

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

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CHAIRMAN : P. M. Lee CBE

SECRETARY : Mrs M. E. Dales

Minutes of the Sixty Sixth Meeting of the Committee

held at Five Gables on

Tuesday 8th July 1997

Present: P.M. Lee Chairman
Mrs. M.E. Dales Secretary
Mrs. R. Ashton
R.H. Courtier
Mrs. S. Dutton
Mrs. J. Jameson–Bates
Miss V. Ronaasen

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Burnham, Mrs. O. Thornton, Mr. G. Brand

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 1997

The minutes of the sixty fifth meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

i) Damaged tree at the junction of Lucas Road and Tilletts Lane It was not known whether or not this had been reported to the Parish Council by Mr. Read. The matter remains outstanding.

ii) Dogs on the Cricket Field and Village Green Notices of the restrictions had not yet been displayed.

iii) Planning matters These were dealt with under Item 5 of the agenda.

iv) Vicarage. Vision splays have been cut back.

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

vi) Trees opposite the Forge. Work was in progress on 8th July.

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

4. Treasurer's Report In the absence of the Treasurer there was no report.

5. Planning Matters

A planning application was noted for three new houses in Farm Close. (WN 22/97). The application had already been discussed by the Parish Council, who had no objection in principle.

There was still no declaration of planning applications for large scale developments in the area. From newspaper reports it appeared that the planned number of houses in West Sussex might have dropped from 55, 000 to 41,000 Mrs Jameson–Bates reported on a meeting of the Sussex Amenity Societies, organised by Horsham Society. At this meeting the processes by which the Structure Plan was developed were covered , but there was no information on precise plans for Warnham.

There is to be a meeting on 14th November in the Barn in the Causeway, Horsham, attended by the Rt. Hon. Francis Maude MP and Mr Flight MP at which local plans will be discussed.

6. Autumn Meeting and AGM 1997

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

Mr Michael Rowan , the WSCC Conservation Architect had been invited to speak, but so far the Secretary had not received a reply.

It was decided to investigate the availability of other speakers. The Chairman would try to obtain the names of potential speakers from the CPRE and Southern Water; the Secretary would follow up English Heritage.

7. AOB

i) 750th Anniversary celebrations. The Chairman thanked all those who had participated in the Fete. The photographic quiz, run by the Society was a great success and it was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Peter Christmas who had taken most of the photographs.

ii) Road signs in Robin Hood Lane The Chairman reported that he had received a complaint about the design and number of signs erected for the information of cyclists. The Committee agreed with the complainant that the sign colour was out of keeping with the rural setting, and that three signs were not necessary for the information to cyclists. The Chairman agreed to write to the WSCC Highways Department to request a change from Highways Agency blue signs to a colour more appropriate to the setting , and to request also that the number of signs be reduced to one.

iii) Telephone kiosk in Church Street A complaint on the faulty closure of the door should be referred to the Parish Council

iv) dissemination of information The Society receives information from a number of sources. It was decided that material of interest to members and others should be sent for publication in the Warnham Warbler. The Chairman agreed to send in some copy for the next issue. This would

include a request for suggestions for nominations for potential committee members.

v)Traffic calming The matter of traffic calming had been in abeyance until the plans for the A24 had been approved. Now that preliminary actions for the A24 improvements were in hand it was decided that it was a fitting time to raise the matter of traffic calming. The Chairman agreed to write to the appropriate authorities.

vi) Warnham Manor The Committee expressed pleasure at the suggestion to name the drive Ends Place Lane.

vii)School sign The Chairman will write to the Highways Department suggesting the removal of the sign at the southern end of the village.

8. Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th October at 8.00pm at Sands by invitation of the Secretary.

Secretary's note

On 11th July I received a reply from Mr Michael Rowan, agreeing to speak at the Autumn Meeting on 24th October.