

The Warnham Society

Minutes of the 89th Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2001 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs M. Dales, Chairman Mr M Rogers
Mr A.G. Brand, Treasurer Miss V. Rønnaasen
Mr G. Elliott Mrs O. Thornton
Mr R. Purcell

1. Apologies for Absence: Mr Courtier, Mrs Dutton and Mr Newman

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 30 July 2001 were accepted

3. Matters arising:

- a. **Village Design Statement (VDS).** Mrs Dales reported that there will be a talk given the The Parish Council on Monday 15th October. Committee Members are free to attend. Mrs Dales has written to the Parish Council expressing the Committee's cautious interest.
- b. **World War II Memorial:** Mrs Dales stated that it was her understanding that the Parish Council accepts its responsibility for maintaining the War Memorial and that it requires attention. Mrs Dales undertook to remind the Parish Council in writing of their commitments and to ask what action was proposed

4. Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported that the Society's funds stand at £287.64p, compared with £349 last year for the same time and £478 the previous year. Mr Brand summarised our current out going commitments; continuing membership of the Civic Trust was questioned. The Committee agreed -

- a. To fix membership fees for 2001/2 at £5 for a couple and £3 for a single person.
- b. To levy no charge on non-members attending the Autumn Meeting, but rather to seek donations from them.
- c. Not to prepare a formal budget at yet until the results off the recruitment drive were known. There has been a good uptake of the leaflets from two village shops.

5. Membership: In Mr Courtier's absence there was no report.

6. Planning Matters:

- a. **Warnham Court Farm and Tillet's Lane:** Mrs Dales reported that neither application had been withdrawn, in effect, they are in abeyance.
- b. **49 Friday Street.** Mrs Dales reported that she had objected to the proposed conversion to two dwellings and that planning permission for conversion had been refused. An application for creating a parking area has been made and a decision is awaited.

c. **Garage Roof conversion (School Hill)** Mrs Dales had written to HDC suggesting that the application should specify tile characteristics.

7. Traffic Management Working Party (WP)

a. **A24:** M. Purcell, as WP Chairman reported that WSCC had responded to the Society's letter which set out our views on future development of the A24 between Great Daux roundabout and Capel. WSCC favours the development of a new single carriageway adjacent to the railway line. A sum of £300K is proposed for enhancing subsidiary roads as part of the total project. The Society will be lobbying for its share of the £300K if, and when the project proceeds. We will remain active in future consultation as WSCC prepares a bid for construction funds from the relevant government agency.

b. **AGM Presentation** Mr Purcell reported that -

- i) HDC had agreed to lend the Society a computer driven projector
- ii) Slides, Photos etc. were largely complete. The Committee agreed that no back-up presentation was required.
- iii) We should seek to borrow the above projector for an evening in early October to determine if there are any operating difficulties, particularly in the Village Hall. Mr Brand will attempt to arrange.

Mrs Dales undertook to confirm with Mr Courtier his availability to undertake his role in the presentation.

The Committee asked Mr Brand to convey its deep gratitude to his son Gordon, for his expertise and efforts in creating the presentation.

c. **A24 south of Southwater:** WSCC has furnished the Society with drawings of the proposals for three major road layout changes at Buck's Green, the Partridge Green B-road access and Hill Barn nursery crossing. These changes are aimed at adjacent reduction. There will be consultation in the autumn on the WSCC overall strategy for the A24.

8. Autumn Meeting and AGM. The following action was agreed -

- a Not to invite the West Sussex County Times but to supply them with a context statement (Mrs Dales)
- b. Mr Elliott to record formalities of AGM proceedings and highlights of post presentation discussions.
- c. Mr Elliott to procure and serve wine.
- d. Mrs Thornton to serve coffee
- e. Mrs Thornton to arrange distribution of meeting papers to members.
- f. Mrs Thornton to receive members questionnaires.

- g. Mrs Dales to prepare two versions of the questionnaire, a simplified version for the Warbler and on for distribution at the Meeting.
- h. Members should receive a copy of the accounts for discussion at the Meeting.
- i. Members to be asked to identify nominations for Committee membership. Mrs Dales agreed to approach Mr. S. Parker-Smith to see if he would be willing to stand. Members present agreed to serve to another year. Mrs Dales will check-up if absent members want to continue to serve.

9. Correspondence: Mrs Dales reported that

- a. She would circulate the A24 proposals (v. 7c. above)
- b. She had received a brochure regarding a proposed Primary Care Trust in and Chanctonbury. Committee Members are free to complete the consultative questionnaire.
- c. Mrs J. Burnham had written a letter of resignation from the Committee due to increased commitments at HDC. Mrs Dales will write to thank Mrs Burnham for her service to the Committee and the Society (of which she will remain a member)
- d. The Certificate of Insurance has been received and placed at the front of the Minute file
- e. Janet Aidin of the FSAS has provided us with a handbook on the Structure Plan. ALL please note.
- f. The Civic Trust had provided information on an initiative if is promoting.
- g. A questionnaire had been received from SEEDA
- h. Colin McKenna of WSCC would be discussion the County's approach to traffic with the FSAS at HDC Offices on 17 September. Mr Elliott agreed to attend. Mrs Dales will ascertain if Mr Newman wishes to attend.

10. Any Other Business

At Mr Brands suggestion, Mrs Dales agreed to prepare a statement on the Committee's position on the odours emanating from current waste disposal activities at the Ambion Brick facility and also on the planned incinerator

11. The **next Meeting** will take place at Sands, Warnham on Wednesday **31st October** 2001 at 8pm.