

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the thirtieth meeting of the Committee held at
Ramblers, Friday Street on 3rd October 1989

PRESENT: Mr R E Melhuish (Chairman)
Mrs R Ashton
Mr R B Bensted-Smith
Mr P A Board
Mr R H Courtier
Sir James Dalrymple-Hay
Mr G. P. McMullen
Mr R C Overton (Secretary)
Mr M V S Smith

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs Thornton and Mrs Walker. Mr Purcell was out of the country.

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th September 1989

The minutes were agreed to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

With regard to the proposed change in the date of subscriptions, the Secretary said that he hoped this would not be a precedent for members to raise matters in committee requiring important decisions without first asking for an item to be put on the agenda.

With regard to the Secretaryship Sir James Dalrymple-Hay said that he was prepared to take this on. This was accepted with gratitude and relief.

With regard to the re-election of a committee, Mr Board said that he definitely wished to resign following his move to Bolney.

With regard to the summer house in the grounds of Warnham Court School, the Chairman had written to the Chief Planning Officer recommending listing.

3 Treasurer's Report

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman tabled a list of members with their subscriptions still outstanding.

4 AGM - Report by the Committee on the last 12 months

All members had copies of the Secretary's draft which was gone through in detail and some amendments made.

5 AGM - Copying

The Secretary said that unfortunately he was no longer able to offer the free duplicating service (courtesy his wife and Crawley College) since the machine had been disposed of. This brought in the necessity of photocopying and commercial rates were expensive (about 10p a copy) even for runs of 100 which was what was required.

The Chairman said that the Society was welcome to use his personal photocopier at a nominal charge, and Sir James Dalrymple-Hay said that his own machine was also available. This satisfactory solution to the problem was welcomed.

6 The Annual General Meeting Friday 27th October 1989

A number of other matters connected with the meeting were discussed.

7 Conservation Area - joint working party

All members of the Committee had a copy of the working party's report, dated July 1989, which was now with the Parish Council. Mr McMullen said that the report had been well received by the Council but had been adjourned for further consideration at the next meeting.

8 Planning application for light industrial use at Northlands Farm

It was agreed that the Chairman would write and make representations against this planning application, acting in support of the Parish Council.

9 Field Place

Mr McMullen said that on behalf of the Parish Council he had attended a meeting at Broadbridge Heath on 25th September organised by the Broadbridge Heath Parish Council and other like-minded bodies who opposed the paragraph in the North Horsham District Local Plan which gave guarded encouragement to development at Field Place. What these bodies wanted was to have the paragraph deleted and to organise the presentation of a case to that effect at the forthcoming Public Local Enquiry. There was to be a further meeting on 6th October and the Warnham Society could be represented at that meeting if it so chose.

It was agreed after discussion that the Society should associate itself with these efforts and Mr McMullen was authorised to act in this capacity. The membership would be informed of this via the Committee's report to the AGM.

10 "The Garden and the Street Scene"

It was noted that the judges (Mrs Olive Thornton and Messrs Cliff Arliss and Richard Overton) had awarded the £25 prize to Miss Joan Barton at Lane End, No 2 Tilletts Lane. Mr. Overton had drafted a note for the November issue of The Warbler and members of the Committee had copies.

11 Any other business - four proposed residential developments on the perimeter of the village

The Chairman said that he had had a telephone call from Mr Cliff Arliss that evening from which he inferred that four outline planning applications were imminent - (1) between School Hill and Bell Road (2) behind Tuggles Plat (3) behind Farm Close and (4) at Andrews Farm on the far side of the A24. It was agreed that obviously if these materialised the Society would wish to scrutinise and if appropriate make representations.

12 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday 9th January 1990, same time and venue.