

## THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

**Minutes of Committee Meeting No.97 held on Wednesday 6th November 2002 held at Sands, Warnham.**

**Present: Mrs M Dales (Chairman), Mr G Brand (Treasurer), Mrs S Dutton, Mr M. Rogers, Mr R Newman and Mrs O Thornton.**

- 1. Apologies** for absence were received from George Elliot, Roger Purcell and Vivien Ronaasen.
- 2. Appointment of Officers.** Margaret Dales agreed to continue as Chairman for the next 6 months and this was welcomed by the Committee. The other officers also agreed to continue. It was proposed that the constitution relating to the appointment of officers and the length of time they could stay in post be reviewed in the Spring.
- 3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 2nd September 2002 were approved.
- 4. Matters Arising.** The Traffic Management Working Party had met with Roger Hobbs, WSCC, to discuss the latest proposals, particularly relating to speed limits. Before this could proceed further speed measurements on some 21 different sites around the village were needed. Roger Hobbs agreed to arrange this and speed measurement loops would be installed during December and January.
- 5. Treasurer's Report.** Mr Brand reported that the Society's cash balance now stood at £467-71p following membership fees totalling £194 received at the AGM. The Village Hall fee had been paid.
- 6. Membership.** Mr Rogers reported that 89 households (155 members) were on the membership list. 5 new households had joined and 5 households had renewed membership. To date 45 households had paid this years subscription.
- 7. Planning.**
  - a. 44 Friday Street WN/63/02.** The Society had objected to appearance of this extension, particularly the proposed alterations to the roofline. Permission was refused.
  - b. Sands Equestrian Centre WN/24/02.** Despite objections from the Parish Council and the Society regarding increased traffic flows, permission had been granted.
  - c. Tilletts Lane WN/56/00.** There has still been no decision on this application and it has not been withdrawn. The situation will continue to be monitored.
  - d. Woodstock WN/07/02.** Mr Rogers had spoken to the planning officer who said that a decision could be expected soon. A further meeting would be held with the applicant but refusal was the most likely outcome.
- 8. Report on Autumn Meeting and AGM 24th October 2002.** The Committee agreed that the meeting had been a success. The speaker had been excellent and a good number of people had

attended.

**9. Spring and Autumn Meetings 2003.** Provisional dates for these meetings were Thursday 13th March and Thursday 23rd October. Topics and speakers were needed and a small sub-committee was formed of Dick Newman, Sheila Dutton, Olive Thornton and George Elliott (if willing) to take this forward. They would report back to the January meeting.

**10. Correspondence and Reports.** The following reports were for circulation-

- a. Warnham Parish Council "The Parish Pump". Members were asked to consider if any items mentioned were relevant to the work of the society.
- b. GACC re Airports (Green Paper). See GACC response. Comments to Margaret if you think the Society should be making a response.
- c. HDC local plan Newsletter All residents in Warnham should have received a copy (some had not!)  
and could respond individually. Should the society send a response?
- d. Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies reports. Reference to regional hubs including Crawley Horsham.
- e. SCCMMS South Coast Transport newsletter. Potential impact on the A24 needs to be considered.
- f. A24 letters associated with Item 11

**11. Daux to Capel-Summary of action taken so far.**

Margaret Dales gave a summary of what had occurred with respect to the A24 proposals. The County Times (Jenny Hardcastle) had published a good and balanced article setting out the pros and cons of the various routes. Roger Purcell and John Crockford had both written and the material they submitted had been extensively used and John had been interviewed. Margaret had also spoken to Jenny before the article was published to ensure that Warnham's concerns were included as well as Kingsfolds.

A letter had been sent to David Hall commenting on Halcrow's report and giving the Society's views on the various routes. This had been acknowledged. Copies of the letter had been sent to other interested parties, including Charlotte Dixon of GOSE. A further detailed technical letter had been sent to WSCC by Roger. Margaret was to meet with Francis Maude on Friday to seek his view on how best to proceed. The Parish Council had met on 28 October, but the meeting had been poorly attended by only 20 people and there had been little discussion. The Parish Council decided to support the Red route subject to the deletion of Junction C. The Parish Clerk had written to WSCC setting out in more detail the reasons behind the decision.

Jenny Sanchez (Mayes Lane) had contacted Southern Counties Radio and given an interview, as had Tex Pemberton, WSCC cabinet member for Highways.

Jean Burnham had been in contact with David Jenkins, the Horsham District Council (HDC) cabinet member for Transport. HDC were working on a modification to the Blue Route taking it to the east of Kingsfold. They had provided a copy of a draft plan for discussion and comment at the meeting. After some discussion the view of those present was that the modification was an improvement for Kingsfold, both environmentally and in removing the connection to Marches Road and the consequent increase in traffic. However, it did nothing to improve the situation for Warnham and measures were needed to prevent an increase in rat-running traffic through the village. Margaret would send the Society's comments to HDC but asked members to contact her if they had any further comments.

**12. Any Other Business.** George Brand asked who should be contacted regarding the maintenance of public footpaths and erection of stiles. WSCC were responsible but the Parish Council kept a watch and reported any problems to the County. If a footpath was found to be obstructed an approach to the landowner was often successful.

**13. Date of Next Meeting.** Wednesday 8th January 2003 at 8pm at Sands.