

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

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

Minutes of the Fifty Second Meeting of the Committee
held at The Red House, Church Street on
Tuesday 13 September 1994

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

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 June 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.** Mrs. Jameson reported that she had again written to Mr. Flack at Horsham District Council, but had yet to receive a reply to this letter or to several phone calls. She will continue to try and make contact. Mr. Read said that the Parish Council had also received no response on the matter of the signs to the Animal Sanctuary.

(ii) **Bus Shelter.** Mrs. Thornton said that no further posters had been put up in the shelter. The proposal for another shelter in the churchyard was discussed. It is thought unlikely that such a shelter will be provided as the Church are against the idea, (it is consecrated ground) as are the Parish Council.

(iii) **Underground Cabling.** It is still not known whether BT are proposing to extend the underground cabling further down Friday Street.

(iv) **Station Road.** The programme for the closure of Station Road was not known by any of

the Committee present, nor the fate of the signal box.

(v) **A24 Dualling.** Mr. Read said that a joint meeting of the Highways Departments of Surrey and Sussex is proposed. A presentation is to be given to the Parish Council to explain the likely programme, phasing etc.

(vi) **Village Hall Car Park.** It was reported that the white lining used to delineate the footpath seemed to be working.

(vii) **Village Green.** It was reported that some of the trees moved by the Parish Council had subsequently died.

(viii) **Data Protection Act.** Mrs. Jameson said that she would write to all members on this matter when she distributed information on the AGM.

(ix) **Traffic Calming.** Following comments from the Parish Council it was thought that Mr. Purcell would be looking into the question of pedestrian safety at the mini roundabouts.

(x) **Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies.** Mrs. Jameson will coordinate Warnham Society representation at the FSAS meeting on 28 September.

(xi) **Footpaths.** Mr. Courtier will contact the County Council on the matter of reinstatement of footpaths. The route of the existing footpath across the site of the proposed housing in Tilletts was discussed. It was thought that this will not be diverted as it marks the limit of the development.

(xii) **Hanging Baskets.** It is not known whether Horsham District Council intend to provide hanging baskets every year, or whether they were provided just to contribute to the Britain in Bloom competition this year. If they are supplied in the future it is hoped that a contractor will undertake their watering as, even with the equipment provided, it is an onerous task for volunteers.

(xiii) **Street Lamps.** Work is still incomplete on the commissioning of the new lamps and the removal of the old lamps and poles. The reason for this is unknown and it was questioned whether the new lamps had been found to provide inadequate lighting levels at some points. It was agreed that ideally some additional lamps should be installed e.g. in Farm Close, and that the long term objective is to extend their provision throughout the village. Mr. Read said that the old lamps will be stored for re-use as they are better than some currently in use in other parts of the village.

4. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Newman submitted an unaudited account for 1993/4. This will be audited by Mr. Boud prior to the AGM. Funds stand at £155.02 in the Bank plus £104.63 in cash. It was agreed by the Committee that it is important to maintain a reasonable reserve to meet unexpected

expenditure.

It was agreed that the subscription to the Civic Trust should be paid. Payment to the guest speaker at the AGM should be in the form of a token gift plus reimbursement of expenses.

5. Planning Matters

Nye's Transport (Hewells Farm) : - an Appeal has been submitted following refusal by Horsham District Council to allow lorry parking.

Tilletts Lane Housing: - the route for heavy construction traffic through the village was discussed. It was felt that there should be a restriction placed on the Contractor to prohibit access via Friday Street or through the village.

Conversion of the derelict shop into a dwelling is progressing.

6. AGM

The draft of the Committee's Report for the past year was distributed for consideration. It was approved subject to inclusion of the proposed increase in night flights from Gatwick over the next four years, (from 7,547 in 1993/4 to 16,450 in 1997/8).

Mr. Courtier told the meeting of his negotiations for a guest speaker. It was agreed that he should accept the offer of a talk by Mr. Bob Laird, retired technical development officer of Redland Brick Company. It was thought that the talk should last for about 30 to 45 minutes, and should discuss the relationship of Warnham to brickmaking.

Normal arrangements will be made for wine and refreshments, Mrs. Jameson will produce a new drinks sign to encourage larger contributions.

7. Any Other Business.

Sir James Dalrymple-Hay advised the meeting that, having served as a caretaker Chairman for two years, he would be stepping down after the AGM. The need for new committee members was vital, and both Mr. Courtier and Mr. Read said they were unable to undertake the role of Chairman. Sheila Dutton has been asked to join the Committee having now resigned from her presidency of the Womens' Institute. It was agreed that a personal approach should be made to likely candidates for the Committee, and that an appeal for members will be made at the AGM.

A presentation of the Best Kept Village award will be made in October, which will be attended by eight people from Warnham. The best position for the sign has yet to be agreed - the lawn to Fairbrothers is a possibility.

As two gardens in the village have been chosen for an award in the Britain in Bloom

competition it was agreed that the Warnham Society would not elect a Best Kept Garden this year.

Mr. Read said that, to mark the centenary of the Parish Council, the village stocks are to be re-erected. It has been suggested that they should be sited at the end of Farm Close, although some members thought that the village green would be a better location. They were originally on the site of the Village Hall.

The Committee expressed its thanks to Sir James Dalrymple-Hay for his hard work as Chairman.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 December 1994 at 8.00pm at 1 The Forge.