

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 161st Meeting held at Hawthorns, Knob Hill on Thursday 17th March 2011

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Brand & Mrs Bridges.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No. 160, 17.02.2011 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 The Society Website: Mr Lancaster presented a draft home page which was well received. It was agreed that Committee members would provide a photo. and biography to Mr Lancaster for inclusion on the site. The bio should be not more than 50 words and focus on the member's Warnham connections..The website will be able to link with other local sites for mutual benefit. Minutes of Committee Meetings will be held as an archive, Mr Elliott will continue to hold the paper archive. Mr Lancaster will circulate a final version to members for approval, on receipt of which the site will go live. Mr Lancaster was thanked for his work on the project.

3.2 HDC Draft Interim Statement: Managing Development in Horsham District & Draft Statement of Community Involvement: Mr Elliott agreed summary responses with Mr King who forwarded them to HDC. Mr King will authorize their inclusion on HDC's website.

3.3 Group Buying of Heating Oil: Mr Elliott has submitted his article for inclusion in the April Warbler.

4, Correspondence: Mr Thompson tabled a letter from FoSAS. It was agreed that Mr Elliott would visit Mr Brand and arrange the renewal of the £25 annual subscription. The Committee noted the request for nominations to join the Executive Committee and to attend the AGM.

5. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report

6. Membership: Nothing to report

7. Parish Council (Mr Hamer):

7.1 The Royal Wedding will be publicly celebrated at a tea party at the village hall to be funded by WPC and run by the Village Hall Committee

7.2 The Acorn system has seen waste recycling rise to 56%

7.3 Nominations for WPC May elections close on 4th April

7.4 Speeding through the village remains a concern. The use of unmanned Speed Indicating Device, SID, is being considered. Permanent SIDs are expensive.

Enforcement remains a problem

7.5 PCSO Grant is being withdrawn from Warnham, he will not be replaced

7.6 The WPC website is being developed

7.8 WPC is considering the provision of a BMX facility near the football field

7.9 Street & Other Village Signs: There are 174 signs in all, most need to be cleaned. WPC is to fund the cleaning of those in most need of attention.

7.10 The verges in Tilletts Lane are to be reinstated, the carriageway remains in need of attention.

8. Village Hall: Mr Knight advised there had been no meeting and there was nothing to report.

9. Planning: It was noted that HDC has the facility to email planning applications etc of particular interest to interested parties. Steps will be taken to arrange such emails are directed to Mr Thompson who will table them at Committee meetings.

10. Spring Meeting: An approach to the National Trust for a speaker has had a disappointing response, though it remains an option. Mr Lancaster is seeking a speaker on local archaeology. In the meantime, Mr King will investigate a possible speaker on the area's historic iron industry. Other options were mooted, but none was immediately practical, but some may be of future value so would merit further discussion.

11. Proposed Hampton Court Visit: Mr Hamer outlined a privileged behind- the- scenes visit involving the gardens and conservation. Thursday 9th June was our preferred date. With coach transport and a group booking fee for Hampton Court the cost would be £ 20-25 per person. To identify the level of interest to members & non-members a piece will be placed in the April Warbler, deadline Sat. 19th March, by Mr Hamer seeking expressions of interest to Mr Hamer & Mr King.

12. Village Fete: The reprinting of Mr Hamer's " By Wapple Way " may become more practical if Mr Hamer's enhanced text can be electronically scanned. He will pursue with Mr Lancaster. The economics and financial risks of reprinting remain unexplored. It may be that a subscription formula could assist in underwriting publication costs.

13. Any Other Business: On Sunday 12th June 2011 Mr & Mrs King will be opening The Tower to visitors on behalf of St Catherine's Hospice.

14. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2011 at The Banks, Bailing Hill, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Elliott for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 160 were Approved: _____ Date: _____