

THE WARNHAM SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24TH OCTOBER 2012
REPORT ON 2001–2002

Meetings

There have been six committee meetings and two open meetings.

Autumn Meeting and Annual General Meeting 11th October 2001

The AGM, which was attended by approximately 80 members and visitors, is recorded in the minutes accompanying this report. The Autumn Meeting continued the theme of traffic management in Warnham and comprised an illustrated presentation by the committee of the current problems and some possible solutions. The presentation generated lively discussion. At the end of the meeting questionnaires were distributed, for considered completion. Action following analysis of the questionnaires is given elsewhere in this report.

Spring Meeting 11th April 2002

The topic was Waste Management. Under the title 'Recycle, Dump or Burn' Mr John Collis, Director of Waste Management for Hampshire, gave a comprehensive account of methods of dealing with waste, and illustrated how this was carried out in Hampshire. Questions included the subject of recycling and incineration. These were fully answered and leaflets were available, extending the information gained during the evening.

Membership

The Warnham Society now has 115 paid up members, which is an increase of 29 on this time last year. As always we have a few members who have forgotten to pay this year's subscription but we hope that they will want to renew their membership for the coming year. The cost of the subscription remains the same, at £5 for a couple and £3 for a single member. This allows us to meet the costs of the Society, but only if all our members remember to pay their subscription. We are keen to encourage more people in the village to join the Society. Recruiting campaigns in the past have met with only modest success, so we do rely on the existing membership to encourage their neighbours and friends to join.

Finance

The Treasurer's report and audited accounts will be presented at the AGM

Affiliation to other organisations

The Society continues to be affiliated to GACC, CPRE & the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies. The Committee has decided not to continue the Society's membership of the Civic Trust. While appreciating the professional quality of its work, it was felt that much of it is relevant to urban communities but less to village life and rural concerns. On broader issues, such as planning policies, we have avenues of information and consultation via the organisations to which we

remain affiliated.

The FSAS is proving to be a source of considerable initiative, and the NW Sussex Branch has organised meetings with officers of the WSCC including a recent interview with Colonel Tex Pemberton, of WSCC, on the subject of the A24 Washington to Southwater. The Federation has responded to the various consultation documents, both local and national. Notice of the Public Forum on Regional Government, organised by the North West Sussex Group of FSAS, accompanies this report.

Through our membership of GACC we are kept informed on matters relating to development at Gatwick, and have just received a copy of GACC's response to the Department for Transport's Consultative Document on The Future Development of Air Transport in the UK. Copies of the DFT's document and the accompanying questionnaire will be available at our AGM. The CPRE's efforts closely parallel our own concerns, particularly on rural road policies and village traffic.

Housing Development and planning

October 2000 Planning applications were made for housing development at Warnham Court Farm and on land at Tilletts Lane. In Spring 2002, we were informed by HDC Planning Director, that the plans for Warnham Court Farm (WN/52/00) had been withdrawn. The application for building on land at Tilletts Lane (WN/56/00) has still not been determined, nor has the application been withdrawn.

We have continued to check the list of planning applications made to HDC, writing to support or oppose those applications where a matter of planning principle or of general impact is involved.

Traffic

At last year's AGM enthusiasm was expressed for action to be taken to moderate the traffic in the village. The Questionnaire circulated at the meeting was analysed and a traffic plan based on the views of the members was defined.

The plan is, basically, to establish a 20 mph zone in the heart of the village and to sign all roads leading to the village as 30 mph or 40 mph. Associated measures seek to improve the traffic environment on the lanes around Warnham and revise some of the junction layouts and sign posted routes to the village.

The Traffic Plan was submitted to the Parish Council and received their support. A Joint Working Party set up to review the detail of the scheme. The Working Party comprises Roger Purcell, Margaret Dales and Martin Rogers from the Society and Geoff Read, Hillary Farquhar and Bob Muggeridge from the Parish Council. The analysis of the questionnaire and the proposed plan has been submitted to WSCC as the Highway Authority and they have willingly agreed to a meeting to discuss the scheme. They have suggested how the scheme might be funded and taken forward. At the current time further analyses are being undertaken to determine how the scheme accords with the criteria for speed reductions in villages and rural roads. The Highway Authority is currently

undertaking speed surveys as part of the requirements.

We plan to pursue the proposals in the coming year.

A24

In 2001 we were actively involved in consideration of the proposals to improve the A24 from Gt. Daux to Capel. We commented on the two route options that were then proposed and also suggested to the Highway Authority a new route which could favour Warnham from a traffic viewpoint. Earlier this year we learnt that the routes originally proposed were unacceptable due to the possible effects on the floodplain and to ancient woodlands and that other options were to be considered. The new options are scheduled to be exhibited in Warnham Village Hall from 17th to 19th October. The Society Committee will attend the exhibition, assess the effects of the schemes on Warnham and Kingsfold, and respond to the Highway Authority.

Margaret Dales - Chairman, The Warnham Society September 2002

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ACCOUNTS 1st OCTOBER 2001 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2002

Balance brought forward
from Accounts at 30th September 2001

Cash £ 0.48
At Bank £ 287.08

£287.56

Income

Subscriptions:-
Cheques £ 87.00
Cash £212.00
Donations £ 31.00
Surplus from refreshments £ 13.00
Bank Interest (Gross) £ 0.42

Expenditure

Hire of village Hall (AGM) £ 30.00
Hire of Hall (Spring Mtg) £ 30.00
Administrative Costs £ 25.82
Road Survey Report Copying £ 58.62
Insurance (Fed of Sussex
Amenity Societies) £ 80.00

Subs.to other organisations:-

G.A.C.C £ 10.00
Council for the Protection
Of Rural England £ 25.00
Fed.of Sussex Amenity Socs. £ 25.00
Horsham Society (NW Sx Branch
Fed. Amen.Socs) £ 10.00

TOTAL £343.42

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Excess of
Income over Expenditure **£ 48.98**

FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

Cash £ 0.00
At Bank £336.54

TOTAL £336.54

Signed *George Brand* Date *1/10/02*
A.George Brand (Hon. Treasurer)

Signed *R.J.Boud* Date *2/10/02*
R.J.Boud A.C.I.B. (Hon. Auditor)

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Financial Report for the Year ended 30th September 2002

There is a marked increase in income this year due to increased membership thanks to the efforts of Robert Courtier and Martin Rogers. Subscriptions have remained at the same level as last year and there is no proposal to increase them for this coming year. At this point I would remind members that the Society's financial year runs from October to September and that the annual subscriptions are now due.

Unfortunately, as with everything, our expenditure has gone up due to increased fees for affiliation to other bodies though we have saved a little by dropping our membership of the Civic Trust. The other major expenditures were increased Public Liability Insurance and the copying cost of the Road Survey Report.

Of course there are many other costs that have been absorbed by committee members which are never shown in the accounts. Our thanks for that.

Our thanks also go to Roy Boud for auditing the accounts once again this year.

George Brand

Hon. Treasurer

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Warnham Village Hall on Thursday 24th October 2002

Members and visitors were welcomed by the Chairman (Margaret Dales)

1 Apologies for absence Mr George Brand, Mr & Mrs Cox, Brigadier and Mrs Hall, Mr D Dutton, Mr & Mrs Treasure, Mr & Mrs Williams & Mrs Bodansky.

2 Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th October 2001. Correction Item 4, should read " ...excess of expenditure over income of £62.1 Not the reverse. The corrected version of the minutes were approved unanimously after proposal by Mr R Newman seconded by Mr B King.

3 Matters arising Traffic Management This was discussed under Item 7.

4 Amendment to the Constitution of the Warnham Society. As noted in the Report 2001-2002, the Committee has rationalised the Society's membership of other bodies and has relinquished membership of the Civic Trust.

As the Constitution named the Civic Trust the recipient of the Society's Records in the event of the Society's dissolution, it was necessary to amend the Constitution to accommodate this change.

Proposal to change Item 15 of the Constitution of The Warnham Society from:

15 DISPOSAL OF FUNDS AND RECORDS ON DISSOLUTION. In the event of dissolution the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more of the charitable institutions with objects similar to the Society's as recommended by the committee and approved by the meeting at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. The Minute Book and other records of the Society shall be deposited *with the Civic Trust*.

To:

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ProposedMrs E Ramsay **Seconded** : Mrs J Burnham

Carried : Unanimously

5 Receipt and approval of the accounts from 1st October 2001 to 30th September 2002. Copies of the audited accounts were available to all present. The Chairman read a report on the accounts, written by the Society's Treasurer, Mr George Brand. No queries were raised.

Thanks were expressed to Mr Roy Boud for his continuation as Honorary Auditor.

Adoption of the accounts :

Proposed: Mrs Eileen Cleeve **Seconded:** Mrs Olive Thornton **Adopted:** Unanimously

6 Election of a Committee to serve for one year. The Constitution specifies that the Committee shall consist of at least eight and no more than twelve members Mr Robert Courtier had resigned from the Committee on leaving Warnham for the Lake District. His long and active service for the Society was much appreciated. He has been succeeded as Membership Secretary by Martin Rogers.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the committee for their work for the Society.

Members of the Committee willing to stand for re-election were:

George Brand	Margaret Dales	Shelagh Dutton
George Elliott	Dick Newman	Roger Purcell
Martin Rogers	Olive Thornton	Vivienne Ronaasen
Simon Parker-Smith		

A **proposal** to elect all 10 nominees was made by Mrs Eileen Ramsay

Seconded: Mrs Dulcie Kup **Carried:** Unanimously

No further nominations had been received.

The Committee will elect officers at its next meeting

7 Report on the year 2001-2002 and discussion on matters arising from this report, copies of which had been sent to members approximately three weeks before the AGM.

1 **GACC on Gatwick development.** Department for Transport Consultative Document on Future Development of Air Transport. Copies of the document were available for members to take at the end of the meeting.

2 **Traffic and the Traffic Management Scheme** Mr Roger Purcell summarised the progress made with this project since the 2001 AGM. A joint working party has been set up with Warnham Parish Council representatives to advance the Society's proposals. WSCC is sympathetic to our ideas and applauds our bottom-up initiative. The next stage will involve the County Council measuring vehicle speeds on 21 locations in and around the village. This work should be carried out at the end of this year. Mr Purcell assured the meeting that

progress made to date was most encouraging for a project of this nature.

3 A24 Great Daux to Capel improvement Mrs Dales pointed out that the West Sussex and Surrey County Councils' support for the Blue Route, rather than the Red Route was a recent decision. It has emerged that the Councils had submitted a funding bid to GOSE (Government Office for the South East) prior to the consultative exhibition. In essence, the Blue and Red Routes were unacceptable to the Committee, since both would adversely affect Warnham. A dual carriageway is probably required but its merits had not been discussed. A modified form of the Red Route looked to be the best option. The Chairman enjoined members to pick up a sheet summarising the Committee's views on the route proposals, and to write, expressing their views, to those named on the information sheet. She also drew members' attention to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 28th October at 7.30 in the Parish Room, at which members of the public would be able to voice their opinions.

8 Other business appropriate to the Meeting. Item 10 (4) of the Constitution requires that **fourteen days' notice** must be given for any such business. No business had been notified.

The 2002 Annual General Meeting closed at 8.22pm

The Warrham Society

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The Minutes of the AGM, 24.8.02 & a summary of Dr J. Clarke's presentation

AGM Minutes are largely contained on the attached. However, there were contributions from the Committee under 7.2 & 7.3 which need to be summarised & recorded

7.2 Traffic Management: MR Purcell summarised the progress made with this project since the last AGM. A joint working party has been set up with Parish Council representatives to advance the Society's proposals. WSCC is sympathetic to our ideas and applauds our bottom-up initiative. The next stage will involve the County Council measuring vehicle speeds on 21 locations in and around the village. This work should be carried out at the turn of the year.

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7.3 A24, Great Daux - Capel Improvement: MRS Dales pointed out that the County Council's sponsorship of the Blue Route ^{rather than the Red Route,} at the recent public exhibition was a

very recent decision. It has also emerged that the Councils have submitted a funding bid to GOSE (the Government Office for the South East) PRIOR to the consultative exhibition. In essence, the Blue & Red Routes are unacceptable ^{to the Committee} including ^{but} their adverse effects on Hamtram. A dual carriageway is probably required, ^{but} its merits have not been discussed. A modified form of the Red Route looks to be the best option.

Mrs Dales enjoined Society members to pick up a sheet summarising their Committee's views & an Exhibition questionnaire and to forward their responses to any of those named on the Society's sheet.

She also encouraged members to attend the Parish Council meeting on Monday 28th October and to air their views from the floor.

The AGM was followed by a presentation by Dr Jane Clarke, Park Surgery, Horsham on the subject of Primary Health Care - General Practice.

Dr Clarke described the development of our local Primary Care Trust ^(PCT) its achievements & challenges. Key points included:

- the continuing importance of Horsham District Council in helping the development of the trust.
- GPs now work more closely within the Horsham area than heretofore.
- Primary Care (PC) is ^{the 90% of} care given outside major hospitals, & accounts for 80% of expenditure.
- Challenges include - the allocation of limited resources between competing needs
 - patients' enhanced expectations
 - ~~patients' increasing needs~~
 - the increased money coming into the NHS being partly used to pay off historic debts
 - NHS expenditure being weighted

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Towards less prosperous areas with greater medical needs.

- treatment with successful outcomes generating a need for continuing treatment expenditure.

- staff morale needs to be managed so that staff can be recruited & retained & have job satisfaction

- doctors are facing additional training, appraisal & revalidation to ensure they remain competent

- doctors want more time with their patients to deliver better care and are willing to delegate selected tasks to other professionals, if they are available

• The Future: Points made included

- his belief that the NHS, notwithstanding its shortcomings, has a good record of delivering healthcare to our citizens.

- Funding needs to be continuously addressed not just increasing the total spend, but spending it wisely on considered priorities

— lay people need to get involved in, for example helping medical staff decide on funding priorities.

— the Primary Care Trust is the big group in meeting health care needs outside the acute hospitals. Not just operating GP surgeries, but including: intermediate care eg home nursing

: making effective use of Harlow Hospital, not part of the PCT, and an envied & cherished facility

: GPs with special interests eg ultra-sound scanning

: the organisational structures are in place.

: community involvement is vital.

Questions: Dr Clarke took questions from the audience and answered them with the ^{humour} candour and clarity he displayed through his presentation.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mrs Dutton who alluded to the moral issues raised by Dr Clark. She assured him he had raised the morale of the Barnham audience, thanking him for an uplifting & revealing evening. The audience responded with enthusiastic applause.