

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 163rd Meeting held at The Tower, Northlands Rd., on Tuesday 24th May 2011

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

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

Since the last meeting the Committee received to its regret Mr Knight's resignation from the Committee as he is leaving the district

1. Apologies for Absence:None

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, 13.04.2011, No. 162 were approved

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 C. H. Oil Buying Club: Mr Elliott reported that he had received just four enquiries, not enough to start a conventional club. Other options exist which he'll pursue with respondents.

4. Correspondence:Mr Thompson will circulate documents from CPRE et al, an update of the MWDF is covered in Minute 8.

5.Finance (Mr Brand): Before the Spring Meeting the bank balance stood at £ 997.40, after payment of various subscriptions. The village hall rental for the Spring Meeting has yet to be paid;however, income has come from donations and membership renewals.

6. Membership (Mrs Bridges): There are 89 members.

7. Parish Council (Mr Hamer) :The new Council will be electing 2 members to fill its 2 vacancies. Other matters covered at its last meeting include:

7.1 Reduced speed limit on parts of the A 281

7.2 Website progressing, the Society's website acknowledged

7.3 BMX facility proceeding

7.4 Parish Cluster Group formation progressing

7.5 New PCSO has been appointed

7.6 New litter warden to be appointed

7.7 The WPC has written to Francis Maude M.P.with the questionnaire findings seeking a restoration of postal facilities. Caroline Lucas is leading this initiative so it was agreed that Mr King would contact her to offer the Society's active support.

8. Planning: WSCC has published an update of its Minerals & Waste Development Framework, MWDF. A Waste Plan & a Minerals Plan are to be prepared. Of keen interest to the Society is the Shortlist of Preferred Waste Sites, none of which is in Warnham but three are in adjacent parishes. Our main concern is likely to focus on the impact on Warnham of increased traffic generated by increased activity. WSCC will choose the sites as allocations in the Waste Plan in October 2011.The Society will respond to consultation opportunities as they occur. Mr Thompson will be our named

person for WSCC to contact.
There were no other planning matters.

9. Village Hall: The Society has been advised that the planned major capital expenditure has been deferred to 2012, current expansion plans are being reviewed. With Mr Knight's resignation the Society will lose his much valued voice on hall matters. The Committee is keen to explore how it can maintain this contact as a regular hall user. Mr Elliott undertook to ascertain the date of the AGM so the Committee can arrange for members to attend.

10. Spring Meeting: With 40 members attending, a fluent speaker on an interesting subject, the meeting was judged a success. Mr Knight's refreshments were enjoyed. After discussion, it was agreed that visitors would remain welcome on payment of £2.

11. The Society Website/ Future Projects: Mr Lancaster launched the site at the Spring Meeting. Additional links and other data will be added as appropriate. It was agreed to advance the possible project to record the lives of Warnham's WW1 war dead by ascertaining the availability of archive material on a person named on the War Memorial selected by Mr Lancaster.

12. Village Fete: The Society will not have a stall at the fete, its £15 payment represents its practical support for this new venture.

13. Hampton Court Visit: Currently, there are 12 people interested, who can be accommodated in 3 cars. Mr Hamer will arrange a visit programme with Hampton Court staff.

14. AGM & Autumn Meeting: Speaker options to be explored include: CPRE, Matthew Alexander & the author of the book on Horsham's WW1 dead.

15. Any Other Business:

15.1 Mr Brand reminded the Committee that the Evening Flower Club's golden jubilee will be celebrated on 8/9/10 July in the church. Details are on its website with whom we are linked.

15.2 Mrs Bridges advised of the need to secure the email addresses of those members who have email but which are not registered with us.

15.3 The need to replace Mr Knight on the Committee was noted

16. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th July 2011 at Ridge House, Byfleets Lane, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No.163 were approved:_____ Date:_____