

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

CHAIRMAN P. M. Lee CBE SECRETARY Mrs. M.E. Dales

Minutes of the Sixty Fifth Meeting of the Committee

held at Ridge House on

Tuesday 8th April 1997

Present: P.M. Lee Chairman
 G.J. Read Vice-Chairman & Treasurer
 Mrs. M.E. Dales Secretary
 Mrs. R. Ashton
 A.G. Brand
 Mrs. J. Burnham
 Mrs. S. Dutton
 Mrs. J. Jameson–Bates
 Miss V. Ronaasen

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. O. Thornton and R.H. Courtier.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th February 1997

The minutes of the sixty fourth meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman after the following corrections: Heading: CBE to replace OBE

Matters arising paras. iii) vi) & 7 item 6, 24th to replace 23rd.

3. Matters arising

i) Dead tree in Church Street Mrs. Burnham reported that Horsham District Council would plant a replacement tree in the appropriate season. Mrs Dutton reported a broken tree at the junction of Lucas Road & Tilletts Lane. Mr Read agreed to report this to the Parish Council.

ii) Dogs. The proposed ban on dogs on the cricket field and their restricted exercising on the village green was discussed. Clarification would be sought following resolution of this item by the Parish Council.

iii) Planning matters. Concern was again expressed over the prospect of large scale development in the area. So far there were no planning applications for the rumoured developments. It was agreed that the Society would be vigilant and support the Parish Council as appropriate. Mrs Burnham would represent Warnham's interest on the District Council. The problem of water supply to the area was commented upon, and Mr Lee reported that the Federation of Amenity Societies had discussed the water problem with Martin Pearson, Horsham District Council.

iv) Vicarage. Vision sprints still have not been cut back.

v) Warnham Court School. No news of change of ownership.

vi) Trees opposite the Forge. Some clearance had been carried out, but not off the height.

vii) Membership Cards have been printed, but not yet issued.

viii) GACC The Secretary reported that she had written to all known candidates for the Warnham area in the forthcoming Parliamentary and County Council elections and would send their replies to GACC.

ix) Millennium Funding. The Committee had no proposals to put forward.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported a balance of approximately £400, from which approximately £80 was due to be debited. Approximately 20 subscriptions were still outstanding.

It was agreed that the new houses in Kingsfold were a potential source of members and that a circular might be distributed.

5. Planning Matters

Matters Planning applications were noted for a conservatory & kitchen at Byfleets, and roof dormers at Broomhall. No objections were voiced.

The application for outline planning consent for the building of a house in the garden of The Mount had been rejected by HDC. After some discussion the Committee agreed to HDC acting within its policy of refusing consent for building outside the planned boundaries.

6. Spring Meeting

The Secretary reported that the Village Hall had been unobtainable for any suitable date. Also the proposed speaker was unable to attend. The Chairman had decided that since there were to be so many activities involving members of the Society in the April to June period, the Spring meeting should be cancelled.

The Village Hall had been booked for the evening of Friday 24th October for the AGM and Autumn Meeting.

It was agreed that Michael Rowan, Conservation Architect in the Planning Department of WSCC should be invited to speak, with a member of his department to be invited if he was unable to do so. Travelling expenses from Chichester and a small honorarium would be offered.

Mrs Dutton suggested looking at the W.I. list of speakers. It was agreed to discuss the Autumn Meeting at the next Committee meeting.

7. AOB

750th Anniversary Celebrations. The Chairman had informed the Organising Committee that the Society would run an event at the Fete on 14th June. This is to be the Photographic Quiz, which Mrs Thornton had offered to organise. A request was made for volunteers to help on the day.

8. Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th July at 8.00pm at Five Gables by the kind invitation of the Chairman.