

The Damham Society

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Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 102 held on Thursday 5th June 2003
@ Sands.

Present: Mrs M. Dales (Chairman); Mr G. Brand (Treasurer); Mrs S. Dutton,
Mr G. Elliott; Mr R. Newman; Mr R. Purcell; Mr H. Rogers
and Eve Kollner, a member & guest of the Committee.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mrs V. Ronauer & Mrs O. Thornton.
2. Minutes of Meeting No. 101 were approved after two minor amendments.
3. Matters Arising:

a. Local Elections (101/3c): The Committee noted with pleasure that Mrs Dales & Mr Purcell had been elected to the Parish Council. Both will serve on the Planning Advisory Group, of which Mr Purcell has been elected Chairman. He will also serve on the Finance and Agenda Group, chaired by the Parish Council Chairman. The Recreation Group will be chaired by Mr S. Ritchie.

b. Lower Chickens (101/6a): Mrs Dales reported that the planning application has been withdrawn.

c. Sands Farm (101/6b): Mrs Sales advised that the issues remain unresolved.

d. Teaco Bus service to Dorking (101/3d): Mr Purcell reported that there had been no progress since our last meeting.

e WN/56/00 Land at Lillett's Lane (101/6c): The planning application has not been withdrawn.

4 Treasurer's Report: Mr Brand reported that he had paid £90 for £10 annual subscription to the GACC and one insurance renewal, £90. After the payment of some membership fees the cash balance is £372.

Mrs Sales reported that she had received the papers relating to the Society possibly applying for charitable status. It was agreed that she & Mr Brand would appraise the application process and report their findings at the next meeting which will need to be changed at the Autumn Meeting.

5 Membership: Mr Rogers reported 69 of our 91 household members have paid their subscriptions. It was agreed that reminders would

be issued with the Society's next mailing to members.

6. Planning:

a. Woodstock : A revised planning application has been made, similar to the one recently withdrawn. It is being considered by the Parish Council.

b. WN/84/02 Wansham Cart Farm: Authorisation has been given by H.D.C. to M^r J. Lucas, it had been recommended for approval by the Director of Planning. Mrs Dales had mailed every member of the H.D.C Dev. Offce. with a copy of the Society's letter of objection. Mrs Dales had addressed the Dev. Offce. on Design and Mr Purcell on Access. Mr Read & Mr Cox had expressed the concerns of the Parish Council & the Church St residents' group respectively. To no avail, the application was approved by 25 votes to 2. Sadly, the specific concerns of Wansham's local groups went largely unaddressed by other speakers. Neither of our representatives was impressed by the process to which they were witness.

Eve Kallmer, who had also been present at the Dec. Choc meeting, said that the efforts of Damham's representatives were exemplary and that nothing more could have been done.

As a follow on it was agreed that Mrs Sales should write to HAC seeking a Section 106 Agreement to secure the availability of the parking spaces (currently designed for leasing to Church St. residents) to all users of Church St. The Parish Council chairman is also writing to HAC to try & secure the maximum amount of any available Section 106 money for spending on traffic management within the village.

7 A 24 Janx to Capel : The tripartite Liaison Group will meet Mr Hall, the WSCC/SEC Project Manager, to receive a progress report. It was noted that Mr Hodgson serves on the overseeing Project Board, his local knowledge should be most helpful. Mr Purcell emphasised the confidential nature

of any potential route change information. 5

8. Wimham Traffic Management Scheme: Mr Purcell reported on a meeting of the WPS/WS Parking Party with Mr Hobbs of DSCC who proposed progressively reduced speed limits of 40, 30 & 20 mph without & within the village. The recommended limits largely meet the prescribed criteria for their imposition. Although signage would increase, the intention would be to minimise clutter. Two, or possibly three, mini-roundabouts would be needed to manage traffic within the village, but no speed humps are proposed. Mr Hobbs will now discuss the proposals with the police.

Finance will be needed to implement the scheme, possible sources include Section 108 funding for the developer of Wimham Court Farm and Hetham District Council.

M^g It was agreed that the Society should register DPC? for an Environmental Improvement Grant which could part fund improvements to the public

facilities eg pavements, street furniture etc.

9 NSCC Dart Local Plan: It was agreed that Mrs Sales would write to NSCC giving the Society's response based on the minutes of the Committee's dedicated meeting of 15th April. She will circulate a draft to a few Committee volunteers for comment.

10 Gatwick Development, Public Consultation: There was a divergence of views as to the best way forward. arising in part from the need to balance the business benefits with the problems of expansion in an area with inadequate transport, planned housing expansion & nearly full employment. It was recognized that the agreement between BAA & NSCC remains but may not be kept to or may be overturned.

The importance of Gatwick as a transport hub made limited expansion conceivable & []
Mrs Sales undertook to draft a letter of response & to consult with Committee members.

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11 Committee Structure & Planning: Mrs Tales announced
that she would be standing down as Chairman
and Correspondence Secretary before the Autumn Meeting.
MR Newman & Mrs Dutton announced they
would not be standing for re-election to the
Committee. Members were asked to identify possible
candidates for the Committee, Mrs Tales will contact
yes John Cockford & Tony Hall to see if they are
interested in serving.

12 Correspondence - reported in Minute 8 above.

13 Any Other Business

It was agreed that MR Newman would meet
Mrs Dutton & Mr Elliott to identify a subject,
& possibly a speaker, for the Autumn Meeting.

14 Date of Next Meeting: THURSDAY 31st JULY -
8 P.M. (Coffee @ 7.45).