

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 160th Meeting held at The Tower, Northlands Rd. on Thursday 17th February 2011

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King. His proposed agenda was agreed.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Brand. **The Committee sends its best wishes to George for a speedy recovery following his recent accident.**

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No.159, 19.01.2011 were approved after two minor corrections.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 The Committee is seeking ready access to planning applications etc. so it can continue to scrutinize them. Mr Hamer will raise the issue at the next WPC meeting to see if anything can be arranged.

3.2 Mr Hamer advised that Hampton Court would be happy to receive a visit from the Society. A date of Tuesday 24th May was proposed, probably from mid- morning to mid-afternoon. Mr King will ascertain details of coaches..Notification of members should be arranged at our next meeting.

3.3 Mr Hamer reported that the distribution of the questionnaire on the impact of Warnham's PO closure was imminent.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson circulated a CPRE brochure announcing its 2011 Countryside Awards scheme..Mr King has received a letter of thanks from the Warnham Evening Flower Club for our donation to their July Flower Festival.

5. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report

6. Membership: Nothing to report

7. Society Website & Email Address: It was agreed that Mr Elliott will send a copy of the approved minutes to Mr Lancaster after each Committee Meeting. Mr Elliott will retain the approved hard copy in the minutes' archive. Mr Elliott will seek to supply Mr Lancaster with an electronic copy of the Constitution.

The Committee sees the new facilities as an opportunity to process information more easily and beneficially, eg planning applications, and as a means of ready communication with members. Mr Lancaster was thanked for his work in setting up the website & email address.

8. Parish Council: Mr Hamer reminded the Committee of the forthcoming Parish Council elections and outlined the financial support being provided to the village fete organizers by the Parish Council.

9. Planning: The Committee considered draft responses submitted by Mr Elliott in respect of two consultation documents issued by HDC, namely:

- HDC Draft Interim Statement: Managing Development in Horsham District
- Draft Statement of Community Involvement

It was agreed that Mr Elliott would agree summary responses to HDC with Mr King.

10. Village Hall: Mr Knight reported that:

- Tara Collins is standing down as Bookings Secretary, a replacement is being sought

- Currently, income is less than expenditure, the shortfall is covered by investment income

- Hall redevelopment is proceeding, plans have been submitted to HDC. Cost estimates will be obtained. Biffa & WPC are probable sources of funding. Work could begin in Autumn 2011

11. Village Fete: Mrs Bridges is on the organisers' mailing list and means to attend next week's meeting. The Society would like to have a stall at the fete to publicise its activities and recruit new members. It was mooted that a reprint of " By Wapple Way " by John Hamer should be considered to provide copies for sale at the fete and after.

12. Spring Meeting: As an alternative to the Parish Plan review it was agreed that two other options should be explored, namely:

- a speaker from the National Trust on, say, the redevelopment of Nymans, Mr King to progress

- a speaker on local archaeology, Mr Lancaster to progress

Consideration of a guided walk was deferred for further discussion.

Detailed arrangements will be agreed at next month's meeting. Mr Knight, if available, will provide refreshments.

13. Group Buying of Heating Oil: Mr Elliott will submit his article to the Warbler

14. Any Other Business: Mr Lancaster reported the installation of an Owl Box on a tree, in the nature reserve off Tilletts Lane, to attract rarely sighted barn owls. The Committee authorised payment of £20 towards the cost of the box. A meeting on butterflies is scheduled for 23rd March.

15. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th March 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

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