

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 190th Meeting held at 6 Friday St. on Monday 19th January 2015.

Present: Ms Davies; Mr Elliott; Mr King; Mr McLaughlin and Mr Thompson.

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor; Mr Hamer & Mr Lancaster.
2. Minutes of Last Meeting No. 189, 8 December 2014 were approved,
3. Matters Arising: None.
4. Correspondence: Information from the CPRE was put on circulation.
5. Membership: There has been no response arising from the on line circulation of draft minutes.

Recruitment of new members to the Committee needs to be pursued. Members will approach possible candidates and report back at the next meeting or email their findings earlier . Mr Thompson will circulate Committee Members' details, for correction if required.

6. Finance: It was agreed that there is a need to prepare an inventory of books sold and unsold to facilitate repayment of monies to the Parish Council and help identify the current value of the Society's own funds. Ms Davies and Mr Thompson will discuss these matters with Mr Lancaster, also whether unsold stocks should be consolidated in a single location or not.

7. Parish Council: Mr McLaughlin reported that two of its members had been verbally abused, one in church and one at a party.

The footpath at the top of Gregsons is being improved.

A public meeting has been held to help WPC determine its response to the current consultation on the location of another airport runway in the south east.

There was nothing to report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The North Horsham Development is a component of the Horsham District Planning Framework (HDPF). The Planning Inspector in his initial report requires HDC to plan for 15000 new homes by 2031 rather than the 13000 proposed by HDC, so he has suspended his examination for 6 months to allow HDC to respond. The WSCT reports that the inspector stated that "nothing convinces me that the allocation for North Horsham is not sound". The inspector also suggested that any plan would need an urgent review if a second runway was built at Gatwick.

No other planning matters merited discussion.

8, Flooding: Examples of flooding within the parish were discussed. It was agreed that their causes and effects are such that they need to be addressed systematically. It was agreed that Mr King and Ms Davies would prepare a letter to the Parish Council from the Society stating that flooding problems are such that they warrant a co-ordinated approach to safeguard properties from flooding, verges from damage and roads from flooding.

9. Warnham and the Great War: The meeting agreed with Mr McLaughlin's suggestion that the Society should take a stall at the April Flower Show to sell the book. Arrangements will be agreed at the next meeting. Other opportunities to make sales will be pursued as they arise, as will those to have the book reviewed and entered for prizes.

10. Village Hall: The Society retains its aim of being represented on the hall Committee. Ms Davies will contact the Booking Secretary about nomination requirements.

11. Spring Meeting: It was agreed that Mr King will continue his search for a speaker on local wines and their history and that Mr Elliott should determine if The Wey and Arun Trust can provide a speaker, both as a matter of urgency. Mr Elliott will book the hall provisionally for Friday 8.15 & 22 May.

It was agreed that the Rev Rosemary Cattell could be approached to speak at the Autumn Meeting on recorded avian activity in her garden.

12, Future Activities: The Society wishes to identify future projects that could benefit the parish. Examples include a guide book; recording Warnham's role in the Second World War; the 1918 Armistice and beyond; the republication of key Warnham books; preparing a compendium of history, facts and stories. An invitation could go to the BBC inviting them to broadcast an episode of Any Questions from Warnham.

13. Any Other Business: The Society has been contacted by a Colin Mc Lean in Australia regarding his Warnham ancestors. Mr Thompson will discuss what we can do to help with Elizabeth Bridges.

14. Date & Venue of Next Meeting: Thursday 19 February 2015, 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.

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