

The Warnham Society

Chairman and Correspondence Secretary. Mrs Margaret Dales.

Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 77. Thursday 26th August 1999

Held at Sands, Warnham.

Present: Mrs M. Dales. Chairman
Mr A. G. Brand. Treasurer.
Mrs S. Dutton.
Mr G. Elliott
Mr R. Newman
Mrs O. Thornton
Mrs V. Ronaason.

Action

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs J. Burnham, Mr R. Courtier, Mr R. Melhuish.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 1999: The minutes of the 76th meeting were approved as an accurate record after some minor changes and were signed by Mrs Dales. The committee thanked Mr Elliott for his efforts in minuting the complex issues raised at the meeting.

3. Matters Arising.

(a) Millennium Projects: The Parish Council declined to adopt the "Big Archive" deeming it to be more appropriate for the Warnham Historical Society. Accordingly Mrs Dales will write to the Society's Chairman suggesting that they consider undertaking the project and also the creation of the Time Capsule. It was also noted that the Parish Council apparently, has no plans either to celebrate or to commemorate the millennium.

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(b) Traffic Calming:

Mr Courtier's proposals for low-cost measures have been noted by the Parish Council. They should help the Council in developing ideas for improved traffic management in Warnham.

(c) Amenity Society Membership:

The committee agreed to rejoin the Sussex Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies but the benefits of membership should be monitored in the coming year.

(d) Warnham Station:

Mr Elliott reported that renovation was in progress but that further work was required. It was agreed that he would write to the station manager to establish details of the current

maintenance programme.

4. Treasurer's Report.

A.G.B. Mr Brand gave a full report of the Society's finances; the current bank balance is £478. He undertook to have the audited annual accounts available for the October meeting.

5. Membership.

Mr Courtier had submitted a written report recording a membership of 54 "units" comprising 92 people in all.

6. Planning Matters.

(a) Mrs Dales reported that the application for a barn conversion on land adjacent to Pear Tree Farm had been refused planning permission.

(b) Mrs Dales reported that she had not submitted an objection to the **Farlington temporary classroom** proposal as she had been advised that it would be approved as the school had put a 3-year limit on its life. The committee supported her decision.

(c) There were no other planning applications warranting the society's consideration.

(d) **Hospital Services Reorganisation:** Mrs Dales reported that she had written to Mr Catchpole, Chief Executive of the West Sussex Health Authority, expressing the society's concern about the disadvantages for the people of Warnham arising from the concentration of key services at the East Surrey Hospital in Redhill.

Mr Elliott reported that Crawley Hospital is scheduled for significant redevelopment within the organisation but that did not validate the proposals. Committee members expressed their individual continuing Concerns.

7. Autumn Meeting and AGM. 14th October 1999.

MD Mrs Dales plans to have the papers ready for the 3rd week in September.

OT Mrs Thornton undertook to oversee their distribution. Mrs Dales will write a report for

MD members and arrange for adverts to be placed in The Warbler and in village locations. It was agreed that:

MD (a) The AGM would take place before Mr Melhuish's talk.

(b) Tables will be provided for the Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

SD (c) Mrs Dutton would take notes in Mr Elliott's absence.

SD (d) Mrs Dutton would provide wine

RN (e) Mr Newman would introduce Mr Melhuish.

OT (f) Mrs Thornton would arrange coffee.

(g) Seating would be arranged for slide viewing.

(h) The meeting would take place at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

All committee members present offered themselves for continued membership. Mr

MD Melhuish had advised Mrs Dales that he is withdrawing from the committee to pursue his other interests. Mrs Ronaason undertook to word-process the draft minutes. It was agreed that Mr Purcell would be approached to ascertain whether he was willing to stand for election.

8. Spring Meeting.

MD The committee supported a suggestion from Mr Newman that the Fire Service would be a good subject. Mrs Dales undertook to write to the appropriate officer and to book the village hall for Thursday 9th or 16th March 2000.

9. Housing in the Horsham District

MD Discussion centred round Mrs Dale's document "Horsham District Local Plan: First Review". She described the methodology she used in preparing the document which included consultation with the Parish Council Chairman. She thanked committee members for their input. The report was submitted to the HDC. by the 6th August deadline. The various representations will be consolidated into a report by the Local Plans Panel on 14th September 1999. Mrs Dales undertook to elaborate verbally or reinforce our written comments at that meeting.

Mr Newman proposed and all members present agreed, that Mrs Dales should be thanked for the work she has undertaken on this issue and for the quality of her report.

MD It was agreed that Mrs Dales would write to the Parish Council supporting their proposal to be pro-active in development ideas for the benefit of Warnham. She would also express our willingness to help in this process. There is no intention of infringing the independence of the Society's views on any matter.

Mrs Dales distributed packs from the Countryside Agency on village design which would assist future deliberations.

10. Correspondence, Reports and Publications.

(a) The **G.A.C.C. newsletter** foresees a substantial increase in the number of people employed at Gatwick Airport following an increase in passenger numbers, expansion of existing terminals and the possible building of a third terminal. The possibility of a second runway remains.

(b) The **Civic Trust** documentation was deemed to be of little relevance, being of urban interest. It was decided to monitor its utility during the coming year.

11. Any Other Business.

(a) Mr Newman reported that he had been told that the A24 would be closed for three months from September for work to take place on the bridge over the railway line between Kingsfold and the Brickworks.

(b) Mrs Dutton entered a plea for the construction of a mini-roundabout at both ends of Bell Road in the interests of road safety.

12. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at Sands on Monday 22nd November 1999 at 8pm