

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 172nd Meeting held at Forest Grange on Wednesday 15th August 2012.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Hamer.
2. The Minutes of the Last Meeting, 12th June 2012 No.171 were approved.
3. Matters Arising: None.
4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson will circulate recent publications.
5. Finance (Miss Lee): The bank balance stands at £825.36.
6. Membership (Mrs Bridges) : The leaflet - An Invitation To join The Warnham Society - has been circulated to all Parish households, resulting in a few new members. It has also reminded people of the Society's existence & history. The membership list was audited for anomalies, there are 59 paid up members. It was agreed that Mr Lancaster & Miss Lee would open a Twitter account as an added means of communication with & from the Society. The question of increasing membership fees will be discussed at our next meeting.
7. Parish Council: The opening of the website was warmly welcomed.
8. Roads & Traffic: The submission of the WPC Survey to WSCC & its publication on the WPC website was noted. The Society remains concerned at the lack of a more comprehensive approach to the impact on Warnham of the BBH development. Nonetheless, it joins the WPC in hoping for a positive response from WSCC.
9. Planning:
 - Pending Applications: None
 - Waste Local Plan: Mr Elliott & Mr King have submitted a response supporting the WPC's stance, with added comments.
 - Consultation on the Draft Sustainability Appraisal - WLP: Mr Elliott & Mr King were authorised to respond on behalf of the Society.
10. Autumn Meeting & AGM: The Meeting will take place on Friday 19th October 2012 in the Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The Vicar, Christopher Loveless, will speak on the history of pantomime. Mr King will agree with the Vicar the question of any fee or charitable contribution.

Immediate publicity for the talk & AGM will be secured by a notice in September's Warbler to be prepared by Mr Lancaster & Miss Lee and submitted to the editor before noon on Saturday 18th August 2012. A repeat will appear in the October Warbler. Actions for wider publicity, eg to NADFAS, the church, HAODS, will be agreed at the September meeting. Admission will be free to members, visitors will pay £3. Mrs Lee will prepare a poster for distribution highlighting the pantomime theme.

AGM Documents: It was agreed that, wherever possible, documents will be sent to members online with provision being made for members not online to receive the usual printed copies, either at the meeting or earlier if appropriate.

- Invitations to Members will be sent by Mrs Bridges, to include the reminder that subscriptions will be due and that their payment by Bank Transfer will be possible. Mr Elliott will hand deliver those not sent online.
- The Agenda for the 28th AGM will be prepared by Mr Hamer / Mr King
- The Report of the Committee for 2011-12 will be prepared by Mr Hamer / Mr King. Committee members are asked to submit their suggestions for inclusion in the Report to Mr King.
- The Accounts for 1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012 will be prepared by Miss Lee, audited by Mr R J Boud, Honorary Auditor. Mr Boud's agreement to continue as Honorary Auditor needs to be secured. Miss Lee will make a Treasurer's Report when she seeks approval of the Accounts at the AGM.
- The Minutes of the 27th AGM are available online from Mr Elliott.
- The Election of Committee Members takes place at the AGM. Mrs Bridges will be standing down from the Committee due to the extent of her other commitments. The other 7 members will offer themselves for re-election. The process for seeking nominations from the membership before the AGM needs to be addressed at our September meeting.

Meeting Logistics:

- All attend at 7pm to set up Hall
- Keys, GE
- Door, EB, SL, GD-T if required
- Refreshments: GE, GD-T.
- Lay out copies of documents for those not online, to be agreed OR arrange
 - screen projection ?
- Chair AGM: JH/ BK, to be agreed.
- Minute AGM: GE
- Speaker's Needs: BK
- Introduce Speaker & Vote of Thanks: JH/BK, to be agreed.
- Reinstate Hall: All
- Greet new members ?

11.WW1 Commemoration Project: Mr Lancaster reported that the main information gathering work was approaching a foreseeable end. Publication on

the web and in print form are the preferred outcomes. The major challenge is the creation of an engaging narrative that readers will enjoy & cherish. Seeking funds to finance the costs of publishing needs to be addressed. Progress to date is satisfactory and promises a picture of the effect of the Great War on Warnham.

12. Village Hall: Nothing to report on its renovation or the Society's representation on its Committee.

13. Any Other Business: None

14. Next Meeting: Thursday 20th or 27th September 2012, JH & BK to agree & advise, at Hawthorns, Knob Hill, Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing the meeting & Mrs Debenham-Taylor for her hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 172 were agreed: _____

Date: _____