

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of the Forty First meeting of the Committee held at No 1. Valley Forge, Warnham on  
Wednesday 15th April 1992.

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

1. Apologies for Absence All committee members being present there were no apologies for absence.
  
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 1992.
  - (i) The spelling "Grannies Lane" to be corrected to "Granny's Lane".
  - (ii) The spelling "Pritchard Jones" to be corrected to "Prichard Jones".

Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 1992 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the chairman.
  
3. Matters arising
  - (i) GRANNY'S LANE. Mrs Thornton had called on Mr Flack of the Horsham D.C. who agreed to have the matter resubmitted at the next meeting of the Council. Mrs Thornton was thanked for her action.
  - (ii) FIELD PLACE. RESERVE HOUSING SITE. Mr Read informed the committee that the Parish Council were concerned at Horsham District Council's failure to record their objection to the overturning of the Inspector's recommendation. However, in view of a subsequent assurance that, in fact, development was unlikely, they had decided not to

press the matter.

The committee were concerned at this relaxed attitude to an apparent irregularity and resolved to write to the Parish Council if a formal objection had indeed been registered. Hon. Sec. to investigate.

(iii) BEST GARDEN COMPETITION. Mrs Thornton to report to the next meeting.

(iv) A24 SCHOOL HILL JUNCTION. No further action.

(v) SHELLEY BI-CENTENARY. Mr Read reported little progress at the last meeting but another has been arranged. He will report on this at the next Committee meeting.

(vi) A24 SUB COMMITTEE. Satisfaction was expressed at the decision of the County Council, which was in accordance with the sub-committee recommendations. The chairman and members thanked those concerned for their excellent work.

(vii) COUNTY LANDSCAPE PLAN. The Chairman had passed the Society's comments to the Parish Council, through the Chairman, Mr Hodgson. The view of the Council was that the points made were valid and they had been noted.

#### 4. Treasurers Report.

The meeting was advised that the balance stood at £ 168-37.

He reported that two new members, Mr and Mrs P. Robinson of Tuggles Plat, had joined. Mrs Penny Bennet and Dr Walker had rejoined.

The committee agreed to meet the cost of filling the hanging baskets, but voted (nem con.) against taking out an Insurance suggested by the Civic Trust.

#### 5. SPRING EVENT.

The Chairman had discussed with Mr Hodgson the possibility of asking the author of the village landscape plan, Mr Lloyd of the WSCC to speak on the subject. It appears however that he may not be a satisfactory choice. A. second possibility is Mr Tony Curtis, the HDC Planning Officer to speak on the golf course project. Another possibility is to approach the Sussex Wildlife Trust for a speaker. The Chairman undertook to act on this advice and to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Read undertook to arrange the wine.

Mrs Thornton to organise coffee and biscuits.

The Chairman to prepare a notice for the Warbler and a poster for exhibition and circulation by the Hon. Sec. to all members. The meeting to be 7.30 for 8 pm.

Mr Newman to collect the keys from Mr Arliss

6. Planning Matters.

There had been an application in respect of the Warnham Warehouse concerning an office designation for a part of the premises. It was agreed to take no action.

Permission had been refused for extra accommodation in the new block of flats at Ends Place. It is understood to the developer has lodged an appeal.

7. Traffic Calming Scheme.

Mr Courtier tabled a detailed scheme for "traffic calming" in the centre of the village, drawn up following discussion with Dr Klaus, a recognised authority on the Subject.

The suggestions were discussed at some length and Mr Courtier emphasized that there was considerable flexibility in the proposals and that it would be entirely practicable to implement those elements which were accepted, on a phased basis.

It was agreed that the scheme was too comprehensive to be discussed fully at the meeting and it was resolved - members should consider it at their leisure and to offer comments and suggestions at the next meeting.

It was thought that the Spring Meeting would be an admirable opportunity to get members first reactions and Mr Courtier's offer to make a brief statement on the subject at that meeting was gratefully accepted.

The Chairman would make clear the tentative nature of the proposals and declare the Society's intention to submit them to the Parish Council for consideration once the Society's view had been established.

The committee thanked Mr Courtier for his work in producing a professional approach to an increasingly urgent problem.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

8. Sussex Federation AGM.

The AGM of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies will be held on Wednesday 13th May at Wivelsfield Green. All Committee members are invited. The speaker will be Dr Alice Coleman. None of the members stated their intention to attend.

Mr Tony Curtis, Planning Officer Horsham DC will be the speaker at the meeting of the Slinfold Society on Thursday 16th April. Mr Bensted-Smith and the Chairman will attend.

9. Overflying from Gatwick.

Mr Newman reported that he had been annoyed by a regular flight of a private aircraft over the village at about 5.30 am. Other members agreed that they were aware of it. Mr Newman had complained to the Gatwick Airport Authority about it and will keep the committee informed.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked Mrs Jameson for having the meeting in her house, and for the refreshments.

10. Next Meeting. The next meeting is to be held at No 1. Valley Forge, Warnham on Wednesday 1st July 1992 at 8 pm.