

works in Church St. are taking place. It is effectively one car wide with badly damaged verges.

- the police are having difficulty monitoring traffic speeds within the village. The procurement of fixed speed indication devices is being explored

- the condition of an old oak tree at the cricket ground is being monitored

8. The Village Hall, Mr Hamer: A redecoration by volunteers has taken place

9. Planning, Mr Hamer: HDC has authorised the occupation by the owner of an agricultural dwelling at his Northlands vineyard for two years. The WPC was represented at last night's HDC meeting to consider Countryside Properties' planning application at Broadbridge Heath, see Min. 4

10. Postal Facilities:WPC is developing a questionnaire to determine the effect on parish residents of the village post office's closure. Mr King & Mr Hamer will write to the WPC expressing the Society's support for this initiative and offering our assistance, as necessary

11. Village Fete, Mr Hamer: The WPC is providing financial support. On the day of the fete the Warnham branch of the Royal British Legion will celebrate the Legion's 90th anniversary of its foundation with various events. Mrs Bridges hopes to attend Thursday's fete meeting, the Society expects to take part in the fete

12. Group Buying of Central Heating Oil: Mr Elliott's paper was discussed. It was agreed that the bulk purchase of CH oil could bring financial savings and other benefits, based on experiences elsewhere. Undertaking the setting up of a buying club was not a function for the Society, its role should be to promulgate the idea within the parish. Accordingly, it was agreed that Mr Elliott would write an article for inclusion in the Warbler inviting readers to express their interest in setting up an oil buying club. Depending on the response, the Society could arrange a meeting where a club could be formed and the Society's involvement would end

13. Spring Meeting: Mrs Bridges agreed to book the village hall for Thursday 12th May, Spring Meeting, and Thursday 20th October, AGM & Autumn Meeting. It was agreed that Mr Hamer would progress his offer to arrange a guided tour of Hampton Court in early June, as an addition to the Society's calendar. The Spring meeting will include the proposed dialogue with members. To follow, Mr Hamer suggested that the forthcoming review of the Parish Plan could be discussed, possibly with the presence of relevant councillors. It was agreed that this proposal would be resolved at the next meeting

14. Any Other Business: A proposal by Mr Lancaster that the Society set up its own website was agreed; he was authorised to register a domain name incorporating the Society's name

15. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th February 2011at The Tower, Northlands Rd., 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Elliott for his hospitality

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_