

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 171st Meeting held at Five Gables, Warnham Lodge, on Tuesday 12th June 2012.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Bridges & Mr Thompson.
2. The Minutes of the Last Meeting, 3rd April 2012 No.170 were approved.
3. Matters Arising: Regarding the restoration of postal services to the village, Mr King has taken over the papers from Caroline Lucas for his attention.
4. Correspondence: Mr King reported the receipt of an updated WSCC Waste Plan document which Miss Lee will copy & circulate to Committee members. It was agreed that we should complete the questionnaire, to be co-ordinated by Mr King & Mr Elliott.
5. Finance (Miss Lee): The bank balance as stands at £ 861.31. Non-members' entry charges, belated annual sub. payments & refreshment profits at the Spring Meeting covered the speaker's fee. It was agreed that the non-members' entry charge should be increased to £3 and that the annual subscription charges for members should be reviewed at the next Committee meeting. Miss Lee's draft press release on the Spring Meeting was approved for submission to the Warbler & the West Sussex County Times. She will work with Mr Lancaster to finalise her draft recruitment leaflet for distribution within the parish, members agreed to help with distribution. Mr Lancaster will report on usage of the Society's website.
6. Membership: Mrs Bridges reported by email that she had contacted 28 lapsed members by email & 19 by hand/postal delivery. A few renewed at the Spring Meeting. We have 57 paid up members.
7. FoSAS Membership: It was agreed that the Society will remain a member for 2012-2013, to be reviewed annually. Miss Lee will pay the subscription. It was decided not to renew the subscription to GACC, Miss Lee to action.
8. Parish Council. Mr Hamer presented some highlights from the last meeting:
 - The recent fatal accident at the Bell Rd./ A24 junction is to be discussed at a meeting of nearby residents, Parish Councillors & WSCC Highways Authority.
 - The relocation of a redundant bus shelter from the A24 to a position at Farebrothers is being considered.
 - Work is needed to prevent flooding of a footpath by the church.
 - WSCC's acceptance of increased cut-through traffic following the BBH development requires a review of speed limits on Broadbridge Heath Rd.
 - An application from the Comrades Club for a live music licence has provoked objections from local residents & the Parish Council.
 - WPC is now responsible for the upkeep of parish finger posts
 - The WPC website is expected to go live soon.

9. Roads & Traffic: WPC, working with local residents, has issued a questionnaire seeking parish residents' views on how best to manage traffic arising from the BBH development. Responses will influence planned discussions with the Highway Authority. Concerns were expressed about the possible impact on Northlands Rd. of the implementation of restrictive measures elsewhere. WSCC has agreed to forecast the impact of any measures prior to agreeing their implementation.

10.Planning: Mr Hamer reported that there were no contentious pending applications. Mr Lancaster reported that he is running the website for the BBH Leisure Centre Action Group. In essence, HDC believes there is an overprovision of facilities in the District justifying their redevelopment plans, the Action Group believes the facts point to an underprovision and are staging a rally on 27th June at 4pm, the day HDC is due to decide which course of action to take. Mr Lancaster will advise Mrs Bridges on the rally details.

11. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Mr King agreed to express to Mrs Farquhar the Society's thanks to the organisers for the great success of the celebrations.

12. Autumn Meeting & AGM:Mr Elliott agreed to determine if the village hall is available for Thursday 11th, 18th & 25th October and to make provisional bookings, If not, he'll pursue Friday 12, 19 & 26 October. Mr King will speak to the Vicar about speaking on the history of pantomime at the Autumn meeting. A talk on Elizabethan monarchs was mooted for 2013.

Mr Hamer advised that a visit to the Tower of London in 2013 was a possibility.

13.World War 1 Memorial Project (Mr Lancaster): 174 names have been identified of those who served in the Great War, facts about them are being assembled from a variety of sources including parish records, service records and WSCT. The 1911 Census is providing interesting data on occupations & origins of parish residents as useful context.

14.Village Hall: The Society has been invited to nominate someone to serve on the Village Hall's Committee. Mr King agreed to advise that we would seek a candidate from within the Society's membership.

15.Any Other Business: Miss Lee was authorised to purchase a new cash book and to pay the web hosting fee renewal.

16. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Wednesday 15th August 2012 at Forest Grange Manor, Centre Wing, Colgate, map to follow, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing the meeting & Miss Lee for her hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No.171 were agreed:_____ Date:_____