

The Warnham Society

Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 93.

held on Monday 22 April 2002 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs M Dales (Chairman), Mr R. Purcell, Mrs S Dutton, Mr M Rogers, Mr G. Elliott, Miss V. Rõnaasen, Mr R Newman, Mrs O Thornton

1. Apologies for absence: Messrs Courtier, Parker-Smith and Brand

2. Minutes of Meeting held on March 4th 2002 were approved after minor changes.

3. Matters Arising:

a. Youth Facilities 3d Vandalism. Mr S Ritchie reported at the last WPC meeting that a meeting place for use by young villagers is to be arranged. The provision of a shelter for the exclusive use of young people is being explored; the WPC is seeking funding.

b. Planning;

i. WNO7 HDC has acknowledged Mrs Dales letter regarding the removal of an agricultural occupancy condition. No decision has been made by HDC.

ii. WN56/00 Tilletts Lane: Mrs Dales has had no reply from HDC to her letter requesting an update on the planning application's Status.

c. Civic Trust. Mrs Dales reported that the Society's constitution does not require it to be a member of the Trust. Officers of the F.S.A.S confirmed that the Trust's interests are increasingly urban. The subscription has been increased to £33. If the Society is ever wound up its archives could be lodged with, say, W.S.C.C. or Horsham Museum. No significant benefits could be identified. The Committee agreed unanimously to withdraw from membership and to inform the Civic Trust in writing of our decision.

d. New Committee Members: Mrs Dales reported that Mr Crockford, a potential committee member, is clearly too busy to be approached. Mr Rogers undertook to approach Mr Coombes. Committee members were asked to bring forward other names

4. Treasurer's Report: Mrs Dales presented a report provided by Mr Brand. The cash balance stands at £303.12 after various payments including insurance, increased from £50 to £80. Mr Newman reported that £28 had been taken at the door at the Spring Meeting, being subscriptions and entry fees. Mr Elliott reported a profit of £7 on the sale of wine.

5. Membership: Mr Rogers has taken over from Mr Courtier as membership Secretary. He announced that paid members stand at 112, including two new members.

6. Planning: Mrs Dales reported that the Sands Equestrian centre has submitted a planning application WN/24/02, to extend its premises. As she has an interest Mrs Dales asked Mr Rogers to chair any discussion and take any agreed action. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposal represented intensification of use of the facilities which would generate more traffic on a local road system which is inadequate for existing traffic. Rain water run-off from the additional roofing will require enhanced drainage facilities to manage water disposal and prevent flooding. Mr Rogers undertook to write to HDC opposing the application. Mrs Dales provided factual input, on request, but played no part in the discussions leading to the Committee's decision. Mrs Dales resumed the Chair. Mr Rogers reported that there were no other planning applications warranting the Committee's attention.

7. Traffic Management:

a. A24, south of Horsham: WSCC is employing consultants to propose road improvements. They are suggesting Grade separation and gap closures, to which the NW FSAS has responded. A draft report prepared by the consultants is due to be published.

b. A24, Great Daux to Capel: A public exhibition on the planned development of the section has been postponed as the bid to GOSE (the Government Office of the South East) was incomplete. There will be a delay of six months while further environmental studies are undertaken.

Mr Purcell reported that the £300K, thought to be available for various road works associated with the upgrading of the A24, has been allocated for work on Marches Road, to protect Ockley (in Surrey) from increased traffic. The Kingsfold Residents' Association should be useful allies in challenging this proposal.

c. Warnham: Mrs Dales reported that the Society's proposals to the WPC on March 11th 2002 pointing out they had been validated by members questionnaire responses. The matter was referred to a WPC sub-committee who reported their views to the WPC meeting on 15th April At Which Mrs Dales and Mr Purcell were present. The sub-committee endorsed the Society's proposals, with reservations on phasing and funding, it gained acceptance from the full Council.

A joint Working Party was set up to carry the proposals forward It consists of 3 members from the WPC, Mr Read, Mr Muggeridge and Mrs Farquar, and 3 members from the Society, Mrs Dales, Mr Purcell and Mr Rogers. The Working Party will be looking at each proposal in detail to see how it can best be implemented and reporting back to the WPC and the Society.

The proposals have the full support of the Parish Council, a letter of appreciation has been received from the WPC Chairman.

8 Spring Meeting: it was agreed that Mr Collis' presentation on Waste Management had been worth while and well argued. Reservations were expressed about the level of attendance and the absence of anyone from the WPC, whose Chairman was unavoidably delayed. It was agreed that Mr Collis' views deserved wider circulation so Mrs Dales and Mr Elliott undertook to edit Mr Elliott's meeting notes for submission to the Warbler for publication.

9. Correspondence and Reports: Various Documents received will be circulated to Committee members for noting and action, as appropriate.

10. Any Other Business:

a. Golden Jubilee: The Society has no role in any planned celebrations or commemoration.

b. The WPC Annual Meeting: open to the public, was held on April 15th. Mr Purcell reported low attendance, in contrast to other villages. The Committee felt better publicity was required

c. Parish Magazines: Mrs Dutton pointed out that other villages have free magazines delivered to every household.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 1st July 2002 at Sands.