

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 173rd Meeting held at Hawthorns on Thursday 20th September 2012.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor & Mr Thompson.
2. The Minutes of the Last Meeting, 15th August 2012, No. 172 were approved.
3. Matters Arising: Dealt with as Agenda items.
4. Correspondence: None.
5. Finance (Miss Lee) : The bank balance stands at £ 808.76. Miss Lee & Mr Hamer will liaise with Mr Boud to produce the annual accounts & seek his agreement to serve as Honorary Auditor for 2012-2013.
6. Membership: Mrs Bridges reported that the membership campaign had yielded two paid-up double members & two possibles. The Twitter account is open, the access code was advised. It was agreed that the question of raising membership fees should be deferred.
7. Parish Council: Mr Hamer summarised various matters discussed at the Council's most recent meeting:
 - the future of the provision of youth facilities in Horsham District; a radical re-appraisal with cost implications for the parish.
 - a proposed meeting with Biffa to discuss " landraise " proposals.
 - a site meeting to identify improvements at and around the A24 junctions with Bell Rd. & Station Rd., with reference to the recent fatal accident.
 - fingerpost repairs.
 - community public access defibrillators.
8. Roads & Traffic: Dissatisfaction was expressed at the piecemeal approach to parish traffic problems. It was thought that perhaps a County wide approach, possibly involving FoSAS, would be appropriate. It was agreed that Mr Purcell would be invited to our next meeting to help determine how we might progress this proposal, Mr Hamer to arrange. The meeting's business would be largely confined to this issue. Mrs Bridges will email Mr Hamer with her concerns over the number of trees posing a threat to traffic should they fall.
9. Planning: There are no applications for the Society to address.
10. Autumn Meeting & AGM:
 - Committee Members undertook to arrange the display of posters within & without the parish to promote attendance at the meeting.
 - it was agreed that AGM documents will be made available to Members on the website, 20 copies of each will be provided at the meeting for those without internet access.Nominated providers should send the following to Mr Lancaster & provide 20 copies at the meeting.

- Minutes of previous AGM, GE
- AGM agenda, JH/BK
- Report of the Committee for 2011-2012, JH/BK
- Audited Accounts, SL
- Mrs Bridges will invite Members to the Meeting, advise on accessing documents, that subscriptions are due and that payment by Bank Transfer is possible.
- Mr Lancaster & Mrs Bridges will liaise on aspects of managing Members details online.
- Mrs Bridges will print 2012-2013 Membership Cards.
- As Mrs Bridges will not be attending the meeting, the Door will be manned by SL & GD-T
- AGM business, BK
- Introduce speaker, JH
- Vote of Thanks, to be agreed

11. WW 1 Commemoration Project: Mr Lancaster reported that on a visit to the Chichester Records Office he had identified more candidates for investigation. The Heritage Lottery fund has allocated £90,000 to the Library Service to fund a large WW1 commem. project. He will update Members on the Project at the AGM.

12. Archaeological Field Walk at Ends Place: The field is ready for the walk to take place, volunteers are needed. Mr Lancaster will inform Members at the AGM. Online members will be sought as volunteers by email.

13. Any Other Business: Mr King reported on his correspondence with Mr Benham on securing improved download broadband speed for more outlying parts of the parish.

14. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: The date will be determined with Mr Purcell's agreement, see Minute 8 above. Mr King was thanked for chairing the meeting and Mr Elliott for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No. 173 were agreed: _____

Date: _____

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