

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 183rd Meeting held at Forest Grange on Tuesday 15th April 2014.

Present: Ms Davies; Mrs Debenham-Taylor; Mr Elliott; Mr Hamer; Mr King; Mr Lancaster; Mr McLaughlin & Mr Thompson.

1. Apologies for Absence: None
2. Minutes of Last Meeting, No. 182, 7 March 2014, were approved.
3. Matters Arising not on the Agenda: None
4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson distributed stickers with the legend *Gatwick's Big Enough*
5. Finance & Membership: It was agreed to renew our annual membership of CPRE and FoSAS, the benefits of the latter to be kept under review, possibly discussing them with Mr Hair, the FoSAS Secretary. Indemnity insurance was the main benefit realised from membership of FoSAS for many years, which we now obtain from another provider at much less cost.
Mr Hamer will discuss with Mr Boud, our Honorary Auditor, the sufficiency of our financial reserves in relation to annual expenditure.
It was agreed that we should continue to explore the option of dropping annual subscriptions for membership of the Society in favour of free membership and payment for attendance at events. Mr Hamer will discuss with Mr Boud. There is as yet no firm consensus within the Committee, but the difficulty in collecting subscriptions is acknowledged. Any change would need members' approval at the AGM with soundings being taken at the Spring Meeting. The issue will be kept under review until it is resolved.
6. Spring Meeting: Ms. Davies has had a handbill printed advertising the Spring Meeting and the Book launch for parish distribution by members which was arranged. She will have some copies laminated for display in and out of buildings, boards etc. Mr Thompson will pay the supplier of the leaflets. The meeting has been advertised in the Warbler. Mr King will open the meeting, giving the perspective of water supply to the Tower and its adjacent properties, possibly with some of their owners. Ms Davies will provide two maps to identify well locations which will form an archive for future use. Mr Hamer will close the meeting.
Mr Elliot has booked the village hall and Mr Thompson will pay the hire fee. Mr Elliott will open the hall at 7pm, all to attend to lay out chairs etc. Mrs Debenham-Taylor, Mr Elliott & Mr McLaughlin will provide refreshments. Mr King will provide an extension lead.
7. Great War Commemoration Project (Mr Lancaster): The editor of the book, **Warnham and the Great War**, has provided proofs of the book of about 210 pages for our approval. An ISBN has been obtained. An increase in costs has been generously met by the Parish Council. the village hall is booked for the book launch on Friday 27 June 2014, Mr Thompson will pay the booking fee. The text has been agreed for the 17

additional names to be named, with their regiments, on stone plaques to be fixed to the wall behind the War Memorial. The stone have been procured by the appointed stone masons. The Vicar will lead a service of dedication of the added names on Sunday 3 August 2014, one day before the centenary of the declaration of war. Mr Lancaster as Chairman of the Society's Project Group will speak at the service.

The process of sprucing up the War Memorial is under way. It was noted that the question of adding names to the memorial within the church would be a matter for the church authorities.

8. Parish Council, (Mr Hamer & Mr Mc Laughlin) :

- last meeting dominated by response to concerns about greatly increased aircraft noise over the parish
- work on the village hall has stopped, due to resume in May for July completion
- a parish logo featuring a deer has been agreed
- an election is imminent to fill a resignation vacancy on the Council, applications are sought
- a tree planting programme is in progress

The full minutes can be read on the PC website or on its notice boards

9. Aircraft Noise: Mr King is preparing two letters to the Civil Aviation Authority, one on behalf of Warnham Lodge residents the other on behalf of the Society, to get an understanding of the relaxation of time-separation constraints on departing aircraft and changes of flight paths, with attendant increase in noise. Mr McLaughlin will advise on the name of the Secretary/Treasurer of the recently formed action group who is a Society member.

10. Village Hall: As noted above the current scheduled work is due for completion in July.2014 Work was stopped for some months due to a dispute with the contractors now resolved. The public appeal for funds to complete the final phase remains open. A statement of conditions for hall hire has been introduced, which raises issues The meeting expressed concerns about the hall refurbishment, it was agreed they should be addressed in a letter to the Parish Council. Mr Hamer will circulate a draft for comment by Committee members.

11.Roads & Traffic: Mr Hamer reported that funding is in place for added parking space at the school and Tilletts Lane. Modifications to Strood Lane are scheduled for 2016.

12. Planning: Mr King reported that the West Sussex Waste Local Plan has been found **sound** by the Planning Inspector;it is widely available to view.

13. Retention of Parish Records: Mr Hamer agreed to be the holder of a copy of the Parish Records currently with Elizabeth Bridges.

14. Village Walks: Mr Hamer will lead the guided village walk of a group from Crawley.

15. Future Programme: At Mr Hamer's suggestion it was agreed that a possible visit to Kensington Palace, featuring the Hanoverians, should replace that to the Tower of London.

16. Any Other Business: Mr Elliott reported that the Nuthurst oil buying syndicate was reporting the lowest prices since July 2012. It offers its members useful savings through

bulk buying and competitive tendering.

17.Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 May 2014 at 6 Friday St. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing the meeting and Mrs Debenham - Taylor for her hospitality.

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