

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 176th Meeting held at Hawthorns on Wednesday 3rd April 2013.

Present: Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King; Mr Lancaster & Mr Thompson.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor & Miss Lee. Mr King advised that Sue is currently unwell so cannot undertake her Committee duties pro tem. A " get well " card was sent from the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting, No.175,12th February 2013, were agreed.

3. Matters Arising: Dealt with as agenda items.

4. Correspondence & Communication: Mr Thompson put items on circulation. He will confirm that recent applications for membership have been duly processed.

5. Finance: In Miss Lee's absence Mr King has taken over her records which he has yet to appraise. Mr Elliott confirmed that Mr Thompson & he are cheque signatories, along with Miss Lee, so there is no need to appoint a temporary signatory.

6. Membership: Nothing additional to report.

7. Committee Roles & Responsibilities: The pressing need to recruit more members to the Committee was reiterated. For the second successive meeting we were just quorate.

8. Parish Council, Mr Hamer: Issues reported included:

- the attendance by local residents at the last meeting seeking urgent action to prevent future flooding at Northlands Road. After much discussion, the Parish Council decided to send a further letter to WSCC seeking a lasting solution to this pressing problem. Mr King will also be contacting WSCC in a private capacity seeking urgent and effective action.
- having met with potential problems with speed guns the P.C. has decided instead to buy a mobile, vehicle-actuated speed sign for use around the parish.
- WSCC will be repairing/replacing various signs and markings.
- a list of Community Assets has been prepared and will be submitted to H.D.C.
- Biiffa is progressing a contract to operate a Refuse Derived Fuel Plant at its Brookhurst Wood Site. No visibility or traffic problems are foreseen for Warnham.
- other items can be read in the minutes, either online or on public display.

9. The Village Hall: The Parish Council, as Trustee of the hall's funds, has agreed to make available money for hall redevelopment within its statutory remit.

10. The War Memorial: The Committee accepted a proposal from Mr Lancaster & Mr Elliott that the War Memorial should be spruced up. Mr Elliott agreed to write to Mr Benham seeking appropriate action by the Parish Council.

11. Roads & Traffic:

- Northlands Rd., see Min.8 above.
- the Parish Council is liaising with H.D.C. on the Strood Lane modifications

arising from the BBH housing development.

12. Planning Applications: None.

Mr Elliott reported that the revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework is now effective which creates a presumption in favour of "sustainable development " unless councils have put in place their own local plan and had it approved by a planning inspector. HDC's plan is stalled in its early stages, so sustainable development will be the key criterion for future developments, an approach which continues to concern CPRE & the National Trust.

13. Spring Meeting, Friday 10th May 2013. The hall is booked and Mr Hamer has arranged the speaker with whom he'll liaise over equipment needs etc. and any reimbursement.

Publicity: Mr Lancaster has arranged the publication of a display advertisement in two editions of the Warbler. Mr Lancaster & Mr Thompson will use this ad. as the basis for emailing members about the meeting and as a source of posters. The ad. will also be used for notifying non-email members, to be distributed by Committee members. Various local outlets were identified for placing posters. Mr Hamer will contact Farlington & Collyers, Mr Thompson & Mr Elliott will identify and service other district outlets.

Meeting Logistics:

- Keys, GE
- All attend at 7pm to set up hall
- Door: Gillian, Rachel & Sarah.
- Refreshments: GE & GD-T.
- Speaker's needs: JH
- Chair & Thanks: JH
- Reinstate hall: All

14. Great War Commemoration Project: Mr Lancaster advised that a list of those who served , with variable amounts of information, has been identified, from which pen portraits of the dead & selected survivors were being prepared. This data will be published and placed in the context of the progress of the War, life in Warnham & its aftermath. Decorations & awards will also be listed. Funding the proposed publication is being pursued. There are about 20 names which should be added to the War Memorial. Assuming the Parish Council to be the custodian of the Memorial, it will be approached to authorise & fund the addition of the extra names. At Mr Hamer's suggestion such a proposal should be couched in positive terms, identifying what needs to be done and how it might be done.

15. Field Walk, Ends Place: Mr Lancaster reported that a productive field walk had taken place, a second walk is planned for Friday 5th April.

16. Any Other Business: Mr Elliott reported that the village butcher shop is selling copies of the book " Warnham A History " by Ron Muggeridge, published by The Field Place Press 1985.

17. Next Meeting: It will be held on Thursday 6th June 2013, 7.15 for 7.30 pm, at The Tower. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and Mr Elliott for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting 176 were approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_