

The Warnham Society

Minutes of the 88th Committee Meeting held on Monday 30th July 2001 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs M. Dales, Chairman Mr R. Newman
Mr. A.G. Brand, Treasurer Mr R. Purcell
Mrs S. Dutton Miss V. Rönaasen
Mr G. Elliott Mrs O. Thornton

1. Apologies for Absence: Mrs Burnham, Mr Courtier and Mr Rogers.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 18th June 2001 were accepted with minor amendments.

3. Agenda: This meeting was convened at short notice to deal with a possible Village Design Statement and Traffic Management.

4. Village Design Statements (VDS) Mr Purcell reported that he had attended the Parish Council Meeting (27.01) at which the H.D.C.'s Mr Paul Rowley made a presentation on V.D.S. Mr Purcell circulated a copy of the relevant P.C. minute and expressed his reservations about the possible benefits, dis-benefits and resources required for preparation. It was agreed that Mrs Dales should advise the Parish Council that the Society was willing to join the P.C. in discussing whether or how to proceed with preparation of a V.D.S. without any commitment, at this time, to further participation by the Society.

5. Traffic Management: Mrs Dales reported that she had written an article for the Warbler on the Society's work on transport management. Publication is scheduled for the September issue.

Mr Purcell, as Chairman of the Society's Working Party on Transport Management (WP), made his report to the Committee. There have been two fruitful meetings with County transport officers. As a result, the WP has prepared a Traffic Management Scheme dated 12th July 2001 which Mr Purcell described to the Committee. A feasible and acceptable way of making Strood Lane unattractive to through traffic has yet to be established. Otherwise, the WP's proposals were endorsed by the Committee.

The Chairman of the Parish Council also supports the proposals. Accordingly, they will form the centrepiece of Mr Purcell's presentation at the Autumn Meeting on 11th October 2001.

Coincidentally, Mr Purcell has been in correspondence with the County Surveyor's Office and the

County's transport consultants about possible improvements to the A24, particularly the route options between Horsham and Capel. He circulated a draft letter setting out the Society's views on the options in which the new road near the railway is preferred to re-modelling and re-routing of the existing A24. If the latter is favoured by the authorising body Mr Purcell suggests that the A24 is re-aligned from the Great Daux roundabout so there is no entry or exit to the new road from Bell Road or Knob Hill.

After discussion, members were asked to consider Mr Purcell's 2nd draft letter and to give him any comments by the end of the week A24 options will also be included in the presentation at the Autumn Meeting.

Mr Purcell sought assistance from Members in the preparation of his presentation, especially in making documents suitable for computerised projection. He also stressed the importance of securing effective and informal consultation with Society Members and village residents in general.

The Committee was unanimous in its enthusiastic appreciation of Mr Purcell's and the Working Party's efforts of this difficult and complex issue.

6. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 4th September 2001. at Sands, as previously notified