

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held at 6 Friday Street on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

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.191. 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Correspondence: Mr Thompson agreed to contact Mary Day, a recent correspondent from Capel, offering her group a guided tour of Warnham, Mary to liaise with Mr Hamer. Mr Thompson put some documents on circulation.

5. Membership: Mr Lancaster will email members with details of the Spring Meeting.

6. Finance: It was agreed that we would let our subscription to FoSAS lapse. Mr Thompson reported that the cash balance stands at £ 1274.57. He will contact Elizabeth Bridges to facilitate the transfer of £ 40 to our account from a moribund Santander account of the Warnham Historical Society. Our subscription to CPRE has been paid.

7. Parish Council: Mr Hamer summarised the Council's response to the Society's concerns about the condition of the parish roads and verges, and the attendant flooding. In essence, the Council is proactive in identifying parish needs and pressing WSCC to meet them. The Council's precept has been raised to pay for additional work for which it's liable. The question posed to the Society is what more can be done? It was agreed that Mr King would draft a letter to WSCC, as the highway authority, to express concern at the delayed implementation of repairs, e g , in Northlands Road and to understand better how work on roads within the parish is prioritised.

Mr Hamer named the closing date for candidate nominations to be lodged for the forthcoming election of a new Parish Council.

Ms Davies reported on meeting dates to advance the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Consultants have been engaged to facilitate the completion of the six stage process culminating in a referendum to vote for against the Plan. Central to the planning process is widespread consultation to inform and seek the views of parish residents on issues raised by the housing needs survey, not yet available. The residents must also be involved in the development of a Vision Statement for the parish as part of the NDP.

Members agreed that their understanding of an NDP's purpose and preparation would be enhanced by having copies of NDPs already in force, Ms Davies will arrange. Members also agreed that the Society should contribute to the creation of the Vision Statement.

The recent absence of Planning Applications was noted. Mr Thompson agreed to investigate.

It was noted that HDC was consulting on its response to the Planning Inspector's requirement for an additional 2000 houses in its Local Development Plan.

8. Roads & Traffic: See Minute 7 above.

9. Warnham Historical Society Publications: Mr Thompson will advise the Capel local history group of Society and other publications. Mr Lancaster advised that the Society has a group of ISBNs available for future publications.

10. Warnham and the Great War: Mr Lancaster reported that the BBC had sought more village photos and was editing the text of its planned broadcast.

11. Village Hall: Ms Davies reported on her first Committee meeting as a member representing the Society which dealt with further planned improvements to the hall and how they will be financed.

12 Spring Meeting: The meeting will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Members were supplied with flyers for distribution within the parish after Easter. Detailed meeting logistics will be agreed at the next meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

13 Future Activities: It was agreed that Mr King would explore the possibility of a speaker on wine or beekeeping for the Autumn Meeting.

The BBC's "ANY QUESTIONS" requires too large an audience for Warnham to accommodate so Mr Hamer agreed to investigate the possibility of "Gardeners' Question Time" coming to Warnham.

A village guided walk remains on the list, as does looking at the list of previous talks with a view to repeating some of them.

!\$. Any Other Business: None

13. Date & Venue of Next meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 6 Friday St. at 7.30 pm, Mr King to chair. Mr Hamer was thanked for chairing this meeting and Ms Davies for her hospitality.

Minutes of Meeting No.192 were agreed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_