

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Sixteenth Meeting of the Committee held at Little Broomhall on 5th March 1987

PRESENT: Mr G. P. McMullen (Chairman)

Mrs R Ashton

R B Bensted-Smith

R E Melhuish

R. C. Overton (Secretary)

M. Smith

Mrs O G. Thornton

Mrs J M Walker (Treasurer)

#### 1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr Broad, Mr Courtier, Mrs Cox and Mrs McLaughlin.

#### 2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd January 1987

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary said that the Horsham District Council had no record of the receipt of the Society's letter of representation against the Field Place planning application (WN 44/36) which he had personally delivered. It was agreed to write a letter of formal complaint.

The Chairman said that he would complain personally about the inordinate delay over the delivery of the litter bins (item 2 of the Minutes).

#### 3 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reported that the current balance stood at £432.72. Satisfactory cheque arrangements were now in hand with the Bank. She had set up a petty cash "float" of £20, and in future expenses etc. would be paid against a signature on a voucher.

#### 4 New application form

Mr. Bensted-Smith tabled a draft form and inset leaflet. With some minor amendments these were agreed to be very suitable and Mr. Bensted-Smith was asked to finalise in time for issue to all members with the letter going out for the Spring meeting. The Committee expressed their thanks to Mr Bensted-Smith.

## 5 Traffic in Warnham

There was still no sign of the promised report from the County surveyor on the traffic problems of Warnham. It was agreed to make these the subject of the public meeting on 21st May to be sponsored by the Society as its Spring Event, and the Chairman would advise the Parish Council of this intention at the latter's meeting on Monday 9th March.

## 6 Planning matters

Mr Melhuish asked that the Planning Sub-Committee should be given authority to meet at any time (under whatever chairmanship was convenient) and this was readily agreed.

A number of current planning applications were discussed but no action was deemed necessary on any.

## 7 Spring Meeting - Thursday 21st May

The subject matter of this public meeting would be as agreed in paragraph 3 above. Members would be invited to attend by individual letter and would be reminded that their subscriptions were due on 1st April. Cheese and wine would be served on a free contribution basis.

## 8 Environment Week 1987 – 25th April to 4th May

The Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies had suggested some kind of photographic display, rather along the lines of what the Society, through the efforts of Mr Courtier, had laid on at its Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that there might be merit in inviting members to take photographs during Environment Week with a view to another exhibition on 21st May expanding the same theme of "good and bad". Mr Courtier's view would be sought first.

## 9 Crime Prevention Panel

Mrs Stanford had written to suggest that a representative of the Society should attend the next meeting of the Panel instead of herself, and also subsequent meetings. It was a question whether it was appropriate for the Society to become involved, but Mr Bensted-Smith said that he might be interested and took the Panel papers to study. Meanwhile the Secretary would acknowledge Mrs Stanford's letter.

## 10 Any other business

(1) Parish Council elections on 7th May. The Chairman drew attention to these and expressed the hope that a candidate or candidates might be forthcoming from the

Committee.

(2) Footpath from Church Street to the School. Mr Purcell said that in the summer months the overgrown state of this footpath was a menace to the children. The Parish Council had said that nothing could be done since the ownership of the path was not known. Was it possible for the Society to establish the ownership?

The Chairman said that he would make enquiries.

#### 11 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday 30th April, same venue.