

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

CHAIRMAN P. M. Lee CBE

SECRETARY : Mrs M. E. Dales

Minutes of the seventy first Meeting of the Committee

held at Sands on

23rd July 1998

Present: P.M. Lee Chairman
Mrs. M.E. Dales Secretary
Mrs. R. Ashton
A.G. Brand
Mrs. J. Burnham
Mrs. S. Dutton
Mrs. O. Thornton
Miss V. Ronaasen

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from D.S. Cottell.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 1998

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

3. Matters arising

i) Noticeboard. It has been established that responsibility for the board lies with the British Legion; Farebrothers is responsible for the land on which the board is sited.

ii) Projector Screen for the Village Hall

Mrs. Dutton reported that she had received a letter from Gerald McMullen, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee asking for information on the desired screen size. Mrs. Dutton had referred this letter to Angela Buckton of the W.I., who had information leaflets.

iii) Strategic Gap A date for the proposed meeting still had not been arranged.

iv) Football Pitch

Problems of dog walking were noted. There are insufficient dog poop bins, and the existing bins need to be repositioned.

v) HDC's Petition against extra housing in West Sussex. News was awaited of the outcome of

the recently completed judicial review.

vi) Millennium funding The Chairman undertook to write to the Parish Council putting forward the proposal for a feasibility study on the provision of a village pond, sited on the lower border of the village green.

vii) Nursery House Garden The Secretary agreed to contact Mr. & Mrs. Lowe with a view to arranging dates for an Autumn visit for members of the Society.

viii) Warnham Court Although the Court was advertised for sale by tender, the outcome was not yet known.

ix) Transport Forum. The Chairman reported on the first meeting of the Area Transport Forum, on which he represents the Horsham Society. He will keep the Warnham Society informed on relevant matters.

x) Serplan Document The Chairman had read the document. It is available for consultation by the Committee.

xi) Traffic speed restriction on the Broadbridge Heath Road. The Chairman had written to WSCC supporting the the document submitted by Mrs. Woods and other residents of the Broadbridge Heath Road, requesting speed restrictions. He also suggested the erection of cautionary signs on approaches to the village from other directions. Copies of his letter had been sent to Councillor Norman Horton and to the Warnham Parish Council. Mr. Horton had replied, giving his support to the suggestions.

4 Treasurer's Report In the absence of the Treasurer no report was available. The Chairman had discussed with the Treasurer the need for an audit of the accounts. . The Committee agreed to accept the accounts presented on 30th September 1997 as the starting point for the current year's accounts, but stressed that it was necessary for the 1997 – 98 accounts to be audited before the AGM on 1st October 1998.

5 Planning matters An outline planning application for six houses at Kingsfold had been made by Horsham Turf. Mrs. Burnham offered to check whether or not the plan fell within the current structure plan. The application was due to be considered at the September meeting of HDC'S Area 1 Planning Committee.

6 Committee Organisation As reported in the Minutes of 10th June

" The Chairman confirmed that he was prepared to remain in office until, but not beyond, the AGM in October.

It was agreed to look at the organisation of the committee, particularly with a view to

identifying the role of each member relative to the specific tasks to be undertaken by the Society. It was agreed in principle that some of the tasks undertaken currently by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary could be split."

A list of tasks currently undertaken by the Committee was discussed. It was agreed that the grouping of these tasks could provide a sub-division of the current duties of members of the Committee, particularly of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and would give each member a discrete role, none of which should be too arduous. It was agreed that the Committee would meet shortly before the AGM to discuss this matter further, with a view to approaching possible nominees for the Committee.

7 Autumn Meeting 1998 and AGM It was confirmed that an Autumn Meeting would be held jointly with the Warnham Historical Society on Thursday 1st October . The theme would be the past , present and future growth of the village. Michael Hodgson, Chairman of Warnham Parish Council had agreed to take part, and the Historical Society was finding a speaker to cover the patterns of earlier population growth

The Society's AGM will follow the speakers. The Secretary would prepare papers for the AGM for circulation to members in the first week of September, Mrs. Thornton and Miss Ronaasen offered to arrange the distribution of the papers.

8 AOB The Society had received a letter from HDC notifying it of a publication on "Small Dwellings in the Countryside". It was agreed to apply for a copy.

9. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 22nd September at Sands at 8pm

N.B. This is a one item meeting to discuss the Autumn Meeting and AGM and to sort out the organisation of the Committee. No separate agenda will be sent.