

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 162nd Meeting held at The Banks, Bailing Hill, on Wednesday 13th April 2011

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr Hamer, his proposed agenda was agreed

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Brand; Mrs Bridges & Mr Knight
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No.161,17.03.2011 were approved
3. Matters Arising:

3.1 C. H. Oil Buying Club: Mr Elliott reported that he had received just two enquiries. Members will be reminded at the Spring Meeting.

3.2 WPC: Mr Hamer reported that there will be no election as there are 9 candidates for the 12 places, 3 members are standing down so co-options are possible

3.3: Hampton Court Visit: The Warbler article has prompted one response so far. As the planned date clashes with a W. I. meeting Mr Hamer will consult with Cheryl Donovan.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson tabled a subscription renewal request from CPRE. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Elliott would arrange payment of £ 34 with Mr Brand. Our membership of CPRE, GACC & FoSAS will be discussed with members at the Spring Meeting. Other documents were put on circulation to the Committee.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr Elliott reported on Mr Brand's behalf that the bank balance stood at £ 1209.89 on 19.03 2011. The sub. renewal to FoSAS has been paid. Mr Elliott will arrange with Mr Brand to send cheque for £ 20 to Mr Bridges as the Society's contribution to funding the owl box in the nature reserve. After discussion, the renewal of the FoSAS insurance policy for the sum of £ 155 was agreed, Mr Elliott & Mr Brand to action.

6. Membership: A written report from Mrs Bridges features elsewhere in the minutes.

7. Planning: Mr Thompson is seeking online receipt of planning documents specific to Warnham. He also reported an application by an immediate neighbour to remove a protected walnut tree on the grounds of a possible link to house subsidence. The Committee saw no reason to comment.

8. Future Projects: Mr Elliott suggested the Society may wish to pursue a project in line with its historical brief. As examples, he instanced the forthcoming publication of the 1911 Census, with respect to Warnham; also the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War falls in 2014, giving 3 years to record the lives of Warnham's fallen. Mrs Bridges' thoughts will be welcome at our next meeting. The subject could also be explored at the Spring Meeting

9. The Website: Mr Lancaster led a discussion on progress to date. Among the main points raised were:
- a welcome for the nationally important work on butterflies being featured
 - the home page photos to be reviewed, SL
 - the list of history publications to be validated with Mr Hamer, SL/JH
 - the story of the Society to be reinforced to place more emphasis on the Society's values and the scope of its concerns within and without Warnham, JH
 - the online archive of meeting minutes should start with those for Meeting 155, Mr King will provide ,if available,BK/SL
 - the hard copy archive will be kept by Mr Elliott for the time being, GE
 - Mr Elliott will prepare a list of subjects covered at Members' meetings and forward to Mr Lancaster, GE/ SL
 - a projects feature will be introduced to include, say, The Footpath Map, the Silver Jubilee Meeting & the Website, SL et al.
 - the Evening Flower Club's web site could become a link, SL / EB
 - the website is expected to go live after the Spring Meeting.

Mr Lancaster was thanked for his ongoing work

10. The Village Fete: In response to a query by Mrs Bridges it was agreed that the Committee remains committed to its participation, at a cost of £ 15.

11. The Spring Meeting, Thursday, 12th May 2011 7.30 for 8.00pm: The village hall is booked and a speaker appointed. The running order will be the speaker followed by the Members' consultation session. Mr King will chair the talk and Mr Hamer will chair the consultation which will introduce the website, Mr Lancaster. Other subjects which may be raised include a possible history project, membership of other bodies, the H. Court visit & the CH Oil Buying Club.

Informing Members: Mr Lancaster will have a piece published in the May Warbler, noting that refreshments will be served

Mr Elliott will ask Mrs Bridges if she could notify meeting details to those members with email.

Mr Elliott will obtain a list of non- email members from Mrs Bridges and arrange manual distribution of invitations with Mr King.

Mr King will prepare and distribute posters

Mr Elliott will obtain keys to lock and unlock the hall

Mr Knight will serve refreshments

The hall will be opened at 7pm, Committee members will be needed to put out & put away furniture.

12. Any Other Business: None

13. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2011 at The Tower, Northlands Rd., 7.15 for 7.30pm, Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 161 were approved: _____ Date: _____

