

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Minutes of Committee Meeting No.99 held on Wednesday 8th January 2003 at Sands, Warnham

Present: Mrs M Dales (Chairman); Mr G Brand (Treasurer); Mrs S Dutton; Mr G. Elliott; Mr R Newman; Mr R Purcell; Mrs O Thornton

1 Apologies for absence were received from Miss V Ronaasen and Mr M Rogers

2 Minutes of the meetings 97 and 98 were approved.

3 Matters Arising:

a) Traffic Management (Min 97/4) Mrs Dales reported that some speed recording loops had been installed. She will confirm with WSCC that the remainder will follow shortly. Mr Purcell advised that the loops measure vehicle numbers and their speed. The speed of vehicles travelling through each point could determine whether or not a specific speed limit could be imposed. Police will not support a speed limit which is not self enforcing. The next stage is a meeting of the WPC/WS Joint Working Party with Roger Hobbs of WSCC to discuss the analysis of the data recorded by the speed loops.

b) GACC (Min 97/10b) Mrs Dales reported that she would circulate the next newsletter carrying GACC's response to the High Court ruling that the Government could not exclude consideration of a second runway at Gatwick from its airport expansion plans.

c) Pavement maintenance (Min 97/10b) Mr Brand reported that the pavement serving his Dorking Road property, and that of his two immediate neighbours only was being substantially renovated.

d) WN/84/02 (Min 98/4) Mrs Dales reported that she had despatched a letter to HDC, as agreed, giving the Society's detailed and considered response to this application. She asked that the help given to her by colleagues and Mrs Upton-Brown be recorded. Mrs Dutton reported that she had received compliments and expressions of gratitude from recipients of the letter. Mrs Dales reported that she had written to Mr J Lucas, the applicant, enclosing a copy of the Society's response to the planning application. She expressed disappointment that this new application differed so little from the previous planning application for WCF, in spite of the significant specific concerns expressed by the Warnham Society, WPC and many individuals. She offered to meet Mr Lucas to discuss the current application. So far no reply had been received.

4 Treasurer's Report Mr Brand reported that the Society's cash balance is £448. Mrs Dales reported that the Parish Council agreed at its December Meeting to reimburse the Society for specific expenses incurred in the joint WS/WPC Working Party on the Traffic Management Scheme

(see minute 5g, WPC Minutes 9 Dec 2002)

Warnham Society - It was agreed in principle that costs incurred by the Society in respect of joint projects such as the Warnham traffic calming scheme should be met by the Council.

There will be no retrospective payments and travel expenses are excluded. Committee members working on the Traffic Management project were asked to maintain a record of relevant expenses to substantiate claims for reimbursement.

5 Membership There was nothing to report.

6 Spring Meeting Mr Newman reported that a meeting of the sub-committee (Min 97/9) had considered various possibilities which he outlined. The meeting agreed that a speaker on "rural policing " would be relevant given local concerns and experiences. Mr Newman undertook to arrange a speaker and to liaise with Mrs Dales The deadline for entries for the February Warbler is 19th January. The Village Hall is provisionally booked for 13th March.

7 Planning

a Mr Rogers has advised that there were no applications for the Committee to consider

b Farebrothers (WN//02) Planning consent has been given

c WN/84/02 Warnham Court Farm Mrs Dales reported that the Society had prepared a list of key points for assessment of this application at the request of the Parish Council. WPC members had used the list at their meeting on 6th January when determining their response to the application. Council officers present at the meeting also had copies.

After a long structured meeting involving HDC Planning officers Paul Rowley and Clare Upton-Brown and WSCC Highways officer Spencer Bryan, and approximately 40 members of the public, the Parish Council considered its response to the planning application, following which the Parish Clerk was asked to write to HDC conveying the WPC views.

A copy of the relevant section of WPC Minutes and a copy of the WPC letter to HDC is appended in lieu of a typed list within these minutes. Both will be filed with these minutes.

Mrs Dales undertook to ascertain from Mrs Upton-Brown, the timetable for the application being considered by HDC.

8 A24 Daux to Capel road improvement (Min 98/3)

a) Mrs Dales noted that funding for the 'Blue Route had been authorised by GOSE

b) Three groups of three people from the Kingsfold Residents' Association (KRA), the Warnham Society and Warnham Parish Council have formed a Liaison Group to share information, exchange ideas and act in concert, where appropriate. Each group shall report to its main body who should be free to reach its own conclusion on appropriate action. The

Society envisages an early meeting with the WSCC A24 D-C project Manager, David Hall to determine, among other things, the progress of the project, timing of public consultation and the extent of possible deviation from the 'Blue Route'. It was agreed that Mrs Dales, Mr Purcell and Mr Rogers would represent the WS Committee on the Liaison Group.

c) Mr Purcell reported that Mr Anthony Poole had offered to make, free of charge, a video to support the Society's views on the application of the A24 route. It was agreed that a video relating to Warnham Court Farm might not be appropriate but that Mr Poole's generous offer should be seriously considered when progressing our views on the A24.

9. Correspondence and Reports

Mr Elliott undertook to represent the Society on Monday 13th January at a meeting of the NW Sussex Federation of Amenity Societies.

10 Any other business

a) **Great War Memorial** Mr Elliott joined the Committee in welcoming the installation of a replacement Cross on the plinth of the memorial. As the new cross differs in colour from its plinth he expressed an interest in why this is so.

b) Mr Purcell asked why the 'Threestile Road' sign had appeared and disappeared so quickly. Mr Elliott explained that he had contacted the Parish Council and suggested it was misleading as the postal address of residents of Knob Cottage down to School Hill was Knob Hill. Mrs Dales explained how a similar sign had been located adjacent to Tillett's Lane.

c) Mr Newman expressed concern about the possible closure of the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst and related it to the uncertainty over the provision of an acute hospital at Pease Pottage.

11. Date of next Meeting : THURSDAY 20th FEBRUARY AT 8PM AT SANDS (Coffee at 7.45)