

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall
at 8 p.m. on Friday 25th October 1991

AGENDA

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th October 1990 and to discuss any matters arising. The minutes have been circulated.
 2. To receive and approve the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 30th September 1991.
 3. To receive nominations for, and to elect a committee to serve for one year. The constitution specifies that the committee shall consist of not less than eight, and not more than twelve members.
 4. Presentation by committee member Mr Roger Purcell of the alternative routes suggested for the A24 dual road link between Warnham and Capel.
 5. Discussion on this and any other matters which members may care to raise in connection with the village and its environment.
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Report by the Committee on the past 12 months

1. THE PAST YEAR. 1991, like 1990 has been a quiet year for the Society as the recession has made itself felt in the property market. Very little new development has taken place and consequently fewer planning applications have come forward for consideration.

Shortly after the last AGM our treasurer, Mrs Jo Walker resigned owing to the pressure of business and we were fortunate to be able to co-opt Mr Dick Newman onto the committee to take over this task . In this connection we are pleased to report that our financial balance is satisfactory.

During the year Mr Geoff Read was elected vice-chairman.

2. MEMBERSHIP. In spite of losing some members who have left the village, we are pleased to report that several new members have joined and that the membership remains steady.

3. RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES. The chairman attended a meeting of the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies at Southwater and in September the committee acted as host to the Federation at a meeting in the Warnham Parish Room. The meeting heard of the activities of similar societies in other villages. It was interesting to note that the one problem we all had in common was that of the amount and the speed of through traffic, and of course, parking.

The Society remains affiliated to the Civic Trust, and continues to support the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign. We have continued to cooperate with the Warnham Parish Council with whom we enjoy a close and cordial partnership. Several of the Councillors are members of the Society and we appreciate the fact that on several occasions we have been consulted by the council.

4. PLANNING . The committee made further representations to the District Council regarding the 18 flats at Ends Place. The permission makes a nonsense of the built-up area boundary, but, as we all know this is now a fait accompli.

Your Society also, during the year made representations regarding several new planning applications including a proposal to store vehicles at Field Place.

The great planning event of the year was the Inspector's rejection of four potential

development sites in Warnham Village. A formal objection from the Society to the development of these sites was lodged at the enquiry. We believe that this, together with the vigorous campaign conducted by individual members and by the Parish Council contributed to this success.

5. THE SPRING EVENT. This annual meeting of the Society was held at the end of April when one of our members, Rodney Dales, gave a most interesting talk on the historical background to the development of the village. The meeting was well attended and Dr Dale's talk enthusiastically received.
6. VILLAGE APPRAISAL. Although the committee was divided as to the merits of the village appraisal the Society helped to distribute and collect the forms. In retrospect it appears to have achieved its object, and we are gratified to see that the questionnaire showed that the Society, together with the Historical Society was considered to be the most popular village organisation.
7. CONSERVATION AREA. Members of the Society assisted parish council members in the bulb planting project, which was one of the improvements recommended by the joint Warnham Society/Parish Council working party on the Conservation Area. An example of a "Self- Help" approach to Village Improvement.
8. WARNHAM "STREETE FAYRE". The committee wishes to thank members and friends for their generous help with the bottle stall at the Streete Fayre on 29th June. We are able to report that we raised no less than £ 580-00 ! – £480 from the Tombola and a further £ 100 from the sale of the Illustrated Warnham Guide. (This latter amount was unfortunately shown in the Warbler report as "unidentified surplus"). We are delighted to say that your Society was able to make the largest contribution to the St Margaret's roof fund on that day.
9. BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION. Although we just missed the prize again this year the village received some nice compliments on its cared-for appearance.
10. RE-NAMING of GRANNIES LANE. We are still pursuing this matter on behalf of our members who would like to see this name officially restored. Unfortunately the District Council have again repeated that they are unwilling to comply owing to the one objection received - from the owner of Field Place .

11. THE FUTURE. The Society continues to thrive and has become an effective voice of the village in all matters concerning the quality of village life and the environment. It is our intention to continue this work, as experience shows that channelling opinion through an officially recognised body is an effective way of getting views across.
12. The committee would like to stress that we are most anxious to welcome new members and are always receptive to ideas and suggestions from members and others. In particular, we would be pleased to hear from any member who would be prepared to serve on the committee, if only for a limited period.

ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 1991 TO YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1991.

Balance B/fwd from audited
accounts to 31st March 1991

Bank 52.55
Uncashed cheque 42.27
Petty cash 14.87

109.69

Receipts By cheque

Proceeds of Street Fayre June 91 100.00
Subscriptions of new members 91/92 5.00

By cash

Donation 15.50
Additional subscriptions 90/91 22.50
New members subscriptions 91/92 8.00

151.00

Less Expenditure

260.69

Subscription Civic Trust 18.00
Subscription Sussex Amenity Societies 15.00
Hire of Halls 45.00
Bank charges 16.40
Sundries 24.00

118.40

Funds carried forward

142.29

Bank 115.42
Petty Cash 26.87

142.29

Creditors at 30.9.91.

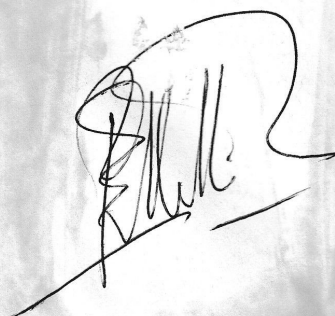
Parish Hall (Since paid by cash) 10.00

NET ASSETS

132.29

Signed *R. H. Newman*
R. H. Newman
Hon. Treasurer
19th October 1991

Signed *R. J. Gould*
R. J. Gould
Dated 21. October 1991



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Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Society
held in The Village Hall, Warnham, on 25th October 1991

Present: about 70 members and guests.

Chairman: Mr R. E. Melhuish.

- 1.0 INTRODUCTION. The chairman welcomed all present.
- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Were received from Lady Dalrymple-Hay, Mr and Mrs G. Haynes, Mrs A. Gover, Mr and Mrs D. Dutton, Mr and Mrs J. Williams and Mr and Mrs L. Ashton. A letter from Cannon J. Taylor was read, in which he apologised for his absence and thanked the Society for the fund-raising work at the Streete Fayre.
- 3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M. All members had a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th October 1990. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mr G Brand, seconded by Brigadier Hall and signed by the chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.
- 4.0 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS. (accounts for the year ending 30th September 1991) : The Hon. Treasurer presented the audited accounts showing a net balance of 132-29. Approval of the statement of account was proposed by Mrs J. Burnham, seconded by Mr R. Courtier and was carried nem con.
- 5.0 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. The following members of the existing committee had expressed their willingness to stand:-

Mr G. Brand	Sir James Dalrymple-Hay
Mr R. E. Melhuish	Mr R. H. Newman
Mr R. B. Bensted-Smith	Mr R. H. Courtier
Mr R. H. Purcell	Mr G. J. Read
Mrs O. G. Thornton	

The motion that they be re-elected was proposed by Mrs D. Kup and seconded by Mr M. Smith. It was carried nem con.

One new committee member, Mrs Janice Jameson, proposed by Mr G. Read and seconded by Mrs O. Thornton was elected.

- 5.1 The chairman thanked Mr McMullen, now leaving the committee, for his valued service. He reminded the meeting that Gerald, a founder member of the Society had served on the Parish Council and had been Chairman of the Warnham Society. Thanks were also given to

Mrs Jo Walker who had served as Treasurer, and Mrs Rosemary Ashton for her active participation as a committee member for many years. The meeting endorsed the thanks with an ovation.

- 6.0 REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PAST YEAR. The Report which had been circulated to members was presented to the meeting by the Hon Secretary and accepted by the members.
- 7.0 DUALLING OF THE A24. The Chairman introduced committee member Mr Roger Purcell, a professional engineer, who explained the three alternative routes to the meeting. He pointed out the various merits and advantages of each of them. There followed a lively discussion at which it became clear that there was a clear consensus in favour of the original (orange) route. Mr Purcell urged members to visit the exhibition at Cromwells, Kingsfold, and to make their views known by writing to the County Council.
- 7.1 The Chairman explained that arrangements were in hand to marshal professional resources within the membership in order to campaign vigorously against the new proposals.
- 8.0 THE SHELLEY FESTIVAL. Mrs Jean Burnham reminded members that the Shelley Festival was planned for August 1992 and that it would be an opportunity to "show off" our village to visitors.
- 9.0 The meeting closed at 9.35pm.