

The Warnham Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting No.91

held on Wednesday, 23rd January 2002 at Applegarth, Warnham

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| Present - | Mrs Dales, Chairman | Mr G. Elliott |
| | Mr A.G. Brand | Mr R. Newman |
| | Mr R. Courtier | Mr S. Parker-Smith |
| | Mrs S. Dutton | Mr R. Purcell |
| | Mrs O. Thornton | |

1. Apologies for Absence - Mr M. Rogers, Miss V. Rónaasen.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 31st October were accepted after a few minor corrections

3. Matters Arising a A copy of "A Rural Transport Plan for West Sussex" has been obtained and will be circulated to interested members. Mrs Dales will continue to investigate the procurement of PPG 13.

b. Circulation of Documents. Mr Courtier had prepared fully labelled folders for document circulation. Mrs Dales emphasised the importance of determining the availability of the next person on the list prior to forwarding the folder.

4. Treasurer's Report. Mr Brand reported that currently funds stand at £46980. He anticipated expenditure of £135 in fees by April 2002. Mrs Dales pointed out that there would be non-recurring expenditure from the distribution of about 100 copies of the Committee's traffic management report to Society Members and other recipients.

5. Membership. Mr Courtier reported that 86 individual membership subscription had been paid to date. He intends to send a separate note in the near future to those who who had not paid. Mr Courtier agreed that his replacement could carry out the duties without a computer Mrs Dales emphasised the need for someone to volunteer soon for this task, not least to allow an orderly hand-over.

6. Planning Matters.

a Mr Purcell has received planning permission to change his garage roof.

b. Mr Livingstone of Warnham Lodge has withdrawn his application to conduct Civil Marriages on his premises.

c. Mrs Dales reported on the following planning applications, in Mr Roger's absence -

- i. Extension of a Bell Road dwelling.
- ii. Broomhall Farm re-development of existing buildings for use in "equestrian rehabilitation"
- iii. Swan Ken (Broadbridge Heath Road) barn conversion for domestic use.

The Committee agreed to take no action on the above.

iv. Warnham Lodge Farm, Northlands - The re-routing of a series of poles carrying electricity supply. Professor & Mrs Dales are considering this proposal in their private capacity so Mr Purcell agreed to examine the application on behalf of the Committee.

d. Warnham Court Farm (WCF) Mrs Dales gave each Committee member an extract from the Horsham District Local Plan Position Statement (2002-2002) as it relates to WCF, which she had helpfully annotated. The developer's application still stands, as do our objections. Given the current HDLP stance on the WCF site possible implications of the imminent publication of the survey of rural housing needs and HDC's stance on social housing, the developer could change his application. If so, our objections would fall. Mrs Dales agreed to monitor the situation to determine any developments with the application to provide the Committee with time to respond.

7. Traffic Management Report. Mr Purcell provided each Committee Member with a copy of a draft report "Questionnaire on Traffic Management Options, Analysis of Responses and Summary Proposals". After discussion, it was agreed that Committee Members should consider the report's proposals and make any comments to Mr Purcell by Sunday 27 January. This will provide time for the report to be forwarded to the Parish Council in time for its meeting on 18 February at which Mr Purcell and Mrs Dales will make a presentation.

Mr Purcell emphasised several points -

- the Committee can only make proposals which the Society's members support
- proposals have to take account of what is likely to be accepted by WSCC traffic planners
- the detail of individual proposals has not been worked out, approval in principle is what is being sought, detailed work would come later.
- if the Parish Council does not support the proposals this project will have to be aborted.

Mr and Mrs Purcell were thanked by the Committee for their work in producing this report.

Mr Purcell then reported on a meeting he had attended, convened by the FSAS and WSCC on the A24 south of Horsham. Work has begun which is intended to make the road safer, including the

installation of barriers, gap closures, speed limits etc. This programme is scheduled to take 3 years. The longer term plans for flyovers at three major junctions are opposed by the Federation, options are being considered.

The funding for the new road between Great Daux and Capel has not yet been agreed. Surrey County Council will be progressing this proposal. An earliest start date of 2005 is envisaged. Mr Purcell had alerted the Chichester meeting to the likely impact of the new road on Warnham traffic.

8. Spring Meeting. Mrs Dales reported that she had provisionally booked the Village Hall for Thursdays 14 March and 11th April. It was agreed that a Mr. T. Collis. Project Manager for Hants CC waste management should be approached to speak of Waste Management. If neither date was acceptable alternatives should be explored, including Fridays. If Mr Collis cannot be booked, then an alternative speaker will need to be identified and secured. Vandalism was suggested as a possible subject.

9. Correspondence and Reports.

- a. Golden Jubilee. Mrs Thornton agreed to represent the Society at a public meeting in the church on 6th February 2002
- b. Proposed Incinerator Mrs Dales had responded to a letter from the Horsham Society explaining our position.
- c. Vandalism. Following a series of acts of vandalism in the village an action group has been set up to determine what action can be taken to reduce anti-social behaviour.
- d. Assorted documents will be circulated following the meeting
- e. South Downs National Park. It was agreed that we would decline the invitation from the Countryside Agency to comment on its proposals through lack of knowledge.

10. Any Other Business

Mr Newman queried our continued membership of the **Civic Trust** an organisation concerned with urban design. It was pointed out that if the Society was wound up its papers "shall be deposited with the Civic Trust", according to its Constitution. If discontinuation of membership were to proceed the implications of the Constitution would need to be resolved. The question of continued membership will be further discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting Monday 4th March 2002, 8pm at Sands