

# 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

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Minutes of the Sixty-first Meeting of the Committee  
held at Five Gables, Warnham Lodge on  
Thursday 30 May 1996

Present:      Mr. P. M. Lee                      Chairman  
                 Mr R. Purcell  
                 Mr R. Courtier  
                 Mrs J. Burnham  
                 Mrs O. Thornton  
                 Mrs R. Ashton  
                 Mrs V. Ronaasen

1.      Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mrs Jameson-Bates, Mrs Dutton and Mr Brand.

2.      Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 March 1996

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

3.      Matters Arising

(i) **Village Hall.** The Chairman had written to Mick Hodgson expressing support for a village office, but it was reported that there had been little if any support from elsewhere.

(ii) **Planning Matters.** Mrs Burnham reported that the owner of the cottage at Northlands was still seeking to have the "agricultural occupancy" condition lifted. The Parish Council will continue to oppose. Permission for the Ostrich Farm had been granted.

(iii) **Traffic Calming.** Mr Purcell will shortly be putting firm proposals to the County Council following the site meeting held earlier in the year.

(iv) **Yellow Lines.** These were now in place. Mrs Burnham reported that it was now proposed to fill the short gap on the Warehouse side of Church Street and an order for this will be published shortly. Mr Purcell reported that Mrs Millson had now responded to his

letter, saying that the situation will be monitored. It was also reported that a suggestion had been made that there should be a part-time traffic warden in the village: the Committee did not wish to give active support to the proposal.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer was not present to give a report.

5. Planning Matters

In addition to the planning items discussed under "Matters Arising", the Committee considered the implications of future housing developments as presented to the Society's spring meeting. It was agreed that the Committee should begin as soon as possible to formulate its ideas, consulting as necessary with the Society's membership, on how to respond to proposals as they are published. As a first step Mr Purcell agreed to talk to Margaret Pod to try to establish the timescale for developments. The Committee also considered the possibility of inviting a Developer to address the Society's general meeting on Friday 1 November. This will be on the agenda for the next Committee meeting.

6. Refuse Collection

Mrs Burnham reported that the District Council had now decided to go ahead with the revised arrangements for refuse collection, in spite of the various Parish Councils' concerns that there had been inadequate consultation. The system would involve the use of wheeled bins and the separation for recycling of tins and plastics. The proposals were to be introduced over a period of about 18 months and, because of its strongly voiced opposition, Warnham would be one of the last – probably in late summer or autumn 1997. The change will be preceded by consultation on the details, probably lasting about six weeks.

7. Any Other Business

Mrs Burnham drew attention to the installation of the new water main to Kingsfold, due to start on 5 June. This will cause the A24 to be closed to Southbound traffic for a period of at least 12 weeks. Diversion signs would direct Horsham traffic via Marches Road and A29 to Clemsfold. Along this route the signs to Warnham would be removed for the duration of the work.

Mr Purcell noted the positive and helpful financial contribution (£150) which the Parish Council had agreed to make towards the efforts of Mr Horton and others to try to prevent any further slippage to the timetable for the A24 improvement between Warnham and Capel.

Mrs Thornton drew attention to the forthcoming Public Consultation on the A24 scheme, to be held at Cromwells, probably in July, and urged members to attend.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 27 August 1996 at Five Gables, Warnham Lodge.