

## **WARNHAM SOCIETY**

**105th Meeting of the Committee to be held at Sands on Monday 6th October 2003 at 7.30 Please note earlier time (Coffee at 7.15)**

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for absence
  - 2 Minutes of Meeting 104 (already circulated)
  - 3 Matters arising from Meeting 104 (brief, as several matters are items for this meeting)
  - 4 Treasurer's report
  - 5 Membership
  - 6 Planning matters
  - 7 A24 Daux to Capel Please read notes overleaf
  - 8 Warnham Traffic Management Scheme - Progress Report
  - 9 AGM & Autumn Meeting 23rd October (Details of arrangements, esp. setting up Hall)
  - 10 Structure of the Committees recruiting for the Committee
  - 12 Correspondence
  - 13 Any Other Business
  - 14 Date of next Meeting (This should be shortly after the AGM)
- PTO for notes

## Notes for the Committee Meeting 6th October 2003

Dear All

**Item 9 AGM.** Thanks to contact via John Hamer we have a speaker for the Autumn Meeting. Julian Humphrys is a historian and freelance lecturer who does much work for English Heritage. He is going to talk about his work and not on the structure and role of EH as an organisation.

We shall have to set up the Hall from scratch and will need to position chairs/tables and projector rather carefully it would be helpful if all members of the Committee could be at the Village Hall at **7.00pm**. Does any member of the committee possess a projector stand which they are willing to lend for the evening?

Following the successful social mingling, with wine and coffee, after the spring meeting, are you prepared to do the same following Julian Humphrys' talk?

### Item 10

**Committee 2003–04 Report on possible nominees. Brief discussion on roles, but this will need to be the - main discussion at the first Committee Meeting following the AGM**

**Item 7 A24 Daux to Capel.** Each of the bodies forming the A24 Liaison Group (i.e. Warnham Parish Council, Kingsfold RA and the Warnham Society) has been contacted by David Hall, Project Manager for the joint WSCC & SurreyCC A24 Daux to Capel Road Improvement Scheme. He asks for comments on the route which it is proposed to put forward for public consultation

KRA have made comments, as have the Parish Council, following the meeting on 29th September. I have replied on behalf of the Warnham Society saying that we will comment following our meeting on 6th October, **so we need to have a full discussion on Monday.**

After appraisals by the Counties' Consultants, including environmental consultants, the recommended route is a modified version of the Blue Route for which funding was approved by GOSE last December and to which there was much public opposition. The proposal is for a single carriageway road, of minimum width (7.5 m), sweeping from Daux, across Andrews Farm to Little London Hill, then across the fields to a junction with Marches Road. It is marginally better than the original proposals, removing junction C at Bearsden, but retaining a sweep west of Kingsfold, with a junction at Marches Road. It should be possible to separate the present A24 from - the new route, but there are many unresolved problems of access to properties, cuttings, embankments, bridges, lighting etc. We need to look at maps of what is proposed, and make comment, but we will need to decide whether /not we can support the proposed route at all.

A fuller explanation, with maps, will be available on Monday.

Hope to see you then

Margaret

The Warrham Society  
Minutes of Committee Meeting No. 105 held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
October 2003 @ Sands, Warrham

Present: Mrs M. Dales (Chairman); Mr G. Bond (Treasurer); Mrs S. Dutton; Mr G. Elliott; Mrs E. Kollerer; Mr R. Newman; Mr R. Purcell; Mr M. Rogers & Mrs O. Thornton.

Introductions: Mr Tony Hull and Mrs Sarah Rees were introduced and welcomed as guests of the Committee. Mrs Dales served wine to members and guests.

1. Apologies for Absence: None

2. Minutes of Meeting No. 104 were approved without amendment.

3. Matters Arising:

a Garden of Remembrance (Minute 104, 13c): Mr Rogers reported that the PCC was arranging for the hedge to be cut, but they were not persuaded to reduce its height, the measure proposed by Mr Dutton to deter vandals.

b Warrham Court Farm (Minute 104, 3c): The meeting was advised that the WPC was dealing with Monkhouse by phone and not in writing, as previously advised. It was agreed that Mrs Dales would write on behalf of the Society seeking information about progress of the sale, the purchaser's intentions & details of covenants imposed by the vendor etc.

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4. Treasurer's Report: Mr Bond reported that the Society's cash balance stands at £372.07p. The books are with Mr R. Bond for audit and should be available for the A.G.M.

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5. Membership: Mr Rogers reported that letters had been sent to those members who had not paid their subscriptions for the current year.

6 Planning:

a. Warnham Lodge Farm: change of use of farm building - objection by the Warnham Society.

b. Woodstock: The owner's appeal against HDC's decision in respect of changing a previous constraint on site use is due to be heard soon.

c. Sands Equestrian Centre: the owners are seeking to remove a planning condition restricting the use of artificial lighting in operating their business. Mrs Dales is trying to ascertain the application's current status.

d. 16 Bell Rd: building of ~~new~~ left dormers at rear of property - objection to be entered by Warnham Society on grounds of unacceptable visual intrusion

e. Balding's Brook, Duford Hill: construction of a five bed room detached house - no objection by Warnham Society

7 Warnham Traffic Management Scheme: Mr Purcell reiterated the scheme's current status in terms of approvals & financing. He hopes to mount the planned exhibition in the Village Hall before the end of November. It is expected that WPC will meet the exhibition's costs. Mrs Rees identified a possible source for producing plans on a scale suitable for exhibition.

- 8 AGM & Autumn Meeting: Mrs Dalas reported that through the good offices of Mr John Hamer we have secured Julian Humphreys as speaker. He will discuss "Bringing Heritage to Life". Members expressed their pleasure at this outcome.

#### Arrangements

- Committee Members to attend @ 7pm to set up Hall
- Coffee - Mrs Thornton
- Wine - Mrs Jatten
- Membership - Mr Newman & Mr Rogers
- Meeting Speaker - Mrs Dalas
- AGM Minutes - Mr Purcell
- Vote of Thanks - Mr Newman

- 9 Structure of, and Recruitment to, the Committee: It was reported that Mr Brian King was happy to be nominated. Mr Roger Jones plans to attend the AGM, but has made no commitment, as yet, to nomination. Mr J Barter may be interested in standing.

Mrs Dalas will contact Mr Parker-Smith to ascertain if he wishes to offer himself for re-election.

It was agreed that a meeting needs to be held after the AGM to identify & assign roles to the newly elected Committee. The meeting will be on:

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MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2003 @ 7.15

for 7.30pm @ SANDS.

- 10 Correspondence: Mrs Dalas has received from GACC a report prepared by an Oxford University group identifying potential problems with two parallel runways. It was agreed to send a copy to Mr D. Jenkins, the relevant

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HAC Cabinet Member and to ensure that the WPC also receives a copy.

## 11 Any Other Business

a. Mr Newman suggested that the red paint section on the north bound lane of the A24 and the junction of Bell Rd. needed to be extended back towards Great Daux if it was to achieve its intended effect. Members agreed & thought the southbound carriageway needed similar attention. Mr Jals will write to N.S.C.C.

b. Mr Newman expressed his dismay at N.S.C.C. expenditure of about £200,000 in objecting to the proposals to make the South Downs a National Park. Whilst some members shared his concern, on a vote the Committee decided not to register a formal objection to the proposed expenditure as the expenditure is legitimate & falls outside our remit.

c. Mrs Jallen reported that Mr Philip Lee, Society member & a former Chairman for many years, is seriously ill. It was agreed that a card should be sent to Mr Lee with our best wishes.

d. Mr Elliott reported that the two remaining Knob Hill road signs have been stolen, leaving the road unsigned. A replacement for the first sign, previously reported, is being prepared by H.D.C.

## 12 A24 Daux to Copel: Each of the bodies forming the A24 Liaison Group has received a copy of the Recommended Route from the Road Manager. The K.R.A. & W.P.C. have made their separate comments. Our purpose



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is to formulate The Society's response to the proposal before it is put forward for public consultation. Members had access to plans & other documents to assist their deliberations. The major points arising from the subsequent discussion included:

- the importance of any new road taking an appropriate route given the long life of roads once built.
- there are so many considerations regarding any route that they must be addressed before a route is presented for public consultation so that practical & cost effective solutions are defined.
- The Recommended Route will reduce rat running through Warrham, as would suitable alternatives.
- the insufficient capacity of the single carriage way option to carry forecast volumes is a cause for concern.
- the influence of the Environmental Agency & English Heritage in determining the R. Route was noted. However, the R. option raises its own equivalent concerns e.g. the visual impact from essential lighting. Access to and from & even between linked properties is a matter of concern in terms of safety, cost & convenience.
- the road's *raison d'être* is accident prevention, but given a single carriage way option, property access issues and under development of the A29 between Cibley & Beare Green, the case for the R. Route appears not proven.
- the Committee examined routes south of the R. Route and passing to the east of Kingsfold & identified

attractions in them in meeting disadvantages listed above.

The Committee then agreed that Mr Purcell would write to the Project Manager stating that the Recommended Route is not our preferred option, giving our reasons without prejudice to future discussions. He would also point out that the Lannon Group is disappointed at the lack of response to its concerns expressed in its meeting of 7 August & put to the County Councils

- 13 Date of Next Meeting: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm  
@ Sands (Ref: 27.15).