

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 188th Meeting held at 6 Friday St. on Thursday 16 October 2014.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Mc Laughlin.
 2. Minutes of Last Meeting No. 187 25 September 2014 were approved.
 - 3, Matters Arising: None.
 4. Finance: Mr Thompson reported that the Accounts for 2013-14 were with the Auditor and should be available for the AGM.
 5. AGM & Autumn Meeting:
 - Mr King & Mr Lancaster will prepare a statement for submission to members so they can express a preference at the AGM for a one year trial of free membership, with meetings' charges, or to retain the subscription status quo. After Committee approval the statement will be included on the Agenda in accordance with Article 10 of the Constitution which includes the provision " to deal with any other business appropriate to the meeting."
 - Committee Report, JH/BK
 - Agenda, BK. Article 10 of the Constitution requires members to be given "not less than fourteen days" notice of the AGM
 - Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts, JT
 - JH will seek nominations for the election of members of the Committee for the ensuing year. All current members of the Committee have offered themselves for re-election.
 - It was agreed that a donation of £ 40 should be given to the HDAG in lieu of a speaker's fee, JT to implement.
 - pre-meeting information to members will be by email, SL. Powerpoint will display documents at the meeting.
 - Publicity: Distribution of flyers and arranging Warbler entries is by AD
 - GE to take minutes of the meeting.
- Meeting Arrangements:
- Open hall at 7 pm, GE
 - Prepare hall for meeting, All

- Refreshments, GD-T/WM/GE
- Take entry fees, SL
- Book sales, SL
- Introduce speaker, SL
- Run AGM, JH
- Vote of Thanks, BK
- Donation to speaker, JT
- Reinstate hall, ALL
- Close hall, GE/WM

6. Parish Council:

Mr Hamer is chairman of the Steering Group of 14 or so people from across the parish charged with preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan,(NDP) for the parish. Two meetings have been held and officers elected. There is a defined process for developing the NDP with emphasis on consultation leading ultimately to a referendum seeking approval of the Plan. If approved, it will have status in determining what development may take place within the parish. The Plan will be owned by parish residents. It is expected to take up to two years to complete and it has funds to employ professional help, if needed.

Mr Hamer reported that Warnham and Slinfold P Cs continue to retain the services of an experienced aviation consultant who helped the PC prepare its response on the recent flight path trials.

Mr Hamer reminded the meeting that, increasingly, powers are being devolved to Parish Councils, eg dealing with localised flooding, with financing implications.

The Council's tree planting plan is being implemented facilitated by the Hodgson bequest.

7. Planning: Nothing to report.

8. North Horsham Development: The Planning Inspector's hearings will be attended by Mrs Debenham-Taylor.

9. The Village Hall: Building works are complete.

10. Warnham and the Great War: Mr Lancaster reported that sales' rates had slowed, he will be publicising the book in the Warbler. It was agreed that Mr King would seek the Vicar's agreement for book sales at the Remembrance Day service. He would also discuss whether the church would want to display in its interior the 17 names added to

the external War Memorial. The Society would be happy to provide advice and information if an interior display proceeds.

11. Future Programmes: It was agreed that the Spring Meeting should focus on the implications for Warnham of current, planned and possible developments within the Horsham area. An update on the wells' inventory would be welcome. Subjects have been identified for future meetings or visits.

12. Any Other Business: None.

13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Monday 8 December 2014 at 7.45 pm at 6 Friday St., Mr Hamer to chair. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and Ms Davies for her hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No.188 were approved:_____

Date:_____

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