

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

### Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 83 Thursday 7th September 2000

#### Held at Sands, Warnham

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

**1 Apologies for absence :** Mrs. J. Burnham, Mrs O. Thornton

**2 Minutes** of the Meeting held on 25th July 2000: Draft minutes were distributed at the meeting and amendments agreed.

#### **3 Matters Arising:**

a) Millennium Projects: The latest date for application for funding from H.D.C. was 30th June, so no further action is possible.

#### **b) World War II Memorial**

Mrs. Dales reported that there was acceptance within the Parish Council of a need for remedial work on the memorial to improve the legibility of some names

#### **c) Vodafone Tower**

Mrs. Dales reported that the appeal had not been adjudicated upon.

**d) Local Plan & May 2000 Traffic Survey Report : Mrs Dales reported on feedback from bodies and Society Members who received copies of our response to the HDC Preliminary Consultation Document & The Traffic Survey Report.**

i) WSCC Surveyor's Department. Mr. Link of the Transport section had written commenting on our response and advising of the inclusion of our May 2000 Traffic Survey on the WSCC data base. It was agreed that Mr Purcell would write to Mr Link pointing out that the annual growth in rat running traffic was, in fact, twice as high as Mr Link had concluded.

ii) HDC & WSCC Planning Department : Acknowledgements.

iii) Civic Trust . A detailed, supportive response was given. Our document is being entered on the Civic Trust web-site.

iv) Two members of the Society congratulated the Committee on the Report and asked that participants in the traffic Survey be thanked.

v) Correspondence with Mr & Mrs Garrish – See Item 8 Correspondence

Mrs Dales reported that no planning application has yet been lodged for the development of

Warnham Court Farm. It was agreed that the Society would want to take a unified approach to traffic management within the village, taking account of developments at Warnham Court and the Farm.

It was agreed that Mr Courtier and Mr Purcell would resurrect existing Society plans with a view to amending them to take account of the changing circumstances, including traffic management practices.

Mr. Brand reported that he and his neighbours who live on the A24, had noticed unpleasant odours emanating from the household waste tip adjacent to the Warnham brickworks.

Under the rules governing the operation of such sites, Environmental Health Officers are empowered to deal with infringements. Public concern is most likely to be recognised when supported by data e.g. dates, type of odour, weather conditions etc

#### **4 Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Brand reported that the Society's funds stood at £350 . Budgeted annual outgoings are ca. £200 which exceeds expected subscription income. Membership numbers are unlikely to increase. It was agreed that individual subscriptions would be increased from £2 to £3 and for couples from £3 to £4, the first increase for many years. Mr. Brand reported that Mr. Boud will continue to audit the Society's accounts. This was welcomed by the Committee.

Mrs. Dutton reported that the W.I. was donating a screen to the Village Hall, but was looking for financial support from other societies, especially as there were installation costs. It was agreed in principle that the Society was willing to help, but would like to review its financial position after the coming membership renewal round.

**5 Membership :** Mr. Courtier reported that the Society has 90 members from a base of 54 family units. 11 subscriptions remain outstanding; there have been three resignations and one new member. Selective mailing of newcomers to the village had proved to be non-productive and not cost effective.

At Mr. Newman's suggestion , it was agreed that to demonstrate our effectiveness, and to encourage new members to join, Mrs. Dales would write a piece to the Warbler outlining the generally complimentary response to our traffic survey and that she would also write to the WS County Times in a similar vein.

#### **6 Planning Matters:**

- a) The proposal to build an extension to Gardener's Cottage, Warnham Lodge, was not deemed to necessitate a response from the Society.
- b) Mr. Rogers reported that sales brochures were available for the Warnham Court development.
- c) Local Plan: Mrs Dales reported that our response to HDC's Preliminary Consultation had been

submitted in good time. The "Crawley Option" document had been published. It was agreed that it would be circulated to Committee members for their comments so that Mrs Dales could co-ordinate an agreed response by 20th October 2000. Mr Courtier expressed his concern at the lack of information correlating employment locations with housing locations.

Mr Brand reported that a planning application for a large extension at Orchard Lodge, Tyldens, Dorking Road had been refused, but has gone to appeal.

### **7 Autumn Meeting & AGM Thursday 12th October 2000**

Mrs Dales reported that Mr Jeff Alexander, Director of Strategy & Corporate Services of SEEDA, had agreed to speak, though she had yet to receive written confirmation.

The following arrangements were agreed:

- i) Mr Courtier & Mr Brand to have their usual table for finance and membership
- ii) Mrs Dutton Wine
- iii) Mrs Thornton. Coffee (Mrs Dales to ask Mrs Thornton)
- iv) Mrs Dutton: Ask WI to leave chairs out after their afternoon meeting
- v) Mrs Dales to collect the key from, and return it to, Mr. Arless
- vi) Mrs Dales to introduce the speaker
- vii) Mr Purcell to propose the vote of thanks, The speaker will precede the Annual General Meeting, with a short break at approximately 9pm.

The following action to be taken:

- 1 Produce and circulate the Annual Report by the Committee
- 2 Circulate Minutes of the 1999 AGM to all members
3. Accounts sheet to be distributed at the Meeting
- 4 WSCT to be invited
- 5 Mrs Dales to contact Mrs Thornton to undertake circulation of the documents to members by 16th September
- 6 Chairman's Report

Mrs Dales shall

- i) Update members on the Stages and timetable of the Local Plan
- ii) Encourage members to respond to our comments to HDC, and to make their own responses
- iii) Provide some names and addresses of public persons/bodies to whom they

could address their concerns

iv) Conduct the election of the Committee. All present at this committee meeting have agreed to stand for election. Mrs Dales to seek confirmation from Mrs Burnham and Mrs. Thornton.

v) Place a time limit on questions if necessary

vi) The Treasurer shall present his report and answer questions from members.

## **8 Correspondence and communications**

a) Mrs Dales reported as follows:

a) circulation to committee members various documents received from the organisations to which we are affiliated.

b) an invitation to a meeting on housing development to be addressed by Martin Pearson , C.E. of HDC on Monday 18th September 2000. Messrs. Courtier, Brand and Newman agreed to attend.

c) Mrs Dales summarised the main points from a 4 page letter received from Mr and Mrs Garrish commenting on our response to HDC's Preliminary Consultation Document. She read out her response and Mr & Mrs Garrish's second letter. The committee noted the points which had been made and welcomed the interest shown by these members, as it did from all Society members. However, the Committee's view was that it is elected to take decisions on behalf of the Society and that it would not be practicable to circulate draft reports for consideration by members. Mrs Dales undertook to make an appropriate response to Mr and Mrs Garrish.

## **9 Any other business :**

Mrs Dutton raised two matters

i) Sussex Oak: The poor condition of the hanging baskets during the summer and the location of two catering vans on the site which are powered up each Saturday and Sunday morning, with some attendant noise. Mr Purcell undertook to write to Whitbread, as the owners, to seek clarification.

ii) The location of three estate agents' signs at the pavement frontage of Farebrothers, which were unsightly. Miss Ronaasen pointed out that the signs had helped to secure the sale of a property, which had previously not been selling.

**10 Date of the next meeting :** Monday 13th September, 8pm at Sands