

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES
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Minutes of the Fifty First Meeting of the Committee
held at 1 The Forge, Byfleets Lane on
Tuesday 7 June 1994

Present: Sir James Dalrymple-Hay Chairman
 Mrs. J. H. Jameson Secretary
 Mr. R. H. Newman Treasurer
 Mrs. O. G. Thornton
 Mrs. R. Ashton
 Mr. R. Courtier
 Mr. G. J. Read

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr. R. H. Purcell and Mr. A. G. Brand.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 1994

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

(i) **Road Naming.** Despite assurances from Mr. Flack at Horsham District Council that new road signs have been manufactured none have yet been erected. Mrs. Jameson will again chase him on this matter.

The Parish Council are trying to get the new Animal Sanctuary signs replaced by more appropriate smaller ones. Mrs. Jameson will also discuss these with Mr. Flack.

Mrs. Thornton expressed objections to the new Northlands sign.

(ii) **Bus Shelter.** Mrs. Thornton said that she had removed a poster which had been pinned to the new shelter. It was agreed that it should not be allowed to become covered with posters, and any found should be removed. The Parish Council will need to deal with this matter.

(iii) **Ends Place Footpath.** Mrs. Thornton has spoken to the man who was present at the Enquiry about proving use as a highway. However, it is unlikely that any maps will indicate vehicular use and it was not considered that the matter could be taken any further.

(iv) **Underground Cabling.** Work is progressing, albeit slowly, on the new lighting and telephone cabling. Mr. Courtier said that he is awaiting a new telephone connection to his property in Friday Street, having signed authority for the work to be done. It is not known how far down Friday Street British Telecom intend to take their underground cabling.

(v) **Station Road.** Mrs. Ashton said that the residents of Station Road have not yet received confirmation of its closure. Preservation of the signal box has been discussed and will be promoted by the Parish Council.

(vi) **38 Friday Street.** It appeared that work had been completed on restoration of the roof, but it was not known whether the rear stack had been rebuilt as required.

(vii) **Traffic Calming.** It was agreed not to discuss this matter in the absence of Mr. Purcell.

(viii) **A24 Dualling.** Work on the new road is still programmed for 1996/7, but it seems likely that funding restrictions may result in a deferred start.

(ix) **Village Hall Car Park.** The Parish Council have decided to delineate the footpath by white lining.

(x) **Village Green.** Mrs. Jameson had written to Mr. Hodgson asking for details of the P.C.'s proposals for moving trees on the green. The reply from the Parish Clerk had been to suggest that residents with concern about the proposals should talk directly with Mr. Hodgson.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr Newman reported that total funds stand at £252.99. It was agreed that the £5.00 due to GACC should be paid.

Mr. Newman handed a list of members to Mrs. Jameson and reported that 6 people had not renewed their membership. As the list of Warnham Society members is now held on computer Mr. Newman suggested that all members should be advised of the list, and be assured that the information will not be used for anything other than Society business nor will it be released to anyone else. (Data Protection)

5. Planning Matters

An application has been submitted for the conversion of the shop next to the Warehouse into one residence, although it will have neither a garden nor parking space. The adjacent shop has been sold, and the external staircase has been removed. It is not known what the

shop will be.

The traffic generated by equestrian events at Sands Farm has been discussed by the Parish Council with a view to limiting the size and frequency of such events.

Mr. Read said that work on the new housing in Tilletts Lane will probably start this year. Concern was expressed about maintenance of the tree screen between the site and the road.

Mrs. Ashton advised that Waste Management have applied for a Change of Conditions to their land fill activities.

6. Spring Meeting

It was agreed that the talk by Mr. Sewill had been well received. Its attendance had been about normal, although it had been anticipated that a greater number might have attended.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to those Committee members who had arranged and provided refreshments.

7. Traffic Calming

In the absence of Mr. Purcell it was agreed not to discuss the scheme proposals. However, Mr. Read reported that the scheme had been reasonably accepted by the Parish Council, with the exception of the roundabouts, particularly the one at Bell Road which it was considered would necessitate the removal of the traffic island. Mr. Courtier said such removal would not be necessary, and it was agreed unfortunate that the PC had not taken up Mr. Purcell's offer to address the Council. Mr. Courtier emphasised the importance of getting a scheme agreed in order that any works undertaken prior to its implementation are carried out in the knowledge of the proposals. It was not known whether the PC had written to Mr. Purcell in response to his offer to submit the scheme to Chichester.

8. Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies

Sir James Dalrymple-Hay reported that he had attended two meetings of the Federation which had left much to be desired. They were however, trying to reorganise, and future meetings will be conducted on a more formal basis. It is proposed to form a forum for local amenity societies, with meetings held at a central location such as Coolham. The FSAS is asking for £5.00 in addition to the annual subscription to fund the local federation group. The Horsham Society is being active in this matter.

Mr. Courtier questioned the aims of such local groups, and felt that it was more important to deal with larger issues at County level e.g out-of-town shopping developments. Sir James

thought it likely that the group will evolve around Horsham, which would be more relevant to Warnham.

It was agreed that £5.00 should be paid this year, and to see how things develop. The next meeting of the FSAS is to be held at West Chiltington on 28 September. Mrs. Jameson will coordinate representation from the Warnham Society.

9. AGM

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Friday 21 October 1994. Mrs. Jameson will book the Village Hall.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Courtier will make enquiries for a speaker who can talk about the history and processes of brickworks in the Warnham area.

10. Any Other Business

Mr. Courtier raised the question of footpaths across farmland, and thought that the Warnham Society should be active in ensuring that they are reinstated after planting / ploughing. He volunteered to talk to Jennifer Pearce and the County Council to see what actions should be taken to reinstate footpaths. It was also suggested that the Wayleave Officer be consulted.

The meeting was advised that the District Council are intending to provide hanging baskets for the village, and that the Parish Council are asking the Warnham Society to supervise their watering. Concern was expressed that the new lamp standards will not be ready in time for entry in the South East in Bloom competition as proposed by the Parish Council.

Mr. Newman expressed his concern at the deep rutting of the village green caused by use of a heavy tractor to cut the grass whilst the ground was still very wet. The Secretary will write to the Parish requesting early rolling of the ground.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 13 September 1994 at the Red House, Church Street.