

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 166th Meeting held at Hawthorns, Knob Hill on Tuesday 20th September 2011

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

Chairman of this Meeting: Mr King

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Hamer

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No. 165, 25th August 2011, were approved after three amendments were agreed.

3. Matters Arising:

3.1 Mr Elliott has reported the Society's concerns about the state of Tilletts Lane to Mr Benham who has forwarded them to WSCC.

3.2 Mr Lancaster has submitted an article to the Warbler on the uses and availability of the Society's website.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson tabled a document for circulation. He reported that he can only identify Warnham related planning documents in the HDC website by personal intervention.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported that the bank balance is unchanged at £ 889.08

6. Membership: No changes to report. Mrs Bridges remains active in updating the Society's email address list and securing email addresses of members who have not registered them with the Society.

7. Income & Expenditure Review: Mr Brand tabled the Society's predicted Annual Accounts showing a loss of £ 174.52. It was agreed that action was needed to bring income & expenditure into better balance from 2011 -2012. Our public liability insurance of £ 155 is our largest single expenditure item, the need for it is uncertain. The Committee will attempt to resolve this matter before its renewal in April 2012. Mr Brand will speak to Probus to establish how they deal with public indemnity. Mrs Bridges will contact other amenity societies for their approach. Mr Elliott will speak to FoSAS to ascertain their claims' experience and any other relevant arguments. Other expense items will be scrutinised to confirm they are necessary and other ideas to balance the books will be sought.

8. The Parish Council: We are receiving copies of their meeting agendas & minutes.

9. Planning: Mr King reported that the police have authorised without consultation, as is their right, a Temporary Event, a 4 day music festival in a field off the A 29. The Committee supported Mr King, writing in a private capacity to the Chief Constable of Sussex, in objecting to the holding of this event. An approach supported by WPC too.

10. Village Hall: We have not found a member to be our representative on the V.H. Committee.

11. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Committee members will attend a planning meeting on 21st September set up by the Vicar & the Parish Council. The Committee believes we could co-ordinate an historic display of life in Warnham in 1952 - 1953.

12. The Society's Website: Mr Lancaster suggested the site would benefit from the inclusion of more photos. He raised the possibility of it being a receptacle for snippets, that is small items of information of interest in themselves and which, in total, would enrich our knowledge of our parish.

13. War Memorial Project: Mr Lancaster reported on the data he had gathered on the men of Warnham who had served in The Great War.

14. Biffa Visit: Mr King is co-ordinating the Society's visit. Arranging the visit, and other activities, would be facilitated if Members' addresses were available to all Committee members. This matter will be addressed at our next meeting.

15. AGM & Autumn Meeting, Thursday 20 th October 2011, 7.30 for 8 pm. in the Village Hall: Arrangements will be as follows:-

- : 7 pm, get keys & open hall, GE
- get hall ready, ALL
- : Attend to speaker, SL
- : Man door, EB & to be agreed
- : Refreshments: GE
- : Annual Accounts, lay out: GB
- : Committee Report, lay out : BK, Report will be drafted by BK / GE & circulated for to the Committee for approval.
- : Agenda: BK to prepare and lay out
- : Minutes of Last Year's Meeting: Bring 10 copies each & lay out
- : Minute Meeting: GE
- : Run AGM: JH / BK
- : Introduce Members to the War Memorial Project: SL
- : Introduce Speaker: SL
- : Thank Speaker: ?
- : Clear Hall: ALL
- : Lock Hall: GE

16: Any Other Business: Mr Elliott advised that Nuthurst has a thriving oil syndicate which accepts orders from all of West Sussex, so Warnham residents are free to join. Mr Elliott will circulate details of the organiser and his explanatory notes to the C'ittee.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Suggested date Tuesday 1st November 2011, venue to be agreed, action GE. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Elliott was thanked for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 166 were agreed: _____ Date: _____

