

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 165th Meeting held at The Tower, Northlands Rd. on Thursday 25th August 2011

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No. 164 14th July 2011, were approved

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Mr King reported that Mr Benham has agreed to email him copies of the Council's meeting agendas and minutes for publication on the website.

3.2 Mr King reported that Biffa welcome small parties of visitors to their Brookhurstwood site. On receipt of possible dates from Biffa Mr King will arrange for Society members to be contacted to determine the numbers interested

3.3 Mr Elliott reported that Mr Purcell had declined our invitation to represent the Society on the Village Hall Committee after due deliberation and with good reason.

3.4 Mr Lancaster will be submitting a piece to the Warbler on the availability and uses of the Society's website.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson tabled documents for circulation

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported that the bank balance stands at £889.08. He anticipates a loss in the year's final accounts, since estimated at £170. It was agreed that this issue would be addressed at our next meeting. The FoSAS insurance policy is our single largest expense

6. Membership: No change

7. Planning: Mr Thompson reported that there were no matters for the Society to address. He is not receiving just the Warnham related planning applications. He will pursue the achievement of a more selective approach

8. Future Projects:

8.1 Commemorating Warnham's Great War Dead: Mr Lancaster & Mr Elliott reported on an initial meeting with Mrs Bridges and Mrs Overton, who has agreed to join the project team to which she'll bring knowledge, experience and expertise. Mrs Overton has advised that the local branch of the British Legion are aware of the project and welcome our initiative. Information sources, and their location, are being identified. Until information gathering is underway it is too early to say what extra manpower will be needed. The team feels that the individual biographies of the fallen will need to be set in

their historical context, national, local and military. A book, Horsham's Heroes of the Great War by G. T. Cooper, was published in 2009 covering the life and times of Horsham's fallen. Mr Elliott will bring his copy to our next meeting for members to peruse. The final format of our research will be decided later. It was agreed that the project would be publicised at the AGM.

8.2 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: A public meeting is being held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st September 2011 to discuss how the village might celebrate the occasion, ideas welcome. A steering committee will be formed to implement the plans. Ideas will be sought at our AGM. The Society's attendance will be agreed at its next meeting

9. AGM & Autumn Meeting:

9.1 Members of the Committee: With regret, the Committee received Mr Brand's decision not to stand for re-election. Others present agreed to stand. Other nominations for membership will be sought from within the Society and at the AGM.

9.2 Committee Report 2010 - 2011: Mr King agreed to circulate a draft for Members' comments.

9.3 Notifying Members: Mr Lancaster will work with Mrs Bridges to supply email members with: Notification of AGM & Autumn Meeting, seeking AOB items & Committee nominations; the Agenda; Minutes of the 2010 Meeting & the Committee Report. Members without email will be advised by mail. Committee Members will be happy to help with distribution. All to be completed two weeks before the Meeting.

9.4 The Annual Accounts: Mr Brand will arrange for copies to be available to Members at the AGM. He will confirm that Mr Boud will be willing to continue as Honorary Auditor for 2011- 2012.

9.5 Publicity: Mr Lancaster's copy for the Warbler will be used for the Members' invitations and as display posters within the parish.

9.6 Refreshments: Mr Elliott

9.7 Speaker's AV Needs: Mr Lancaster

9.8 Other Admin.: Next Meeting

10. Any Other Business:

10.1 Tilletts Lane: Mr Elliott reported its poor state. he agreed to email Mr Benham to enlist the Parish Council's support to have it renovated.

11. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 20th September 2011 at Hawthorns, Knob Hill, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for his hospitality and for chairing this meeting.

Minutes of Meeting No. 165 were approved: _____ Date: _____