

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES
REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

Minutes of the Forty Sixth Meeting of the Committee
held at The Red House, Church Street, Warnham on
Thursday 1 April 1993

Present: Sir James Dalrymple-Hay (Chairman)
Mrs. J. H. Jameson (Secretary)
Mr. R. W. Newman (Treasurer)
Mr. R. H., Purcell
Mrs. O. G. Thornton
Mr. G. J. Read
Mr. A. G., Brand

1. Apologies for Absence

The Chairman advised the Meeting that Mr. Bensted-Smith has retired from the Committee as he is moving house to Devon. He will write to him to express the thanks of the Society for his long contribution - he was the founding Chairman of the Warnham Society.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 February 1993

Ref: Item 6 para. 2: - Reference should be to Mr. Elliott not Mr. Overton.

Ref: Item 8 para. 5: - Reference should be to Canon Taylor not 'The Church'.

Ref: Item 8 para. 2: - £13, 000 is the contribution being made by Horsham District Council; the balance of the cost will be met by British Telecom and Seeboard.

3. Matters Arising

(i) **Knob Hill.** No progress has been made towards completion of the works to the lay-by. Mr. Purcell will ring the Council to chase up this matter.

(ii) **Golf Course.** Permission has now been granted subject to details. The access via Robin Hood Lane was not objected to.

(iii) **Road Naming.** The Parish Council has raised no objections to to this initiative and is happy for The Warnham Society to proceed with their negotiations with the Council. Mrs.

Jameson will speak to Mr. Flack again prior to writing to confirm The Society's requests. She will show him Mr. Purcell's photographs of the Warninglid , signs, which are much more attractive than the standard, to see if a similar type could be provided in Warnham.

Mr. Hodgson has said that he would not object to the naming of Three Stile Road – The name 'Knob Hill' applies to an area as well as to a section of road.

It was commented that the 'Warnham' sign on Bell Road is in poor condition.

(iv) **Traffic Calming** Mr. Purcell said that he and Mr. Courtier have checked road widths and are getting the plans redrawn. Ms. Macnab has been given a copy of the sketch drawing which was done last year.

Mr. Purcell advised that the County are keen to introduce traffic calming measures and will give positive consideration when communities prepare schemes for their locality. The District Council are considering introducing traffic calming measures when the A24 dualling is done.

The Parish Council are critical of The Warnham Society taking the lead on traffic matters. They have had a meeting with the County about the introduction of yellow lines to restrict parking in the village, but it is thought by this Committee that such action will cause more problems than it solves.

(v) **Society Affiliations.** It was decided to retain association with the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies and the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign, but to withdraw from the Civic Trust. The Secretary will check on the status of the Civic Trust in the constitution of The Warnham Society prior to writing to them.

The Society has ceased to receive notification of Planning Applications from Horsham District Council.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Newman reported that subscription fees remained outstanding for 10 members, and handed the list of names to the Secretary. Mrs. Jameson will prepare a revised membership list before the Spring Meeting.

Mr. Newman reported that total receipts now stand at £248.47. No Bank charges have been levied.

5. Planning Matters

Mr. Purcell said that Bryant Homes had sent a brochure to the Parish Council illustrating their proposals for a village on the brickworks site to the east of the railway line.

Long-term development of sites outside building zones defined in the current Local Plan

cannot be discounted as the Plan is revised every five years.

6. Any Other Business

Mrs. Thornton reported that the Historical Society intend to write to Mr. Prichard-Jones requesting him to withdraw his objection to the re-naming of Granny's Lane. It was agreed that The Warnham Society would write to him also - Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Jameson will liaise on preparation of the letter. The map in Muggeridge's book On Warnham shows Granny's Lane. Old maps do not refer to Byfleets Lane along this stretch of road - the erection of the road sign at the Broadbridge Heath end of the lane was instigated by John Burnham. It was suggested that Broadbridge Heath Parish Council may have some records which could add weight to the case for re-naming.

Despite Mrs. Jameson's and Mrs. Thornton's reservations on the selection of the Best Kept Garden in 1992 the Meeting wanted to make the selection again this year. It was suggested that a notice should be put in the Warbler advising that an assessment will be based on the best contribution to the streetscape, and that the result will be announced at the Autumn Meeting.

Mr. Brand queried why the bus shelter at Durfold is to be removed. Mr. Read said that the matter had been discussed at some length by the Parish Council. It has been estimated that it would cost £800 to repair and that such cost cannot be justified as the shelter is not used. It will be demolished unless someone can find an alternative use for it.

7. Spring Meeting

Mr. Purcell said that he had written to Ms. Macnab and that she and Jeff Wailling are very keen to come and talk about Conservation Areas.

It will be a joint meeting with the Parish Council. Whilst it is not thought that Mr. Hodgson will contribute to the presentation it was agreed that he should be invited to sit at the front table. (Mr. Purcell will make the invitation).

Mrs. Jameson will arrange for an A4 poster to be displayed around the village and distributed to members early the following week.

The Chairman will introduce and chair the Meeting generally, and Mr. Purcell will introduce the speakers.

Mr. Read will arrange the wine, and Mrs. Thornton and Mrs. Jameson will see to the 'nibbles',

Committee members should be at the Village Hall soon after 7pm to prepare for an 8pm start.

8. Date of The Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held On Tuesday 6 July 1993 at 8pm at The Red House, Church Street at the kind invitation of Sir James Dalrymple-Hay.