

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 196th Meeting held at 6 Friday Street on Thursday 17th September 2015.

Present: Ms Davies; Mr Elliott; Mr Lancaster; & Mr Thompson and Jamie Harries (guest)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>	<u>DATE DONE</u>
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Mrs Debenham-Taylor, Mr King, Mr Hamer, Mr Mc Laughlin		
2.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting.</u> Held over to next meeting		
3.	<u>Matters Arising:</u> Maintenance of Sandy's bench on the village green – was this resolved. John to raise the matter with the Parish Council	JH	
4.	<u>Correspondence:</u> Mr Thompson put some documents on circulation.	JT	
5.	<u>Finance:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1115.03 balance available • Expenditure YTD exceeds the income however we remain in credit • At AGM present analysis of finances to determine the impact of removing of subs to guest entry fee at the events held 	JT	
6.	<u>Parish Council:</u> No update available		
7.	<u>Committee structure</u> It was discussed how we recruit new committee members and decided it appropriate to wait until after there was a decision regarding putting on a Village Fete on before publicising (held over from last meeting)		
8.	<u>Village Hall:</u> Ms Davies reported that at the committee meeting on 14 th September it became clear that the hall is in a deficit of some £20k, because this money that came in the form of grants has been spent and this appears to contravene the purpose of the grant. It was proposed a loan is obtained to 'return' this money primarily in order to make raising more money for the hall achievable. The money to be raised is to replace the roof which will cost in the		

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	<p>region of £50k. The Secretary was not able to provide any idea on projected income from the regular bookings so it is unclear whether the village hall can actually afford to repay any loan taken. She also admitted the deposits provided by long term users have been 'spent'.</p> <p>The Financial Reports for 2012/13 and 2013/24 were handed out after the meeting had ended. These show as being audited but the layout of the report makes it impossible to determine what position the finances of the village hall are in.</p> <p>The AGM is due to be held on 8th October and Stuart Ritchie is to stand down as Chair and Hilary Farquhar to stand down as Treasurer.</p> <p>Ms Davies expressed concern that having agreed to go on to the village hall committee on behalf of the Warnham Society that she was being asked and expected by Stuart Ritchie to sign off the financial report for 2012/13 when she had no involvement with it. Also as Stuart Ritchie and Hilary Farquhar together with Alex Wilkes are all on the Parish Council, the affairs of the Village Hall should be brought to its attention.</p> <p>Ms Davies will follow this up with Mr Hamer</p>		
9.	<p><u>2016 Village Fete</u></p> <p>No meeting has been arranged for September/October due to the death of John Brinkler. Carry topic over to next meeting.</p> <p>£3k is in an account from the 2011 fete which can be used to set up an annual fete. This is available to buy equipment needed to host a fete.</p>	AD	
10.	<p><u>AGM & Autumn Meeting:</u></p> <p>Mr Thompson has agreed to follow up with Roy Boud re signing off accounts.</p> <p>13th November - Village Hall booked and paid for.</p> <p>The topic "Medieval and Modern Warnham" was agreed with John Hamer and Roger Purcell as speakers</p>	JT GE JH	
13.	<p><u>Future Activities:</u></p> <p>Article in AAH is still pending</p>		
!4.	<p><u>Any Other Business:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook page set up, content required to keep it in the 		

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	<p>public eye, without this it will not attract followers so will fail in its aim to promote the Warnham Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan and next meeting is on 24th September and community surveys have been delivered to all households in the Parish • WW1 book – there is a commemoration in 2016 and WS can screen the film The Somme, logistics and venue to be considered 		
15.	<p><u>Date & Venue of Next meeting:</u> Thursday 15th October 2015 at 6 Friday St. at 7.45 pm, Mr Hamer to chair.</p>		

Minutes of Meeting No.196 were agreed: _____ Date: _____