

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 80 Thursday 4th May 2000 Held at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs. M. Dales, Chairman
Mr. A.G. Brand, Treasurer
Mr. R. Courtier
Mr. G. Elliott
Mr. R. Purcell
Mr. M. Rogers
Mrs. O. Thornton
Miss V. Ronaasen
Mr. & Mrs. S. Garrish (members, 9 Part 1 only)

Action

1 Apologies for absence : Mrs. J. Burnham, Mrs. S. Dutton, Mr. R. Newman

9 Correspondence and communications Part 1 (brought forward)

Mr. & Mrs. Garrish, members of the Society and residents of Bell Road, were in attendance to express concerns about a planning matter to the full Committee of the Society, having done so previously to some individual members.

Mr. Garrish's concerns were centred on a plan of Warnham on which areas for potential residential development were outlined. This document had originated from Mr. M. Hodgson, acting in his personal capacity and not as Chairman of Warnham Parish Council, and was on file in the planning department of Horsham District Council.

Mr. & Mrs. Garrish's views are fully documented in a letter addressed to Mrs. Dales. Briefly, Mr. Garrish wanted to establish the status of Mr. Hodgson's document, to express his concerns about the possible effects and to encourage the Society to take an active, measured and independent view of the forthcoming planning proposals. Mr. & Mrs Garrish thanked the Committee for giving them the opportunity to express their views, and left the meeting. Mrs. Dales explained to the Committee the origins of Mr. Hodgson's document and related concerns expressed by members of the Parish Council at their last meeting.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th February 2000. The Minutes were approved as an accurate record and signed by Mrs. Dales.

3 Matters Arising:

a) Millennium Projects: Mrs. Dales reported that funding of £500 - £5000 can be authorised by the HDC for projects which meet specific criteria. In essence a project should benefit the community, for example in the arts or sports, and should be one for which spending from public funds we unlikely to be authorised.

MD/GE Mrs Dales undertook to provide Mr Elliott with a pack from the HDC so that he can see how best to use it.

b) Traffic calming and traffic survey

RP/RC Mr. Purcell suggested, and the Committee agreed, that there was a need to repeat the traffic survey carried out in 1986.

Mr Purcell undertook to oversee the exercise with Mr Courtier deputising as required. The survey was scheduled for Tuesday 23rd May and would cover the period from 7.30 to 9.00am.

ALL Twenty observers would be needed. Committee members agreed to recruit one or two
MR friends and pass on their names to Mr. Purcell. A briefing would be held on Monday 22nd
RP May in the Parish Room, which Mr. Rogers would arrange. Any authorisations for the survey would be sought by Mr. Purcell.

c) World War II Memorial : It was agreed that Mrs. Thornton would speak to British Legion
OT representatives about the diminished legibility of some names on the memorial and seek their views on the action required.

d) Spring Meeting 2000 Mrs Dales reported that no apology had been received from the WSCC Fire Service for the late withdrawal of their speaker for the Meeting. However, members were unanimous in praising the success of the meeting, which still took place, in terms of interest and participation.

e) Public Liability Insurance After investigation, the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies' offer gave the best value for the cover required by the Society. However, the Federation is still completing its arrangements with the insurers. In the meantime the Federation arranged cover for the Spring Meeting.

4 Treasurer's Report: Mr. Brand reported that the Society's funds stood at £409.43. He detailed recent and planned expenditure, including reimbursement to Mrs. Dales for her personal payment of an insurance premium made to ensure that the Society had cover for the Spring 2000 meeting (see above – 4e)

5 Membership : Mr. Courtier reported a decline in membership as measured by
VR subscriptions paid. Invitation to 28 households to consider membership had elicited no response. Miss Ronaasen undertook to supply a list of newcomers to the village for Mr. Courtier to contact.

6 Planning Matters:

a) The proposal to build a dwelling on land adjacent to Pear Tree Lane & the A29 was turned down on appeal.

b) Mrs. Dales reported that the HDC had rejected the proposal by Vodafone to construct a

telecommunications mast at Sands Farm and that had been no new application. She also explained that the regulations pertaining to applications for mast erection were such that interested parties might be unaware that an application had been made.

MD She undertook to write to HDC to point out the unsatisfactory nature of the arrangements and to suggest that they should be improved.

c) Mr Rogers reported that there were no current applications requiring the Society's attention.

d) Mrs Dales advised the Committee of the timetable for determining the 2004– 2011 Local Plan

– the 1997–2004 Plan is in place

17th May 2000 – a Consultation Draft Plan to be laid before HDC's Planning & Development Committee

18th May 2000– HDC Planning staff to make presentations to representatives of Parish Councils

22nd May 2000 Acceptance (or rejection) of the Plan by full Council of HDC

May – September 2000 - Consultation period. Comments to HDC (by 22nd Sept.).

January 2001 – publication of the Draft Local Plan by HDC

MD It was agreed that Mrs Dales would write to members of the Society advising them of the above process and of the Society's interest in receiving their views to support its response to the consultation process.

8 Autumn Meeting & AGM Thursday 12th October 2000: It was agreed that Mrs Dales

MD would invite a speaker from the South East Economic Development Organisation to address the meeting.

9 Correspondence and communications (Part 2)

a) Mrs Dales distributed copies of a poster and letter publicising a protest march organised by members of the Southwater Action Group. The Committee agreed that it would not be represented on the march nor would it provide any funds towards its costs. Members remain free to participate as individuals and to advertise the march

ALL b) Publications from the FSSA and GACC were issued for circulation within the Committee

c) The FSAA AGM takes place on 17th May. The Committee will not be represented . Mrs Dales hopes to attend the NW Sussex branch meeting.

d) The CPRE had published a booklet available to Committee members on request.

e) Mrs Dales circulated a map collated by Mr Les White from documents provided by HDC showing "small sites suggested for potential development" , the suggestions coming from

potential developers and landowners.

10 Any other business : Mrs Thornton reported that the shop in Church Street Adjacent to the hairdressers was to become a funeral parlour. She expressed her personal concerns and those of adjacent residents. The Committee undertook to monitor this development.

11 Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 27th June 8pm at Sands to discuss

1) the Traffic Survey & Report

2) HDC Consultation Draft Plan

NB other normal agenda items would be held over until the next meeting to be held in July.