

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall
at 8 p.m. on Thursday 22nd October 1992.

AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 1991 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 1992. (Already circulated).
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. To discuss matters arising from the committee's report.
5. To discuss any other matters that members may care to raise.

Following the business section of the meeting there will be an illustrated talk on the subject of " TRAFFIC CALMING" by a representative of the West Sussex County Council.

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A MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF SUSSEX AMENITY SOCIETIES

REGISTERED WITH THE CIVIC TRUST

Chairman R. E. Melhuish. RIBA. SECRETARY Sir James Dalrymple-Hay Bt

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 1992.

Report by the committee on the past 12 months.

- 1 THE PAST YEAR. There have been several important issues affecting the village during the past year, the principal one being the re-alignment proposal for the A24. This and other matters have been addressed by the Society.
- 2 A24 ALIGNMENT. The ad-hoc professional sub-committee set up by the Society to advise on the A24 alignment produced a comprehensive report which was sent to the Parish Council, the District Council and the County Council. As we now know, there has been a satisfactory outcome to this matter .
- 3 TRAFFIC CALMING. There is deep concern in the village about parking in Church Street and the speed of traffic passing through it. We are pleased to report therefore that an officer from the County Highways Department has agreed to give an illustrated talk at the Annual General Meeting of the Society on the general principles of traffic calming schemes. When listening to him however we must bear in mind that he will not be familiar with the particular problems of our village.
- 4 Earlier in the year committee member Robert Courtier, civil engineer by profession, prepared a detailed traffic calming scheme which was presented to the Spring Meeting. Several modifications have now been made to the plan in the light of suggestions made at that meeting and we propose to pass it formally to the Parish Council for comment in due course.
- 5 WARNHAM LANDSCAPE. During the early part of the year a landscape architect from the County Council prepared an assessment of the village landscape with suggestions for its improvement. These suggestions were carefully considered by the committee and their views were passed to the Parish Council. By and large, we found that the two bodies were in agreement as to which of the suggestions were acceptable and which should be opposed.
- 6 THE SPRING EVENT. The annual Spring meeting of the Society was held in early May when Roy Fox of the Sussex Wildlife Trust gave an illustrated talk on Sussex footpaths and byways. This was voted an exceptionally interesting and well delivered talk and we hope

that he will be making a return visit in due course.

- 7 PLANNING MATTERS. There have been fee controversial planning applications for the area this year. We have however registered our objection to certain proposals, such as the Sunday opening of the Warehouse Health Club (subsequently turned down).
- 8 PROPOSED GOLF COURSE. The District Council proposal for a new golf course was discussed and, although we did not oppose the plan, we made it clear that we believed the access from Robin Hood Lane to be a mistake. We also expressed our concern regarding the nature conservation aspect and the dangers of further erosion of the countryside by the housing which forms a part of the plan.
- 9 FIELD PLACE. Strong objection to any development on the Field Place grounds was made prior to the publication of the Inspector's report which expressed the same view. We therefore regard with dismay the decision of the Horsham District Council to go against the Inspector's advice and to allow it as a means of making funds available to the owner of Field Place for it's maintenance.
- 10 RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES. The Society continues to support the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies, the Civic Trust and the Gattwick Area Conservation Campaign. We have maintain a friendly relationship with the Parish Council with whom we work closely. Our Vice-chairman is a Parish Councillor.
- 11 MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the Society remains steady at 124 members – 26 single and 49 joint members.
- 12 SUBSCRIPTIONS. The Society runs on a very small budget. By careful management and by keeping just sufficient in hand to avoid bank charges, we have been able to keep subscription rates at the previous level. In order that we may continue to do so, we would ask all members to pay their subscriptions as promptly as possible.
- 13 THE FUTURE. It is important that the Society continues to concern itself with all matters affecting the quality of village life. To achieve this we need all the help we can get by attracting new members and particularly those who are prepared to serve on the committee. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

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ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 1991 TO YEAR ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 1992

Balance B/Fwd from
Audited accounts to
30th September 1991

Bank	115.42.	
Cash	<u>16.87.</u>	132.29

Receipts

Donation R. Melhuish	25.00.	
Profits from refreshments	21.09.	
SUBSCRIPTIONS by cheque	51.00.	
by cash	<u>141.00.</u>	
		<u>238.09</u>
		370.38

Less expenditure

Hire of Parish Room & Village Hall	30.00.	
Printing & Stationery	93.92.	
Subscription Gatwick Area C.G.	10.00.	
Horsham Planning Lists	74.03.	
Subscription Civic Trust	20.00.	
Speaker's Fee	25.00.	
Garden competition	<u>25.00.</u>	
		<u>277.95</u>
		92.43

Funds carried forward

Bank	87.39.	
Cash	<u>5.04.</u>	92.43

Signed.....*R. H. Newman*.....
R. H. Newman
Hon. Treasurer
5th October 1992

Signed.....*R. J. Boud*.....
R. J. Boud
Dated.....12.10.92.....

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Minutes of the Annual General meeting of the Society
held in The Village Hall, Warnham, on 22nd October 1992

Present: about 42 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. Brand, Mr and Mrs Cox, Mr C. Wheeler, Mr D. Dutton, Mr and Mrs J. Williams, Mr and Mrs Robinson and Brig. and Mrs M Hall.
- 3.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS A.G.M. All members had a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 1991. Approval of these minutes was proposed by Mrs Lee and seconded by Mrs Dutton. They were signed by the chairman as a correct record of the proceedings.
- 4.0 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS. The Hon. Treasurer presented the audited accounts for the year ending 30th September 1992 which showed a net balance of £ 92-43. Approval of the statement of account was proposed by Mrs J. Burnham, seconded by Mrs Dutton, and 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. H. Newman	Mr R. B. Bensted-Smith
Mr R. H. Courtier	Mr R. H. Purcell
Mr G. J. Read	Mrs O. G. Thornton
Mrs J. Jameson.	

The motion that they be re-elected was proposed by Mrs J. Burnham and seconded by Mrs Lee. It was carried nem con. There were no other nominations.

- 5.1 PRESENT CHAIRMAN. The chairman, Mr R. Melhuish explained that he would be standing down after 5 years as chairman (the maximum period permitted by the standing orders) and that he would not be standing for re-election. Mr Courtier proposed on behalf of the Society a vote of thanks to Mr Melhuish for his many years of service to the Society, both as a committee member and Chairman. He said that Mr Melhuish had been instrumental in

establishing the close relationship between the Society, the Parish Council and other Societies. 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 Chairman.
- 7.0 FIELD PLACE. The Horsham District Council proposed to grant the Owner of Field Place planning permission to extend the area of the present light industrial site to provide funds for the renovation of the main house (a listed building). Mr Melhuish read to the meeting a letter that he had sent to the HDC on behalf of the Society condemning the proposal which was contrary to a specific recommendation of the planning inspector.
- 8.0 WARNHAM GARDEN COMPETITION. This competition, sponsored by the Warnham Society, is for the garden which, in the opinion of the judging panel has the greatest impact on the village scene. The judges were unanimous in their decision to award the 1992 prize to the wardens of St Margaret's Court, Friday Street, Mr and Mrs O'Brian.
- 9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS. There was no other business and the formal part of the A.G.M. was therefore concluded.

TRAFFIC CALMING.

Committee member Mr Roger Purcell introduced the West Sussex County Council Deputy Surveyor Mr DAVID TAYLOR who then delivered a most interesting and informative talk on the subject of Traffic Calming.

He explained the criteria for the introduction of traffic calming schemes and illustrated several that had been tried out in the county, some successful and some not so successful. He went on to show slides of some measures currently in place on the continent.

There were many questions and a general discussion of the subject, with particular regard to the Warnham problems.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr R. Courtier.

The meeting closed at 9. 35 pm.