

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of The Wincheap Society Committee Meeting at 7.30p.m.on Thursday, 17th January, 2013, at 26, Ada Road

Present: John Osborne, Sarah Walter, Morag Kemp, Joe Passey, Pat Marsh

Apologies: Eddie Peake, Paula Spencer

1. Minutes of the last Meeting on 22nd November, 2012

Sarah asked for a correction to 2.ii. She had said she would contact just WAGS (WinSoc Action Group members) if there was a Printing House appeal and call an emergency meeting of the Group, not of the Committee. This amendment was accepted.

2. Matters Arising:

i. Rubbish / Landlords / Agents

John reported that there is still a problem with rubbish at the top of Spring Gardens and on Tudor Road. Morag has seen piles of rubbish by the old post office and the playground. Sarah said she would call Serco about these problems and again warn about attracting rats. Morag's cat had recently brought a rat into the house and Joe has regularly had to deal with them in the area.

Sarah had reported the black bag on Maiden Lane but Serco said it was not their responsibility.

Sarah informed members they can ring Serco 862000 about collecting rubbish.

Action: Sarah

ii. Printing House Application no. CA/12/00395 (see later)

iii. Beech Tree outside Canon Appleton Court

A new sapling has been planted and this issue can now be removed from the agenda.

iv. Neighbourhood Watch

Andrew Heenan will be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Sarah

v. Canterbury Society Quiz

The event was cancelled.

vi. WinSoc Quiz (see later)

vii. Social Evening

Sarah and Joe will arrange something in early February before the next meeting. John will have a little gathering at his house perhaps in the middle of February.

Action: Sarah, Joe, John

3. Printing House

We understand PJG Developments have lodged an appeal to the Bristol Planning Inspectorate against the decision to reject their application to open a night club in the former Adscene premises. There is no news yet whether the appeal has been accepted.

4. WinSoc Quiz Night

Members decided against linking the Quiz Night with the AGM as the quiz is for entertainment and fund-raising. Joe said Jubilee Hall is available on 22nd March but it was not yet possible to confirm any dates available in April. It was generally thought that it would be better to hold the Quiz Night after the clocks have changed, preferably on 12th April. Joe will ask for this date and check that it is not the same week as the King's Head Quiz Night, held once a month.

Action: Joe

5. Planning Applications:

i. Jalsha Tandoori, 74 Wincheap CA/12/02062/FUL

Three flats in the car park. The Council has approved development on the site in principle. John has written urging, among other things, the retention of the Tudor brick wall. He also expressed concern about the lack of parking facilities for the flats. Five parking places will remain for the restaurant.

ii. The Round House, 1 Wincheap. CA/12/01979/FUL

Installation of plastic windows. It was decided not to contest this.

iii. Land at Rhodaus Town. CA/12/02140/FUL

432-bedroom student accommodation. This may turn out to be a welcome development for us in Wincheap as it could free up houses for sale and bring house prices down with the lower demand for HMOs.

iv. St. John Ambulance Hall, Church Lane. CA/12/02258/FUL

Demolition and housing development on the site. It was decided not to contest this.

- v. Former Roger Britton Carpets premises on Wincheap

John will get in touch with the agents to see what the latest news on this eyesore is.

Action: John

7. Obituaries

Buttercup IV (Hilary and John's aged canary in his 15th year), Richard Rodney Bennett (composer), Dave Brubeck (jazz pianist), Norman Schwarzkopf (US army general), Tony Greig (England cricket captain), Claude Nobs (founder of Montreux Jazz Festival), Gerry Anderson (creator of *Thunderbirds*), Larry Hagman (J R Ewing in TV series *Dallas*), Fontella Bass (singer - "Rescue Me"), Oscar Niemeyer (Brazilian architect), Alex Moulton (inventor of eponymous bicycle), Ravi Shankar (musician - sitar and guitar), Maurice Herzog (French mountaineer), Sir Patrick Moore (astronomer), Kenneth Kendall (newsreader), David Sexton (football manager), David Barby (antiques specialist), William Rees Mogg (former editor of *The Times*), Christopher Martin Jenkins (cricket commentator), Daphne Oxenford (presenter of *Listen with Mother*), Robert Kee (founder of TV-am), John Coates (producer of *The Snowman*), Patti Page (singer - "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?"), Dinah Sheridan (actress), Jon Finch (actor)

8. Any other business:

- i. WAGS urge action on the major problem posed by cyclists using pavements in Wincheap, often without lights at night. It was decided that John would write a letter to the new Police & Crime Commissioner about this, also mentioning that no community police have been seen in the district for years. Sarah will write a letter to the newspapers about the hazard posed to her personally by cyclists on the pavements. This could then be followed up with a letter from WinSoc on the subject.

Action: John, Sarah

- ii. The website host fee of £25 is due and Michael is dealing with it.

Action: Michael

- iii. Wincheap Wines are having a wine tasting on 1st March in Jubilee Hall. The charge will be £10 for up to 12 tastings.

- iv. John has had a meeting with County Councillor Martin Vye. Martin has recently leafleted the Homersham area about setting up a Residents'

Association. Since he only received responses from two interested parties he asked if they could be involved in WinSoc. This was agreed.

Martin also brought up the case of a house backing onto Hop Garden Way whose owners wanted help in dealing with graffiti and criminal damage. Whilst we could not organise a cleaning-up operation, it was agreed they would be welcome to use the WinSoc name to try to drum up assistance. John advised the best way to deal with graffiti is to paint it over immediately as soon as it occurs.

- v. We have received an invitation from the Canterbury Society to a talk about the future of business in the city centre on 23rd January at 7.30pm at the Friends' Meeting House. A charge of £3 will be made for non-members.
- vi. A workshop on localism to give help and advice on influencing future planning & Council decisions will be held on 16th March at St Stephen's Church, Hales Drive, CT2 7AB, 10am-4pm, with a charge of £10 per person attending. Sarah would like to go & will contact Michael, who may also be going.

Action: Sarah, Michael

- vii. Joe has phoned Network Rail three times about repainting the railway bridge. The employee who was dealing with the issue has moved on but London South-East have promised to contact Joe about it this week.

9. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 14th February, 7.30pm at Wincheap Guest House, 94 Wincheap (thanks to Joe)