

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 170th Meeting held at The Banks, Bailing Hill on Tuesday 3rd April 2012.

Present: Mrs Debenham -Taylor; Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King; Miss Lee & Mr Thompson.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges & Mr Lancaster.

2. The Minutes of the Last Meeting, 29.02.12, No.169 were approved with two minor amendments.

3 Matters Arising:

- Mr King will discuss the restoration of postal services to the village with Caroline Lucas and report back to the next meeting.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson put some documents on circulation including some from the British Association For Local History, BALH. As agreed, we have joined BALH benefiting, inter alia, from their insurance scheme, the annual subscription is £ 58. CPRE membership renewal was passed to Miss Lee for action.

5. Finance: Miss Lee reported that the bank balance stands at £ 948.87, after the payment of the BALH subscription. Mr Elliott reported that he had advised Mr Hair, Secretary of FoSAS, by ' phone, that we would not be renewing our insurance policy with them. Mr Hair advised that many of their 45 or so member groups valued highly the trustee indemnity cover they received from the FoSAS policy. It was agreed that Mr Hamer & Mr King would review the benefits to the Society of continuing membership of FoSAS, given that we have transferred insurance cover to BALH, and report back at the next meeting.

6. Membership: No report.

7. Parish Council, Mr Hamer: A joint working party of Strood Lane residents & Parish Councillors is identifying preferred measures to minimise the use of Strood Lane by rat - running traffic, especially as the BBH development comes to fruition. The PC will seek parish residents' approval for their recommendations: authority to implement measures is vested in WSCC.

Mr King welcomed this initiative but sought a village wide approach, supported by traffic statistics for village access roads. The problems of turning right from the A 24 into School Hill were also identified, as was the danger in turning right into Tilletts Lane from Three Stile Rd. Mr King will consult Northlands Rd. residents and prepare a draft letter with Mr Elliott, seeking a wider approach, for members' agreement before submission to the Parish Council.

WSCC is now responsible for all Public Rights of Way in Sussex.

The WPC will be conducting a mini-survey to gauge reaction to the possible installation of some items of outdoor gym. equipment for adult use. The planned BMX installation near the football field has been abandoned, being too expensive. WPC continues to seek clubs willing to rent the football pitch.

The building alterations to the village hall will not start before the summer of 2013.

The WPC website remains work-in-progress.

8. Planning: Mr Hamer reported that WPC reviews planning applications systematically and comments as appropriate, HDC enforcement actions are also noted.

9. Spring Meeting, Friday 18th May 2012: Mr Elliott reported that the speaker and the village hall are booked and an ad. placed in the Warbler. The following actions were agreed:

- rerun the Warbler ad in the May edition, GE
- GE to send Warbler ad. text to BK/SL for conversion into posters. GE et al to distribute within & without the parish in the hope of boosting attendance at the meeting.
- JH to contact EB re advising members of meeting, GE happy to hand deliver within the village centre to save postage.
- GE to contact the speaker to ascertain that his equipment needs are covered.
- enter in website, SL.

Meeting Logistics:

- keys, GE
- set up hall @7pm, ALL
- on the door, EB & SL
- refreshments, GD-T & GE
- speaker liaison & introduction, JH
- vote of thanks, BK
- pay speaker SL
- restore hall, ALL
- lock up & return keys, GE

10. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Mr Hamer reported that preparations were proceeding as previously advised to all residents.

11. War Memorial Project: Mt Elliott reported that a review meeting had been held and that steady progress had been made in compiling data about combatants & activities on the Home Front. Useful information has been unearthed in the WSCC archives. Other research volunteers would be welcome. Society Members will be updated at the AGM.

12. Any Other Business:

- Miss Lee is circulating a draft flyer aimed at encouraging people to join the Society. Once approved it will be widely distributed.
- Mr King reminded the meeting that we have not found a way of consulting our members to determine how well we are meeting their needs.

13. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th June 2012 at Five Gables, Warnham Lodge, 7.15 for 7.30 pm., Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for his hospitality and for chairing this meeting.

Minutes of Meeting No. 170 were agreed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_