

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 81 Tuesday 27th June 2000

Held at Sands, Warnham

Action

Present:	Mrs. M. Dales, Chairman	Mr. M. Rogers
	Mr. A.G. Brand, Treasurer	Mr. R. Newman
	Mrs. J. Burnham	Mr. R. Purcell
	Mr. R. Courtier	Mrs. O. Thornton
	Mrs. S. Dutton	Miss V. Ronaasen
	Mr. G. Elliott	

1 Apologies for absence : None. All members present

2 Purpose of the Meeting: Mrs. Dales reminded the Committee that, as previously agreed, this meeting would be devoted to two issues only, namely the Traffic Survey and Housing Development.

3 Traffic Survey: Mr. Purcell circulated copies of a document "**23 May 2000 Traffic Survey**" and described its key features. During discussion it was agreed that:

- a) The day of the survey was a normal working morning so the survey was valid for the time period covered
- b) Pipe laying adjacent to the A29 could have contributed to some of the traffic
- c) Widening of lanes "by stealth " needs to be resisted
- d) Traffic flows at other times of day are likely to differ from those at the peak time surveyed.
- e.) The safe use of rural lanes for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians was a separate issue to be raised at another time.
- f.) Copies of the survey should be sent to :
 - Warnham Parish Council
 - Horsham District Council
 - W. Sussex County Council (Highways)
 - Surrey C.C.(Highways)
 - Broadbridge Heath Parish Council
 - CPRE
 - Our M.P. (Rt. Hon. Francis Maude)
 - Our County Councillor (Mr. Norman Horton)

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– Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies

– All participants in the survey

– g) The survey would be a factor in our debate on Housing Development (Agenda Item 4)

RP – h) The conclusions in the survey should be strengthened

- i) The Committee expressed thanks to Mr. Purcell and Mr. Courtier and all survey participants for making it such a success.

4 Housing Development : Discussion focussed on the conclusions in the Consultation Document "Housing Development – Primary Evaluation" published June 2000 by the Horsham District Council.

It was noted that:

a) Warnham Parish Council Proposed to make a brief focussed response to the HDC

b) No planning application has been made to develop Warnham Court Farm

c) Potential development on the northern side of Broadbridge Heath intrudes into the local gap with Warnham (The penultimate paragraphs of p36 deal with this issue).

d) Although the Kingsfold "new settlement " is not considered to be an appropriate development opportunity (p48), the attraction of funding for the dualling of the A24 has reportedly attracted the interest of our county councillor.

e) 22nd September 2000 is the latest date for comments to HDC on its document.

f) There were apparent deficiencies in the transport arrangements proposed for the redeveloped Broadbridge Heath.

It was agreed that

MD RP a) Mrs Dales would prepare the Society's response to the HDC document in consultation with Mr. Purcell.

b) The response would focus on transport implications for Warnham and the surrounding area

MD c) The draft response would be circulated to Committee members for comment and adoption at the next meeting on 25th July 2000

All d) Members would contact Mrs Dales with suggestions for inclusion in the draft as soon as possible.

e) The Traffic Survey demonstrated the substantial increase in traffic using the village and that fact alone ought to be a spur to action by the statutory authorities. However, it was also seen as a factual contribution to the Society's response to the HDC document, the ultimate

outcome of which is uncertain.

5 Date of the next meeting : Tuesday 25th July 2000 at Sands at 8pm