

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES
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CHAIRMAN : P. M. Lee CBE

SECRETARY :

Mrs. J. Jameson-Bates Dip. Arch

Minutes of the Fifty Eighth Meeting of the Committee
held at Old Cottage, Church Street, Warnham on
Thursday 26 October 1995

Present: Mr. P. M. Lee Chairman
Mrs. J. Jameson-Bates Secretary
Mr. R. H. Newman Treasurer
Mrs. O. Thornton
Mr. R. Purcell
Mr. G. J. Read
Mr. A. G. Brand
Mrs. R. Ashton

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs. J. Burnham, Mrs. S. Dutton and Mr. R. Courtier. An apology had also been received from Jennifer Pearce who was unable to accept an invitation to attend due to a prior commitment.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 September 1995

Ref: Item 4. : - Should refer to the death of Mr. Carpenter, not his resignation.

Apart from the above amendment the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising

(i) **Traffic Calming.** Mr. Lee said that he had written to Mick Hodgson asking for his view on the Warnham Society finalising their scheme on traffic calming in the village. Mr. Read said that the Parish Council feel that they should be taking the initiative and that some members are opposed to a calming scheme. The PC had raised some points of detail but had agreed in principal to the Warnham Society continuing development of the scheme. The PC will be writing to Mr. Lee in confirmation of this. It was, therefore, agreed to try and arrive at a

scheme which will have its technical content agreed with West Sussex County Council. Mr. Purcell suggested that the PC be consulted on the details, and that the scheme be agreed with both PC and WSCC before a survey of the villagers is undertaken.

(ii) **Tilletts Lane Housing.** Mr. Lee said that he had not been made one of any problems arising from the construction works. It has, however been noticed that some construction traffic has not been keeping to the agreed access route. Mrs. Jameson-Bates said that she had been told of a conversation with a construction worker who believed that the present works comprise only 50% of the eventual development on the site. It was thought that the new site road has no means of extending to serve additional houses, but it was agreed to keep an eye on this in the PC.

(iii) **Planning Matters.** Mrs. Jameson-Bates has yet to talk to Mrs. Burnham about Horsham District Council's planning application lists.

(iv) **Footpaths.** The District Council are refusing to reinstate the footpaths until they have received money owing to them in connection with the new street lighting, possibly from the Gas and Electricity Boards. The proposed finish to the footpaths has not been specified, but Mr. Purcell expressed the hope that brown gravel could be incorporated into the tarmac. Mr. Lee will write to the Chief Executive on this matter.

(v) **Yellow Lines.** Roger England at Broadbridge Heath is thought to be working up a scheme for yellow lines prior to issuing an Order for the works. The Warnham Society will comment / object once this Order has been published.

4. Appointment of a New Treasurer

Mr. Read agreed to take on the role of Treasurer for the Society, for which Mr. Lee expressed his thanks.

5. Planning Matters

Mr. Brand commented on the proposed 18 bed extension to the Nursing Home at Tyldens. He thought the scheme looked acceptable but is concerned about future development that might be attempted on the land behind Tyldens and Garth Denham. Mr. Purcell said that the access into the site is already dangerous and thought that the Parish Council should demand road improvements and that the County Highways Department should be involved. Mr. Read did not remember this aspect being discussed at the Parish Council Meeting, and thought that it had probably been felt that the development would not significantly increase traffic into the site.

Mr. Read said that the man carrying out the work to the land next to the Sussex Oak had disappeared, and that the Parish Council were concerned as to its completion. He is still

owed money for the work, but there is probably not enough in retention to get the job finished by someone else.

6. Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies

Mr. Lee reported that he had written to Paula Lamplough to advise her that the Warnham Society were opting out of the Horsham Group, and that he had received a reply which expressed her understanding of this decision. A decision will be made at the AGM on whether to remain in the FSAS itself.

7. AGM

Mr. Lee said that he had told Mick Hodgson about the TravelWise presentation but Mr. Read said that it had not been mentioned at the PC Meeting. It was commented that very few PC members ever attend Warnham Society meetings.

It was agreed to widen the publicity for the TravelWise presentation. The Secretary will ask WSCC for the name of the speaker.

The proposed Agenda, Report and Accounts were approved by the committee members.

Mr. Newman said the Accounts have now been audited and that copies will be available at the AGM.

Arrangements for refreshments etc. will be as usual. Mr. Purcell agreed to introduce the speaker.

Mr. Newman agreed to take receipt of subscriptions at the AGM. Following his resignation there is a vacancy on the committee. Mr. Lee will propose the re-election of the existing committee.

8. Any Other Business

Mrs. Jameson-Bates will write to Mr. Dale, the owner of 46 Friday Street, to advise him of his award for the Best Kept Garden, and to invite him to the AGM to receive his prize. (a £25 Garden Token)

Mr. Read said that the Parish Council had agreed with Mr. Smith's objections to the proposed housing scheme at Kingsfold, and he thought that a decision had been deferred.

Mr. Lee will check with the District Council on this matter.

Mr. Lee thanked Mr. Newman for his work as Treasurer, and for his regular hospitality to the committee.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 January 1996 at 8.00pm at 1 The Forge,
Byfleets Lane.