

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> Meeting held at The Tower on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

Present: Mr King, Mr Hamer, Mr Mc Laughlin, Mr Thompson and Mrs Anne Mitchell (guest) and Sharon Gould (guest)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ACTION BY</u>	<u>DATE DONE</u>
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Mrs Debenham-Taylor, Ms Davies, Mr Elliott, Mr Lancaster		
2.	<u>Minutes of Last Meeting.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed off</li> <li>• Sharon Gould is holding the signed copy of the minutes for the time being</li> </ul>		
3.	<u>Matters Arising:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Society constitution needs to be formally amended to reflect the new way of managing membership subscriptions, as agreed at the last AGM.</li> <li>• The Society needs to consider their role in village celebrations for the Queen's birthday in 2016</li> </ul>	BK	
4.	<u>Correspondence:</u> Mr Thompson put some documents on circulation.	JT	
5.	<u>Finance and Membership:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1403.88 balance available</li> <li>• The Society owes the Parish Council £245.00 for the sale of the WW1 books and this will be transferred to the new Parish Clerk in due course</li> <li>• As per 'Matters Arising' the constitution will be amended to reflect the move from annual membership fee to payment to attend meetings. Mr King to draft the changes and circulate to the Committee for comment.</li> <li>• There was a discussion about potential expenditure in 2016 on a project to benefit the village, ideas including the purchase of sound equipment for the village hall or a projector for the use of the Society. To remain under consideration.</li> </ul>	JT BK	
6.	<u>Committee Structure and Appointment of Officers:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be discussed at the next meeting when all Committee members present</li> </ul>		
7.	<u>Parish Council</u> Mr Hamer gave an update on topical issues being dealt with by the		

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	Parish Council. Including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a new Parish Clerk as Gerry Benham is retiring</li> <li>• There will be new and more formal planning committee meetings to meet local government requirements, to be held twice a month prior to the Parish Council meeting and members of the public may attend this part of the meeting.</li> <li>• Tuggles Plat – a planning application has been submitted to build new houses by extending the cul-de-sac into the field which runs behind Friday Street</li> <li>• Children’s area near the Village Hall – potential provision of new play equipment and the complications regarding mature trees in the area</li> </ul>		
8.	<u>Gatwick Update</u> There was a well-attended public meeting in the Warnham Village Hall on Friday 27 November. Jeremy Quinn MP spoke in support of the local community and two aviation experts commissioned by Gatwick Airport to deliver a study in aircraft arrivals gave a presentation. It was generally noted that arrivals are only half of the picture. The Society Committee agreed to continue to support the specialist campaign groups eg CAGNE.		
9.	<u>Village Hall</u> There was a general discussion about the issues with the roof and funding required to fix this issue, plus associated complications such as funding and building regulations. No action but Ms Davies to continue to keep the Society informed.	AD	
10.	<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u> Mr Hamer gave an update on the progress of the plan and the next steps whereby the owners of potential sites identified for building will be asked if they wish to put land forward, plus there will be a public call for sites (in local press). Once it is settled what land is available, the Parish Council will draw up a proposal which will be sent to the parish residents for consultation. No action but Mr Hamer to continue to keep the Society informed.	JH	
11.	<u>Spring Meeting</u> To be held end May. There was a discussion about potential topics for presentation. Ideas included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warnham in the Great War</li> <li>• Old houses of Warnham</li> <li>• Tudor and Stuart Warnham</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christ's Hospital</li> <li>• Wetlands Trust</li> </ul> <p>To be discussed at the next Committee meeting. Action: all to pursue any ideas by sounding out potential speakers.</p>	All	
12.	<p><u>Future Activities</u></p> <p>There was a discussion about ideas for future Society activities. These included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided walks – village and wider parish</li> <li>• Monitoring of flora and fauna</li> <li>• A calendar of Warnham photographs</li> <li>• Walking and monitoring of footpaths/rights of way</li> <li>• Supporting the Village Show (Sharon Gould gave an update that the Show committee have been considering options of either taking a year off in 2016 or holding one, much simplified Show. Currently under consideration.)</li> </ul> <p>Mr Thompson noted that there is a supply of Warnham Walks leaflets remaining, which could be distributed at the Spring meeting.</p>	JT	
13.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr King advised that the Society requires a keyholder to look after the Village Hall key and make it available as required for Society meetings. Mr Thompson offered to do this and Mrs Mitchell to assist.</li> <li>2. The Society needs to find a suitable storage location for old Society minute books and accounts. Mr Hamer undertook to consult the Horsham Museum, where there is an archive. Sharon noted that the Village Show also probably have a similar requirement.</li> </ol>	JT & AM  JH	
15.	<p><u>Date &amp; Venue of Next meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 6 Friday St. at 7.45 pm.</p>		

Minutes of Meeting No.198 were agreed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_