

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of The Wincheap Society Committee Meeting at 7.30p.m. on Friday, 7th June, 2013, at 26, Ada Road

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

1. Apologies for absence: Eddie Peake, Anne Foster
2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 25th April, 2013

The date of the next meeting was amended to 7th June. The Minutes were then signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

- i. Roger Britton – CA/13/ 00868/FUL Planning Application

After consideration of the plans, it was decided that this kind of redevelopment should be encouraged, although retailers in the area are understandably concerned about what kind of shop will eventually be opened at No.190 Wincheap. It was felt, however, that we should support the application.

Action: John

- ii. Cycling on pavement

Letters to The Kentish Gazette have been printed verbatim. A woman PCSO was seen in the area last Wednesday in mid-afternoon, although nothing has been heard of fines for pavement cyclists. Sarah again nearly walked into the path of a woman cyclist today as she came out of her house, so this continues to be a dangerous problem. It was decided to write to the police again to ask about results of monitoring in two months.

- iii. Quiz Evening (See below)

- iv. AGM (See below)

- v. New Planning Regulations

The consultation ends on 21st June. Both Sarah and John found the new regulations difficult to understand but felt that they introduced some useful points; the new segregation of information will make matters more transparent. It was decided not to object to their passage.

4. Quiz Evening – Social results and Balance Sheet

Compliments as to the organisation of the Quiz Evening had been received from various people and it was deemed a success. It had been a good team effort and provided a good template for next time. Only the timing of the raffle in the middle of the evening was considered wrong; it was thought better to hold it at the end next time. £120 profit was made. Morag will give a list of raffle prize donors to John and he will send letters of thanks to all of them.

Action: Morag, John

5. AGM - Friday, 14th June, 2013, Jubilee Hall

i. Agenda

John has prepared a rough agenda. He will inform all the members on the list about the AGM by email as far as possible, and deliver letters by hand to those members with no email address. Eddie will give a financial statement, health permitting. Copies of the agenda and financial statement will be put out on chairs at the AGM. John will contact the man from Homersham who was interested in joining us and invite him to the AGM.

Action: John, Eddie

ii. Election of Officers and Committee

The Chair and Treasurer will stand for re-election at the AGM and John hopes to recruit more members to the committee.

iii. Speaker

Pat confirmed that Prof. Jan Pahl, President of the Canterbury Society, has agreed to talk for half an hour about the document published by the Society entitled *The Future of our City – a Residents' Vision for Canterbury*.

iv. Refreshments

It was decided to provide just a glass of wine and some nibbles. Joe will speak to Andy at Wincheap Wines about giving us a case of assorted wine on a sale and return basis and hiring wine glasses. He will also arrange nibbles (crisps and Mini-Cheddars) and liaise with the keyholder of the Jubilee Hall. Sarah will get two boxes of orange and apple juice and John will do a tray of sausage rolls. We will meet at the Hall at 6.30pm to set up. John will ask Ena to collect annual subscriptions on the door at the end.

Action: Joe, Sarah, John

6. Local Plan

i. Consultation 14th June to 16th August, 2013

Pat will be attending a meeting of the South Canterbury Residents' Association at 7.15pm on 10th June at St Mary Bredin and will report back on views expressed there.

John informed us there will be a meeting at the Kent & Canterbury Club at 17, Old Dover Road on the Local Plan on 18th June.

The Canterbury Society is also hosting a public meeting at the United Reformed Church at 7pm on 25th June, where Leader of the Council John Gilbey and Chief Executive Colin Carmichael will present the Plan and answer questions.

Action: Pat

ii. Hard copy to view

Sarah is going to have a look at the Plan and it will be discussed again at our next meeting.

Action: Sarah

iii. Letter from Pentland Homes

It was generally thought that the letter – and brochure sent with it – do not provide enough clear information about the proposal, viz. how many homes are envisaged and what facilities are planned. John will write to ask for more detail.

Action: John

7. Planning Application CA/13/00952/FUL

This application refers to the Cooper's Lane footway by the side of the undertaker's from Wincheap. Selby and Selby's yard at the end wish to build some storage space. Since this is already an industrial site, it was considered appropriate and will not be opposed.

8. Obituaries

Ray Manzarek, founding keyboard player for The Doors; Trevor Bolder, David Bowie's bass player; Graham Walker, founder of The Grumbleweeds; Esther Williams, American competitive swimmer and MGM movie actress; Deanna Durbin, Canadian singer and actress in 1930s and 1940s musicals; Ray Harryhausen, American visual effects creator of stop-motion model animation known as *Dynamation*; Tom Sharpe, English satirical novelist, best known for his *Wilt* series, *Porterhouse Blue* and *Blott on the Landscape*; Arnold Peters (Jack Woolley in *The*

Archers); Bryan Forbes, film director best known for *The Stepford Wives*; Paul Shane (Ted Bovis in *Hi-de-hi!*); Eddie Braben, scriptwriter for Morecambe and Wise; Bill Pertwee (Warden Hodges in *Dad's Army*).

9. Any other business

- i. We have received a letter from Martin Vye to re-establish contact after his re-election as County Councillor for Canterbury SW. He assures us of his continuing readiness to address concerns which fall within his remit. Although there is a tight budget for the repair of potholes, he hopes to be able to secure some funding. He is proceeding with his work on Hop Garden Way.
- ii. Sarah reported that the Inspectorate is coming on a site visit to the Printing House on Thursday next week and that anyone can attend. She and Joe will be emphasising that Wincheap is a residential area and a family entertainment centre opening until 2am or 3am four days a week would have a highly adverse effect. It was considered that a noisy demonstration by residents would not be appropriate and could be counterproductive.

Action: Sarah & Joe

10. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 11th July at 7.30pm at 53, Wincheap (thanks to John)