

# THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the thirty-eighth meeting of the Committee  
held at Ramblers, Friday Street, Warnham on  
Tuesday 3rd September 1991.

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Present : Mr R. E. Melhuish ( Chairman)  
Sir James Dalrymple-Hay ( Secretary)  
Mr R. H. Newman ( Treasurer)  
Mrs R. Ashton  
Mr A. G. Brand  
Mr R. H. Courtier  
Mr R. H. Purcell  
Mrs O. G. Thornton  
Mr R. B. Bensted-Smith

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from Mr McMullen and Mr Read. Mrs J. M. Walker was not present.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 1991.

(i) The date of the last meeting was corrected from Tuesday 15th May to Wednesday 15th May 1991.

(ii) Under Matters Arising, "Grannies Lane" should have been "Granny's Lane"

(iii) The minutes should read: "Mrs Thornton had visited the HDC and the chairman had subsequently received a letter". . . etc.

Subject to the above alterations the minutes were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the chairman.

3. Matters Arising

(i) GRANNY'S LANE. The chairman had received an unsatisfactory letter from the HDC and therefore proposed writing to the District Council again, pointing out that the objector was not a resident of the lane in question. The chairman would also write to the Chairman of the Parish Council on the matter.

(ii) FIELD OPPOSITE BEARSEN PET SUPPLIES. The Chairman reported that the old

entrance had been closed and that the new entrance was in use. It was presumed that the matter had been resolved by agreement with the HDC.

(ii). MEMBERSHIP CARDS. Mr Purcell is arranging for membership cards to be printed at a nominal cost and in time for the AGM.

(iii) HANGING BASKETS. Mr Harry Parr had delivered the hanging baskets to Mrs Thornton for safe keeping.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report.

BANKING. The Treasurer advised the meeting that Building Societies will not deal in cheques of less than £50 – which made them unsuitable as bankers to the Society.

Therefore, following the decision at the last meeting it was resolved to transfer the account to Lloyds Bank PLC. Horsham who had agreed to make no charge for the first year.

The balance at the bank stood at £ 150–38.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Treasurer reported that there were seven new members, making a total of 89 who had paid their subscriptions.

#### 5. Planning Matters.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the HDC objecting to the use of land at Field Place for the storage of cars. Permission had however been granted for this.

The proposal to use the old Redland Brickworkings for a rubbish tip was discussed. Mr Brand pointed out the advantages of a well controlled land reclamation scheme in this situation and it was agreed that the Society should raise no objection to this proposal.

At the July meeting of the Parish Council they objected to the overturning of the Inspector's recommendation that Field Place should not be regarded as a possible site for residential development. The Chairman undertook to look into the position with the HDC Planners, and to write to the Parish Council and the West Sussex County Times in support of their objection.

#### 6. Street Fayre.

It was reported that the Society had raised £580. ( £480 on the bottle tombola stall, and £100 from the sale of the Illustrated Warnham Guide.) The Warbler report was unfortunately inaccurate. The amount that the Society received back into its funds (£100) was well below the 1/3 previously agreed. It was agreed that this should be made clear at the AGM.

7. Federation Meeting, Warnham.

We have been asked to host the next Federation Meeting in Warnham on 11th September at 8pm. We have been asked to provide light refreshments in the Parish for about 25 people. Mrs Ashton and Mrs Thornton agreed to deal with this.

It had been made clear to the chairman that all committee members were invited, but that the voting right of the Society would be limited to one vote if that situation were to arise.

The next meeting of the Federation has been arranged for 15th January 1992. Venue to be announced.

8. Arrangements for the AGM.

The AGM was arranged for Friday 25th October 1991 and the village hall was booked for 8pm. Mr Newman undertook to collect the keys and to open the hall at 7.30 that evening. The Secretary to contact Geoff Read to ask him to organize the wine.

The draft report by the Secretary was discussed and amendments were agreed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. Mrs Ashton gave notice that she would not be standing for re-election. The Secretary to contact Mr McMullen and Jo Walker to ascertain their willingness to stand.

9. Publicity and Public Relations.

It was resolved that a notice should be placed in the Warbler about the AGM. The Secretary agreed to deal with this.

Any Other Business

10. Best Garden Competition.

The Secretary reminded the committee that for the past two years we had awarded a prize for the garden which "contributed most to the street scene". The possibility of arranging this at such a late stage was discussed but it was decided that we had "missed the boat" this year. It was resolved that we review the position early next year.

11. Village Appraisal.

It was proposed that the Society should obtain a copy in order that the findings be studied to see whether the Society could act on any of the conclusions.

12. Traffic.

It was understood that the Highway Authority is now prepared to carry out traffic-calming works if they are privately funded and are considered to be sensible. In this connection it was suggested that the WSCC be approached to find out whether they would consider flashing light speed warning signs at each end of the village. The Parish Council could then be approached to see if they would fund them. Mr Courtier undertook to look into these and other possibilities.

13. "Bad Neighbour" Building Development.

Mr Bensted-Smith told the meeting that there was to be a meeting in Slinfold to discuss the development of the BASF industrial complex. He wondered whether any of the Warnham members felt that it was relevant to Warnham problems.

14. Next Meeting.

The next committee meeting to be held at Ramblers, Warnham, on Wednesday 11th December 1991 at 8 pm.