

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

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CHAIRMAN : P. M. Lee CBE SECRETARY : Mrs. J. Jameson-Bates Dip. Arch

Minutes of the Sixty. Third Meeting of the Committee held at Five Gables, Warnham Lodge on Wednesday 16 October 1996.

Present: Mr. P. Lee Chairman
 Mrs. J. Jameson-Bates Secretary
 Mrs. O. Thornton
 Mrs. J. Burnham
 Mrs. R. Ashton
 Mr. A. G. Brand
 Mrs. S. Dutton
 Mr. R. Purcell
 Mr R Courtier

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Mrs. V. Ronaasen.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 August 1996.

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

3. Matters Arising

(i) **New Members.** The Secretary reported the recruitment of several residents of Warnham Manor following her letters of invitation. Mrs. Thornton reported one new member in Friday Street.

(ii) **Tyldens.** Mrs. Burnham advised that the "Nursing Home" classification includes provision for the mentally ill. Mr. Brand said that he had visited the home on its Open Day and had seen patients with both physical and mental handicaps. He reported that the home was beautifully fitted out and equipped.

(iii) **Litter Bin, Warnham Park Estate.** Mr. Lee said that he had replied to Mr. Lucas' letter, and that he had also been in contact with Horsham District Council. HDC had advised him that the bin provided does have a cover, that it is emptied weekly, and that no alternative is available. Mr. Lucas had written to thank him for his response, saying that notices regarding picnicking and litter

are already in place. It was agreed that the Parish Council should be asked to take action on this particular matter and on litter generally within the parish. Mr. Lee will write to them with a copy of Mr. Lucas' letters. Mrs. Burnham will look into the matter of litter bins outside the shop, one of which has been moved to the bus shelter.

(iv) **Dead Tree in Church Street.** This has now been removed. Mrs. Thornton said she would like to see a new one in its place.

(v) **A24.** Mrs. Burnham reported that the objections raised by the residents of Station Road had been included in the District Council's proposals, as had the traffic calming, and that these proposals had been submitted to the County Council. As yet no response has been given. Mr. Purcell commented that the County Council is expecting objections. He will write to them as he was unable to attend the meeting to which he was invited.

(vi) **Footpaths.** The Parish Council had submitted Mr. Purcell's specification to the County Council. Despite the insignificant additional cost of providing a brown surface the County had proceeded with a black finish which everyone agreed is too urban for a village environment. It was agreed to write to the County to ask whether they intend to apply sprayed brown chippings and, if not, to suggest that they do so.

4. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mr. Read no financial statement was given.

5. Planning Matters

Mrs. Burnham reported that the planning applications for additions to Byfleets had been turned down.

6. AGM.

Following the meeting it was confirmed by Mr. Read that Rydon Homes had agreed to provide speakers for the AGM to discuss land acquisition for residential development. Mrs. Burnham suggested that, for future meetings, Michael Rown of West Sussex County Council be asked to talk about listed buildings, and that Charles Lucas be asked to talk about the history of Warnham.

Mrs. Jameson-Bates said that she and Mrs. Ronaasen thought that the best kept garden award should be given to the owners of 12 Gardeners Close. This decision was approved by the Committee.

7. Any Other Business

Mrs. Ashton reported that, at last, 'slow" signs had been applied to Station Road before the bridge.

Mr. Brand questioned the effectiveness of the the red surfacing applied to the A24 at junctions.

There is no news as yet as to the future use of Warnham Court School.

Mrs. Dutton questioned the proposed banning of dogs from the cricket field. It was confirmed that the Parish Council are seeking legal advice from the District Council in respect of such a ban, and that the village green is included in their considerations.

Mrs. Dutton also commented on the paint spill in Church Street and whether it is to be removed Mr. Purcell agreed to include this matter in his letter to the County Council, suggesting that the spill could be painted black if burning it off is too expensive.

Mrs. Burnham reported that, following her intervention, Horsham Buses have now agreed to provide a service to Tanbridge School.

8. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 20/2/97 at 8.00pm at Ridge House, Byfleets Lane, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Burnham.