

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 85,
Tuesday 30th January at Sands, Warnham

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

1 Apologies for absence: Mr. R. Newman

2 Minutes of the Meeting of 13th November 2000 were accepted with one minor amendment.

3 Matters Arising

a) World War II Memorial: No action to date, Mrs Dales to enquire.

b) Vodaphone Tower: The tower has been erected, so far without dishes. Mrs Dales will check whether the work has been carried out as shown on the planning application. It appears that would be from the field.

c) Traffic Management: Mr. Purcell briefed the meeting on the Society's 1994 traffic proposals which gained official agreement at the time but failed to get WSCC formal approval due to lack of funds. Mr. Purcell pointed out that speed platforms are now less acceptable and that other speed deterrents are preferred. In discussion, it became clear that it is not sufficient to consider the centre of the village alone, but to look at the surrounding roads as well as they are being used as "rat runs" and are being widened by the destruction of verges.

It was noted that the Spring Meeting's subject - "Making Rural Roads Safer" - was apposite and would provide a focus for discussion with Society members. It was agreed that the subject would be discussed at the next committee meeting, the aim being to secure support from WSCC and the public

Mr Rogers reported that TRY, the Warnham Court School developers, were contributing £6000 towards an improved path over Bailing Hill and £4000 for a rural "gateway".

4 Treasurer's Report Mr Brand reported that the Society's funds stood at £400.20p with some minor income & expenditure due shortly.

5 Membership Mr Courtier reported that membership numbers are now at a new record. He asked the Committee's views on a proposed recruitment leaflet. It was agreed that he would bring a sample of each option to the next Committee meeting for a decision on how to proceed.

6 Spring Meeting *The following arrangements were agreed for the meeting on 8th March 2000*

a) Flip Chart *Mrs Burnham to advise Mrs Dales if she can borrow a flip chart from HDC. If not, Mr Elliott could approach Novartis.*

b) Open Village Hall and reserve speaker's parking space. *Mrs Dales*

c) Membership Secretary and Treasurer's tables to be manned *Mr Courtier & Mr Brand*

d) Record of audience comments and questions to be kept *Mr Elliott*

e) Coffee *Mrs Thornton*

f) Wine *Mr Purcell if available; otherwise, Mr Elliott*

g) Vote of thanks to the speaker *Mr Purcell if available; otherwise Mr. Courtier*

h) Publicity *Mrs Dales*

7 Correspondence & Reports

a) A letter has been received from **GAAC** regarding a government consultation document on "The Future of Aviation", inviting a response from the Society. Mrs Dales will respond on the basis of comments from committee members on circulation of the letter.

b) **Civic Trust Briefing Issue 26**, to be circulated to committee members.

c) **Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies**. Mrs Dales reported on a meeting of the North West Sussex Branch of the Federation, at which concern was expressed that the latest projection for housing numbers remained virtually unchanged from those given in 1993. Finding a way through the bureaucratic labyrinth to establish a view on this matter is not easy. Mrs. Dales is to seek clarification from officers of the Federation.

8 Planning

a) Waste management Mrs Dales reported that Ambion Bricks had made a presentation to Warnham Parish Council on its intention to increase brick making capacity on its Warnham site. This lies within the North Horsham Parish. The result of additional clay extraction would result in a site suitable for waste infill. Mr Brand pointed out that odour from the existing waste disposal site was distressing residents on the A224 and they were making representations to HDC about their concerns. Mrs Burnham pointed out that WSCC are looking for three sites for incinerators within the County.

b) Mr Rogers reported on a planning application to build a house at **Kingscote**, Durfold Hill. This lies outside the built area, in the Local Plan; Thus the committee agreed that the application should be opposed, as approval would set a precedent for further applications.

c) It was agreed that a proposed change of use of buildings within the **Northlands Business Park** should not be opposed.

d) **Warnham Court Farm/Tilletts Lane** Mrs Dales reported that, following the last Committee meeting, some members of the committee had met for an extraordinary meeting to discuss the planning applications WN/52/00 and WN/56/00

At this meeting each member of the committee stated the points which he/she saw as important comment on the planning applications. The written/phoned/faxed comments of those who were unable to attend the meeting were presented.

Mrs Dales subsequently wrote a draft response to the applications. This draft was sent to all Committee members, with a request for comments.

After revision to the draft the completed response was deposited at the planning reception desk at Park House. Copies have been sent to Warnham Parish Council and to Jonathan Lucas.

There appears to have been no acknowledgement from HDC to letters from members of the public, Mrs Dales will pursue this. She will also contact English Heritage to determine their opinion on the proposed development opening into the Conservation Area.

It is not known when HDC will consider the planning applications.

It was noted that objectors would have a total of 6 minutes in which to make verbal representation to the Area 1 Planning Committee. The need for a co-ordinated response was noted and will be arranged. Mrs Burnham briefed the committee on the process. The committee agreed that Mrs Dales should send a copy of the Society's response to the applications to each member of the Planning Committee, one week before the meeting at which the applications would be discussed.

9 Any Other Business Mrs Burnham pointed out the need for more sheltered housing in the village.

10 Next Meeting Tuesday 10th April, 8pm,at Sands