

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No.82

Held at Sands, Warnham, Tuesday 25 July 2000

Present: Mrs M Dales Chairman
Mr G. Brand Treasurer
Mrs J Burnham Mr R Courtier
Mr R Newman Mrs O Thornton
Mr R. Purcell Miss V Romaason

1. Apologies for absence: Mrs S Dutton, Mr G. Elliott and Mr M Rogers.

2. (a) Minutes of 81st meeting held 27 June 2000: There were no comments on the minutes which were adopted.

3. (a) Matters arising: There were no matters arising for which actions had not already taken place except or would not be discussed further during the 82nd meeting.

2. (b) Minutes of 80th meeting held 4 May 2000: The minutes were agreed and signed by Mrs Dales after discussion of matters arising.

3. (b) Matters arising:

[9] Warnham Development; The Chairman reported that she had written to the Parish Council to explain that Mr Hodgson's comments and notes used at a meeting of the Society in respect of views on areas of potential development around Warnham had been taken out of context. The letter was read out at the Parish Council's meeting.

[3a] Millennium Projects: Further documents to be given to Mr Elliott, but in his absence further action was deferred.

[3b] WW 11 Memorial: The Parish Council had been made aware of the problem of legibility by the Chairman. Mrs Thornton would seek views from the British Legion.

[6b] Planning Matters – Vodafone tower: The Chairman reported that an appeal had been lodged. It was also reported that objection could be made on the basis of 'non-sharing'. The Chairman had written to point out that movement away from the road would greatly reduce the impact.

[6d] Local Plan: A letter to advise Members of the process of consultation on the Local Plan had not been sent but a note had been put in the Warnham Warbler covering this and the Traffic Survey.

4. Treasurers Report: The balance of funds after disbursements of general expenditures by officers of the Society and the amenity society group insurance premium and receipt of late membership fees stood at £402-27p.

It was agreed that Roy Boud would be asked by the Treasurer if he would audit the accounts for

the year.

5. Membership: It was reported that although membership payments continued to be received as the result of a reminder letter in June, the results of some 25 'invitations to join' sent to households chosen from the new registrations on the electoral role had only produced two new members. It was agreed that further letters would be sent both to encourage new members and to get recalcitrant members to pay. It was noted that there was a pattern of payment by members which was probably unalterable – i.e. some always only paid late even to the extent of paying two years together, whilst others were prompt.

6. Planning Matters:

General: On general matters the only item raised was an application on Marches Road. This was reported as being a dwelling for a farm which was considered to be a going concern. Some reservations were voiced about such applications being a 'device to obtain more general consent by declaring the farm unviable. It was agreed, however, that no objection would be made by the Society.

Local Plan and Traffic Survey: Discussion was held concerning the District Council's Consultation document on the local development plans. It was reported that the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies was actively working to question the actions of the HDC as being improper in relation to the presumptions of PPG3 and RPG9 guidance. The issue of the 'Crawley Option' was still open. Notwithstanding that it was agreed to continue with a response from the Society.

A second draft response was circulated to the committee. It was noted that the Parish Council had considered only matters of direct interest to Warnham would be covered. In its response the Society had followed this line, but had broadened its comments to indicate the impact of development on traffic in the District. Subject to minor amendments this was agreed. In relationship to Warnham Court Farm Development, where the response deplored the invasion of greenfield land by the development proposals, Mrs J Burnham recorded her dissent from the majority view.

7. AGM: The Village Hall had been booked for 12 October 2000. The speaker was to be from the South East England Development Agency but details had not yet been finalised.

8. Correspondence and reports: Discussion of this was largely subsumed into the proceeding discussions. It was agreed to send the package of response and traffic survey results to all Members in addition to appropriate Council Members, and to other bodies and individuals. This would be done in a presentation' style cover. Mr R. Purcell offered to co-ordinate the preparation of the reports which Mrs O. Thornton kindly offered to distribute. Thanks were expressed to Mr Purcell and to Mr Courtier for organising the traffic survey.

9. AOB: Tip smells - "Experts" say covered at night (by soil etc.). Must record date / time / wind direction / weather ? EHO HDC – ask for tipping conditions.

10. Date of Next Meeting: 7 September 2000. Sands.