

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 168th Meeting held at The Tower, Northlands Rd. on Thursday 26th January 2012.

Present: Mrs Bridges; Mr Elliott; Mr King; Mr Lancaster; Mr Thompson & Miss Lee.

Chairman of this Meeting : Mr King.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor & Mr Hamer.
2. The Minutes of the Last Meeting (1st November 2011, No. 167) were approved.
3. Matters Arising:
 - Mr King will discuss the restoration of postal services to the village with Caroline Lucas and report back at the next meeting, 29.02.2012.

 - an updated list of Committee Members' details has been prepared and circulated..
4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson tabled CPRE documents which, subsequent to the meeting, Mr Lancaster advised may be read online and to which he has provided links.
5. Membership: Mrs Bridges reported the payment of another single subscription. The need to increase membership was discussed.
6. Treasurer's Report: Miss Lee reported that the bank balance stands at £ 1002.81, with £1 petty cash and a cheque for £4 to be banked. She is receiving correspondence from HSBC as arranged.
7. Insurance: It was agreed that the Society would not renew its policy with FoSAS. The British Association For Local History offer a much cheaper policy which may accommodate our perceived risks. It was agreed that Mr King & Mr Elliott will identify an economic policy to cover the risks of our present mode of operation. Our membership of the FoSAS will be discussed separately on its merits.
8. Parish Council: The WPC's approved minutes are on the Society's website. Mr Lancaster will distribute the most recent minutes (unapproved) to C'ttee members. WSCC are to resurface Byfleets & Strood Lanes. Mrs Bridges suggested that the best way to deal with minor highways issues could be by emailing WSCC.
- 9.Planning:
 - HDC Review: Possible Gypsy & Traveller Sites: Mr King reported on the outcome of meetings and investigations by local residents and the WPC regarding the proposed site at the A29 end of Northlands Rd. Currently used by WSCC, if discontinued the reversion of ownership is likely to make its use not feasible given the legal problems that could arise. A decision is due mid - March. WPC appears to believe that the proposal will not go ahead. Mr Lancaster will speak to Roger Purcell to confirm this understanding. Depending on the outcome, a letter to HDC opposing the proposal may be written.

- Proposed Future Development North of Horsham: There does not appear to be a mechanism, as yet, for the Society to get involved. One certain concern would be the traffic impact of the development with implications for WSCC's recent decision to shelve the A 24 dualling to Capel.

- Horsham District Planning Framework Consultation:HDPF consultation asks how much housing does Horsham District need ? CPRE wrote to the HDC Cabinet raising four main concerns about the process, due to have been discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 26th January 2012.The importance of having effective consultation is that the HDPF Preferred Strategy will be based on the new housing targets arising from the consultation.

- BBH Sports Centre: Mr Lancaster will contact the Action Group & determine if there is a BBH Amenity Society, depending on the outcome of his enquiries he will express the Society's support for the future of the Centre to be addressed.

10. Village Hall: Enquiries by Miss Lee suggest that the redevelopment of the hall is currently on hold.

11.Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: The Society is willing to support the occasion as appropriate, see minute 14.

12. Society Website: Mr Lancaster provided an update on the site's content and the need to publicise it, including liaison with Gerry Benham on the upcoming WPC site. See also Minute 8 above.

13. W.W. Commemoration Project: Mr Lancaster provided a progress report on the project since the team's first formal meeting in December, the next meeting is on 26th March 2012.

14. Spring Meeting: Subject options considered included local railways, a local walk, a film show of old cine films, a visit & Sussex clocks. Members agreed to investigate further for the next meeting. A display of Warnham photos, artefacts etc. from 60 years ago was also mooted to complement any talk taking place. Mr Elliott agreed to make provisional bookings of the village hall for early May, preferably Thursdays.

15. Any Other Business: None

16. Date & Venue of Next Meeting:Wednesday 29th February 2012 at Hawthorns, Knob Hill, 7.15 for 7.30 pm. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 168 were agreed: _____

Date:_____