

## The Warnham Society

### Minutes of the 87th Committee Meeting held on Monday 18th June 2001 at Sands, Warnham

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

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs S. Dutton

**2. Minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2001** were accepted.

**3. Matters Arising.**

a) **World War II Memorial** Mrs Dales undertook to determine from the Parish Council the schedule for the memorial's renovation.

b) Planning (Last meeting's minute reference in brackets)

i) 49 Friday St. (6f) Mrs Dales reported that she had received written notification from H.D.C. that an amended application had been approved. This was in direct opposition to Mrs Burnham's understanding which was that the application had been refused. Mrs Burnham undertook to clarify the position

ii) Planning Application WN/11/01 (69). Mrs Dales reported that she had examined the application for permission to remove trees from the garden of the new bungalow next to the vicarage and could see no grounds for the Society to object

iii) Glebe Field (6b) Mrs Dales reported that the Parish Council had been advised by the H.D.C. Solicitor that no planning applications had been made. The Church, as previous owner of the Cricket Field, has reserved rights of way over it from the Glebe Field.

iv) Waste Disposal (8a). Mrs Dales reported that she had written to Brian Johnson of the Horsham Clean Air Group suggesting he could ventilate his Group's views in the Warbler

v) TV Receiving Dish, Friday Street (9d). Mr Courtier undertook to study a booklet on the planning requirements for TV dishes and advise the Committee of his findings

vi) Litter (9c) Mr Purcell reported an observed lower level of roadside litter in Surrey compared to that seen in West Sussex. He undertook to write to W.S.C.C. seeking an improved performance.

**4 Treasurer's Report.** Mr Brand reported that the Society's funds were unchanged +. 27 at 17  
No significant expenditure is foreseen until the Autumn Meeting 12 months ago funds stood at  
£400. Members remain concerned at our reduced level of solvency. It was noted that the imminent  
initiative to increase membership, if successful, would enhance our funding through subscriptions  
and donations.

**5 Membership** Mr Courtier reported that the recruitment brochure had been amended. It was  
circulated among the Committee at the Meeting. Mr Courtier will arrange printing and selective  
distribution of the brochure.

## **6 Planning Matters**

a) Mr Rogers reported that there were no planning applications to place before the Committee.

b) Ilex Cottage Mrs Dales reported that permission was being sought for the building of a garage  
and for the construction of a porch. About two years ago permission was granted to convert an  
existing garage into a house. The current application has been delegated to H.D.C. Officers which  
seems strange given the history of this property. Mrs Burnham undertook to investigate and advise  
the Committee.

c) Warnham Court Farm (6c/d) Neither application has been considered by H.D.C. The Draft Local  
Plan is due in the autumn which may affect the progress of these applications.

**7. Traffic Management** (7) Mr Purcell, as Chairman of the Society's Traffic Management Working  
Party, reported on its work to date. Objectives had been determined and radical ideas to manage  
the entry, exit and movement of traffic have been developed. The Working Party had met Roger  
Hobbs of the W.S.C.C. Transport Planning Services. Mr Hobbs said Warnham as a "treasure to  
preserve" - a telling and potentially useful phrase. Our analytical and imaginative approach was  
welcomed. Some of our initiative chimes with current County thinking. In principle, our proposals  
for speed limits and mini-roundabouts were accepted.

Mr Purcell reported that new options for the A24 had been published, which could potentially  
worsen the traffic situation in Warnham. Mr Purcell suggested that a re-alignment of the existing  
A24 could be used to improve Warnham traffic. Mr Purcell will try to ensure that the Society is  
consulted during the decision-making process. The Chairman of the Parish Council has been  
briefed on work to date and has given his support. The Working Party plans further contact with Mr  
Hobbs and his colleagues and will continue to develop their ideas. Their next meeting is on  
Thursday 12th July.

Mrs Dales expressed concern about a response from H.D.C. to Mayes Lane residents regarding  
their traffic complaints to the effect that H.D.C. would look at re-routing equestrian traffic via Knob  
Hill. It was agreed that this piecemeal approach and traffic transfer was the wrong way to proceed  
and that H.D.C. should be so advised.

**8. Autumn Meeting and A.G.M. 2001.** It was agreed there would be a presentation on the Committee's proposals and the meeting would be held on either 11th (preferred) or 18th October subject to Village Hall availability.

Mrs Dales to action.

### **9 Correspondence and Reports**

- a. Mrs Dales distributed two documents for circulation.
- b. Mr Newman undertook to represent the Committee at a Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies meeting (if available).

### **10. Any Other Business**

- a. Mr Brand reported that a meeting of the Horsham Clean Air Group is scheduled for Monday 9th July at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall, Roffey.
- b. Mr Brand reported that the Kingsfold Residents Association had funds in excess of £1000 in contrast to our reducing balance.

**11. Date of Next Meeting.** Tuesday 4th September 2001, 8pm at Sands