

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the thirty-third meeting of the Committee held at
Ramblers, Friday Street on 26th June 1990

PRESENT: Mr R E Melhuish (Chairman)
Mrs R Ashton
Mr R C Overton (Secretary)
Mr G. J Read
Mr M V S Smith
Mrs O G Thornton

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Sir James Dalrymple-Hay and Mrs Walker. Members joined the Chairman in wishing Sir James a speedy recovery after his very recent operation.

2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th March 1990

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

With regard to Granny's Lane (Item 2), the change of name did not yet seem to have been effected by the District Council despite promises and reminders.

With regard to Neighbourhood Watch (Item 8) Mr Overton said that he had written to the Parish Council to invite them to finance the erection of notices at the main entrances to the village which the Society would organise in liaison with West Sussex County Council.

With regard to litter on the A24 (Item 9(ii)) the Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between Sir James and Mr Geoffrey Hodgson and it was agreed that no further action was necessary or appropriate.

With regard to the oak trees (Item 9(iii)), the Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between Sir James and the Parish Council and the committee noted the satisfactory outcome that the Council had accepted responsibility for the maintenance of the trees "on a low key basis". The Society was invited to inform the Council of any trees which needed attention.

3 Village Street Fayre 1991

Following the Vicar's circular letter of 9th May, the first meeting of an organising committee had been held and the second was scheduled to take place on 22nd July. A date had now been fixed for this event itself – Saturday 29th June 1991.

The Chairman thought that there would be no great difficulty in the Society participating with a stall,

and Mr Read undertook to attend the next meeting of the organising committee.

4 Treasurer's Report

The Chairman said that Mrs Walker had informed him that the bank balance stood at £154. As to subscriptions he understood that about half the membership had paid up and about half were in arrears. In the Treasurer's absence abroad it was unfortunately not possible to make any progress with regard to the latter.

5 West Sussex Structure Plan, Second Review, Consultation Draft

The Chairman had written to the County Planning Officer on 11th June with comments which broadly backed up those made by the Parish Council. He read the letter.

6 Planning Applications

According to the Chairman, the only one to cause concern in the period since the last meeting was WN 33/90 - a single storey extension at Stanford Orchard to provide a store. Opinion on the committee was equally divided and it was left that the Chairman would study the planning application and exercise his discretion as to whether to make representations.

7 The Spring Meeting held on 26 April

It was felt that Dr Brian Short's talk had gone down well and that the evening (attended by about 50 members) had been a success.

8 The redundant summerhouse in the grounds of Warnham Court School

The Chief Planning Officer had written (1st June) to say that the summerhouse was not considered worthy of listing though it was admitted to have interesting features. The letter advised that if the Society wanted to pursue the question of listing it should take the matter up with the DoE's History Branch (HSD2) at Lambeth Bridge House.

The Chairman hoped that all members would look individually at the summer house with a view to a more informed discussion at the next meeting.

9 Warnham Conservation Area

There had been a useful tour of inspection on 27th April attended by all interested parties including the 3 Statutory Undertakers, the Society being represented by Mr Melhuish and Mr Purcell. A

number of practical improvements were discussed and some action agreed.

10 Annual General Meeting 1990

The date of Friday 19th October was agreed.

11 Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Thursday, 13th September, same venue.