

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 189th Meeting held at 6 Friday St. on Monday 8 December 2014.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting No. 188 16 October 2014 were approved.
3. Matters Arising: It was agreed that Committee Meeting Minutes will only be posted on the Society's website when they have been approved at a subsequent meeting. Draft minutes circulated for comment by Committee Members will be sent to our email members, I e not for public consumption, but just to keep our members up to date. When Committee Members receive draft minutes they are asked to either indicate their agreement or suggest alterations.
4. Finance and Membership: Mr Thompson was authorised to renew our subscription to the British Association for Local History. It was also agreed that a further tranche of money from sales of "Warnham in the Great War" should be paid to the Parish Council. It was noted that there was a satisfying level of assent to the free membership trial at the AGM, it was agreed that Committee Members should pay the same £3 entry fee as paid by other attendees. Mr Thompson has paid the £40 donation to the HDAG, whose presentation was well received.
5. Appointment of Officers: The current 5 Officers stood down. They expressed their willingness to serve for another year. There being no other candidates the following were appointed: Joint Chairmen: Mr Hamer and Mr King

: Treasurer and Correspondence Secretary: Mr Thompson.

: Membership Secretary and Webmaster: Mr Lancaster

: Minutes Secretary: Mr Elliott

The need to appoint additional people to the Committee was stressed yet again.

6. Parish Council: Mr Hamer advised that the Steering Group is working on Step 2 of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. NDP, which is about identifying issues to be addressed in the Plan. A leaflet on the Plan, and its 6 steps, is being delivered to every household in the Parish.

The WPC is holding a public meeting on 15 January 2015 on developments at Gatwick Airport. WPC has made a grant to CAGNE to allow it to continue its activities. Ms Davies reported on a meeting she had attended at Crawley on the impact of a second runway at Gatwick. The effects will be so extensive and significant that their impact on the area needs

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to be well established and disseminated. The CEO of Gatwick Airport has distributed a letter arguing Gatwick's case for having a second runway.

A Planning Inspector has carried out an "examination in public" to determine the "soundness" of HDC's Horsham District Planning Framework.

Mr Hamer advised that there is a trend for WSCC to delegate authority for specified activities to parish councils e.g. local flooding. Operationally, this can be cumbersome.

A detailed design plan is being developed for traffic management for Strood Lane.

7. Planning: Nothing to report.

8. Warnham and the Great War: Mr Lancaster reported that about two thirds of the 500 copies have been sold. Mr Elliott reported that he had been unable to identify a prize for which the book would be eligible. Nor could he secure a book review in The Local Historian as there were far too many up for review. The search will continue. Mr Hamer will explore the possibility of further sales to local schools. Other sales opportunities will be taken as they arise.

9. Spring Meeting: It was agreed that Mr King would seek someone to speak on local wine and its history. If Mr King is unsuccessful Mr Elliott will approach The Wey and Arun Trust to provide a speaker. Mr Lancaster will circulate a list of previous topics to our email members to determine whether there are any subjects that would be worth repeating. Other ideas mooted included beekeeping and domestic waste management. Mr Mc Laughlin had arranged a well-received talk on the latter by WSCC staff for the Seniors Club. However, WSCC staff are only available during working hours.

10. Future Activities: Mr Elliott suggested that we should look for projects, where, being proactive, we could benefit the parish, Warnham and the Great War being an example. Mr Hamer suggested we could produce a guide book for Warnham which could be sold and used for guided tours of the village. As well as attracting visitors the right book could generate income for the Society. Other possible ideas would be welcome.

11. Any Other Business: None.

12. Date and Venue of Next Meeting: Monday 19 January 2015 7.45 pm at 6 Friday St. Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and Ms Davies for her hospitality.

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