

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the thirty-fourth meeting of the Committee  
held at Ramblers, Friday Street, Warnham on  
Tuesday 13th September 1990.

Present : Mr R. E. Melhuish ( Chairman)

Sir James Dalrymple-Hay ( Secretary)

Mrs J. M. Walker ( Treasurer)

Mrs R. Ashton

Mr R. H. Purcell

Mr R. C. Overton

Mr M. Smith

Mrs O. G. Thornton

Mr R. B. Bensted-Smith

1. Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Mr Courtier, Mr Read and Mr McMullen.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th June 1990.

Mr Bensted-Smith pointed out that he had sent his apologies for absence but that this had not been recorded. Otherwise the minutes represented a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

"Granny's Lane". As there had been very little response from the District Council it was agreed that the Chairman should speak to Mrs Jean Burnham and ask her to take the matter up with the Council.

The Parish Council had advised us that they were not prepared to erect neighbourhood watch signs at the entrances to the village.

The Secretary was asked to inform the Village Street Fayre committee that the Society would undertake to run a Tombola bottle stall and would also be responsible for providing the trimmings for the stand.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mrs Walker reported a balance of £ 175–59 in the bank. There was a discussion as to whether to pay the Civic Trust subscription by direct debit, and it was decided not to do so for the time being.

5. Membership and Subscriptions.

Mrs Walker told the meeting that 49 members had paid the subscription and 23 had not yet paid. Three members had cancelled their membership (two of whom had left the village) and we have five new members. Three of these had joined following the joint meeting with the Historical Society in the Spring.

6. Draft Report for the AGM.

The draft report was presented to the committee and was accepted, subject to some minor amendments. The chairman was asked to expand upon the Conservation Area theme at the AGM.

7. Annual General Meeting on 19th October 1990.

It was agreed that wine should be served after the meeting, rather than before it. Mr Overton offered to organise the wine.

On the question of committee membership Mr Overton and Mr Smith stated that they had decided, reluctantly, not to stand for re-election. Mr Bensted-Smith said that he would be prepared to continue, but would stand down to make room for a new member if necessary.

8. A letter, similar to that circulated last year will be sent to all members with the report and the minutes of the last AGM.

9. Planning Matters.

The chairman brought to the attention of the committee a revised application for three houses on land adjoining Newmans Cottage, Friday Street. It was felt that the Society should raise no objection, particularly as the application concerned a site for which planning permission had already been granted. It was agreed however that the chairman should write to the Council asking them to insist on the use of sympathetic natural materials.

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Any Other Business

(i) Stiles: The secretary mentioned that the stile at the southern end of the wood near the former Tilletts Barn was dangerous as barbed wire had been nailed across the top bar of the stile . It was also pointed out that two stiles at the rear of St Margaret's church were in a poor state. The Secretary was instructed to write to the appropriate department of the County Council and to send a copy to the Parish Council .

(ii) The Garden Competition: Mr Overton drew the committee's attention to the fact that last year we had said that the "Garden and the Street Scene" competition would be judged annually in October. It was agreed that this should be honoured and that the same judges should inspect and decide on a winner. The award to be announced at the AGM.

(iii) Bottle Bank: It was noted that the Parish Council was to approach the owners of the Sussex Oak PH. for permission to use a part of their car park for a village "bottle bank". After some discussion the secretary was asked to write to the Parish Council objecting on the grounds that it would be detrimental to the environment. Bottle banks, it was agreed, are not only unsightly in themselves but invariably result in broken glass etc. in the immediate area. Furthermore it was felt to be quite unnecessary in the village.

(iv) Other Societies: The question of inviting other Societies to our Spring meeting was raised. It was resolved to discuss this at the next committee meeting.

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Date of Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the committee would be held on Tuesday 11th December 1990 at 8pm. at Ramblers Friday Street.