

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 191st Meeting held at the Tower on Tuesday 24th February 2015.

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

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Debenham-Taylor; Mr Hamer & Mr McLaughlin.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting, No.190 19th January 2015, were agreed.

3, Matters Arising: None.

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson circulated CPRE documents and noted the progress report on the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan. An updated list of Committee members' details has been circulated.

5. Membership: It was agreed that the email circulation of draft meeting minutes would continue. Mr Canning's comments on the Society's operations were welcomed.

Mr King agreed to ask Mr Ivor Gibbs if he would be prepared to join the Committee. Identifying other candidates remains a pressing issue.

6 .Finance: Mr Thompson reported that the cash balance stands at over £1300, boosted by £40 from a closed Warnham Historical Society account which should have been transferred to The Warnham Society at the merger of the two Societies. Subscriptions due to outside bodies have been paid.

7. Parish Council:

- Neighbourhood Development Plan; Ms Davies reported that a parish housing needs survey has been issued. Consultants have been appointed to facilitate the work needed to prepare a draft plan for public consultation, Step 3 of 6.

- Gatwick Update: Nothing to report

- North Horsham Development: HDC is amending its Planning Framework to accommodate the 2000 extra homes identified by the Planning Inspector as being needed.

- Other Planning Matters: A Planning Application has been submitted for a housing development in Northlands Road.

8. Roads & Traffic: As agreed, Mr King has written to the Parish Council expressing the Society's concerns at the condition of roads, drainage and verges within the parish, requiring a more strategic approach for their successful maintenance. Mr King identified Northlands Rd as a problem. Members expressed their dissatisfaction with Tilletts Lane and Knob Hill, (even though work has been done on it, with more to come). The Parish Council is addressing those concerns.

9. Warnham and the Great War:

- Mr Lancaster reported that he and Sue Overton had given recorded interviews to a BBC journalist whose main interest was the impact of the War on village life rather than on

personal stories. The interview material will be condensed to produce a programme for transmission locally in November, and perhaps on Radio 4. The interviewer mentioned in passing that the Warnham book was the best he had seen of its type.

- Mr Elliott reported that he had had a request from Barry Fleming for help in creating a website on the 12th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, 12RF, in the Great War, with whom his father fought and survived. Barry helped us with two of our biographies who were members of 12RF as well as giving other valuable assistance. It was agreed that we could provide the help Barry needed and that Mr Elliott would distribute the access details to the website to the Committee and also to the Project Group Members so they can contribute as they wish. It was agreed that Mr Elliott will advise colleagues of Barry's requests and arrange to provide him with our responses.

10. Village Hall: Ms Davies reported that she would be attending the next meeting of the Village Hall Committee seeking to be elected as a Representative Member for The Warnham Society. If successful, this would be the culmination of a prolonged process.

11. Spring Meeting: Mr King confirmed that the Wey and Arun Canal Trust will provide a speaker for the meeting on Friday 15th May 2015, and from whom he has received a meeting synopsis and speaker's CV. Mr King will confirm those arrangements with the Trust and will ask for images for use in the Warbler and elsewhere to publicise the meeting. Mr Lancaster will enter the meeting details on the Society's website. The meeting entry fee was confirmed as £4. Detailed arrangements will be agreed at the next meeting.

12. Future Activities: It was agreed that the wells 'project should continue. Mr Elliott will contact the owners of Robinsgreen for permission to photograph its well.

Ian Everest, a Sussex historian, was seen as a possible speaker.

Mr King will continue to pursue the vineyard option.

Mr Lucas has agreed to speak about his year as High Sheriff

Returning to previous subjects should be considered

Mr King will discuss with Mr Hamer the best way for the Society to frame an invitation to the BBC to broadcast Any Questions from Warnham.

13 Any Other Business: Ms Davies agreed to assess the utility of a paper invitation to join a social media website with national connections.

14 Date & Venue of next Meeting: At 6 Friday St. at 7.45pm, Mr King will determine the date of the next meeting and advise members. Mr King was thanked for chairing this meeting and for his hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting 191 were approved: _____ Date: _____