

## The Warnham Society

### Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 90, held on Wednesday 31 October 2001 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs. Dales, Chairman            Mr. S. Parker-Smith  
          Mr. R. Courtier                 Miss V. Rønnaasen  
          Mr. G. Elliott                    Mrs O. Thornton  
          Mr. R. Newman

Mr Newman chaired the meeting until the appointment of officers was completed. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs Dales which The Committee enthusiastically endorsed.

**1. Apologies for Absence:** Mr A.G. Brand, Mrs S. Dutton, Mr M Rogers and Mr R. Purcell.

**2. Appointment of Officers** for the year 2001–2002. The following were chosen by the Committee unopposed:

Chairman and Correspondence Secretary - Mrs Dales agreed to serve for one more year to see through the current major projects.

Vice-Chairman - Mr Newman

Membership Secretary - Mr Courtier agreed to serve until Spring 2002 when he expects to resign from the Committee as he is leaving the district. He undertook to train his successor, as appropriate.

Minute Secretary - Mr Elliott.

Treasurer - Mr Brand

Mrs Dales took the chair and thanked Mr Newman for overseeing the appointment of Officers. She then welcomed Mr Parker-Smith to the Committee.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting** of 4th September 2001 were accepted after two corrections were made.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

a. Village Design Statement: The planned talk at the Parish Council on 15th October was not given. In its place there was a presentation on affordable housing by Mr Brierley (HDC) and Mrs Bower, Rural Housing Enabler (SRCC). Mrs Dales provided Committee Members with a Copy of a full PCC minute of the presentation. The Parish Council has agreed to undertake a survey of local housing needs, facilitated by SRCC. The survey results are wanted by HDC to support their determination of the Local Plan and approval of local planning applications.

b. World War II Memorial: Mrs Dales reported that the renovation of the War Memorial had been arranged by the Parish Council. Freeman Bros. are undertaking the work at their expense. The

Committee applauded their generosity.

c. Mrs Burnham Mrs Dales reported that she had written to Mrs Burnham thanking her for her services to the Committee

d. Waste Disposal Mrs Dales reported that she had prepared a statement on the Society's position which she read out at the A.G.M.

e. Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies: Mrs Dales reported that Mr Newman and Mr Elliott had attended a meeting of the NW Sussex Branch addressed By WSCC senior transport planners She noted that Mr Elliott's report on the meeting complemented that of Janet Aiden, Branch Chairman. Mrs Dales agreed to investigate the procurement of PPG 13 and the current County Rural Transport Plan.

**5. Treasurer's Report** Mrs Dales reported that Mr Brand had advised her that funds stood at £437.74 but with some expenses imminent.

**6. Membership:** Mr Courtier reported that Society membership is at its highest. level ever at 91 member units. Ten new members joined at the A.G.M., another record. Sadly, the recruitment brochure seems to have only brought in two new members. Mr Courtier underlined the importance to cash-flow of members paying their subscriptions at the beginning of the year and not at the end as some do. He indicated how this might be encouraged by including a reminder to non-payers with the mailing of Traffic questionnaire results it was agreed to charge non-members who wish to attend the Spring Meeting.

## **7. Planning Matters:**

a. Mrs Dales reported that the parking area application at 49 Friday Street (v. 6b.49.01) had been refused.

b. Mrs Dales reported that Mr Purcell's application to convert his flat garage roof to one pitched at 45° had resulted in a neighbour's no object concern from HDC planning officers that the roof would be too high. A decision from HDC is expected soon.

c. Warnham Lodge, Mrs Dales reported that Mr V Livingstone, the owner of Warnham Lodge, is seeking permission to conduct Civil Marriages. She then outlined the process and governing guidance whereby approval can be granted or refused. She reported that Northlands area residents are concerned and that her investigations of this matter had been conducted in a personal capacity. The current position is that Mr Livingstone has been advised to publish (another) Public Notice of his intentions following which those with concerns have 21 days to express them. At this time it was agreed that the Society is not involved.

**8. Autumn Meeting:** Mrs Dales reported that a high percentage of traffic management

questionnaires had been returned. Substantial effort will be required to complete their analysis and produce a report, January 2002 being the earliest expected date.

Mrs Dales expressed the Committee's thanks to the team effort which made the meeting such a success, and to Mr Gordon Brand's efforts in producing an outstanding presentation.

## **9. Correspondence and Reports:**

- a. It was agreed that dissemination of documents should continue, but more formally using a standard pre-printed label, say, Committee Members would be encouraged to determine if the next person on the list after themselves was available to receive papers
- b. In response to a question Mrs Dales explained the rationale for our membership of four amenity groups. It was agreed to review membership of the Civic Trust in a few months time.

## **10. Any Other Business**

- a. Incineration: Mr Newman outlined the case for incineration, as land-fill sites became less available. He pointed out the need for waste separation to enhance effective incineration. He suggested that it might be better if waste for incineration was moved by rail rather than road. Committee Members expressed their concern about the viability of re-cycling, the location of incinerators and their operational reliability
- b. F.S.A.S. Meeting December 3rd 2001. Mr Parker-Smith volunteered to attend this meeting on Social Housing, if he is available.
- c. Night Flights - Gatwick Airport Committee Members commented that complaints about night time flying normally elicited a good response from the (possibly) offending airline.
- d. Footpath over Bailing Hill The Committee is unaware of the schedule (and specifications?) for re-instating the footpath.
- e. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Mrs Dales reported that Mr. Ritchie of the PCC had stated that the PCC would be willing to co-ordinate Warnham's celebrations. The PC has accepted their offer.
- f. Spring Meeting Mrs Dales, advised that we need a subject of strong interest presented by an interesting speaker. Give your ideas to Mrs Dales.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** At Sands, Warnham, on Wednesday 23 January 2002, subject to availability of the Traffic Management Report.