

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 184th Meeting held at 6 Friday Street on Monday 14 July 2014.

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

Obituary: The Committee noted with sadness the death in May of George Brand its former long serving Treasurer, our condolences go to Betty and Gordon.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor & Mr McLaughlin
2. Minutes of Last Meeting, No. 183 15. 04. 2014 were approved
3. Matters Arising:None
4. Correspondence, Mr Thompson: Emails are forwarded to Committee Members, documents are put on circulation.
5. Finance, Mr Thompson: The cash balance at the bank is £ 1139.70, including book sale receipts. It was agreed that payments for book sales should be made through Mr Thompson, indicating that is what they are, and not paid direct to the bank. It was decided not to open a separate account for book sales.
6. Membership, Mr Lancaster: It was agreed that the proposal for the Society to have free membership, running costs being met by charging for admission to meetings etc, should be a key agenda item at our next meeting, Thursday 7 August 2014. If agreed by the Committee the Constitution would need to be changed in accordance with its provisions. Mr Elliott will circulate a copy of the Constitution to members before the meeting.
7. Parish Council Matters:The main issue is dealt with under item 8. Mr Hamer reported the adoption of a tree plan based on a survey of existing trees, guided by an arborist. Trees in poor condition will be removed and there will be new planting. The programme will be funded by the Hodgson Bequest.
8. Gatwick Flight Path Trials:Proposed changes to flight paths from Gatwick are out for consultation, submissions are required by 14 August 2014. There is an apparent paradox in that,anecdotally, there seems to be a lack of awareness that consultation is in progress while there is very strong concern, within and without the parish, at the increased levels of aircraft noise being experienced and their perceived impact on well-being should they continue. The Parish Council will be making a submission based partly on the work done by its sub-group, assisted by a professional advisor. It is also liaising with CAGNE, a group of communities concerned about the negative impacts of the proposed changes. The Council will also take account of the views expressed at a public meeting it is organising in the village hall on 23 July 2014. Mr Hamer pointed out that Council members are not delegates, mandated to vote in a certain way, but, rather, are representatives required to vote for what they believe is best for the people of the parish of Warnham. Any decision is likely to be decided by a majority vote. The Committee then decided it would make its own response to the proposals. Mr Lancaster agreed to circulate a draft email for comment, to seek Society members'

views. The essence of the consultation seems to be which of four options is preferred, plus a Don't Know. Given that changes to flight paths are inevitable, Option C in the consultation document seems to promise the least harm in that it directs aircraft to the north of Warnham with the least impact on the parish. Our response to the consultation will be agreed at our next meeting on 7 August 2014. It was observed that Gatwick Airport will be discussing the consultation findings with the CAA and the Dept. of Transport when there may be an opportunity, or even a need, for further comment.

9 .**Warnham and the Great War** sales: It was agreed that we should aim for national sales exposure for the book. Copies for review will be sent by Mr Lancaster to History Today, the BBC History Magazine, the Today Programme and the Guardian, Independent & Times newspapers in the hope that good reviews will promote sales. If this strategy succeeds members will be needed to support Mr Lancaster in supplying customers.

10. The Autumn Meeting: This may be the forum for a **Special General Meeting** if the Committee decides to recommend a change to membership criteria, see Minute 6 above. Brick making at Warnham is seen as a possible subject, other ideas welcome.

11. Any Other Business:

- Mr Hamer agreed to look at dates for a visit to Kensington Palace by Society members
- Mr Lancaster advised that the Wells' website is now operational

12. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: **Thursday 7 August 2014 at 6 Friday St. at 7.30 pm.** Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing the meeting and Ms Davies for her hospitality

Minutes of Meeting No. 184 were agreed: _____

Date: _____