

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of The Wincheap Society Committee Meeting at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 22nd August, 2013, at 53 Wincheap

Present: John Osborne, Debra Johnson, Pat Marsh, John Benger

1. Apologies for absence: Eddie Peake, Paula Spencer, Morag Kemp, Joe Passey, Sarah Walter, Anne Foster, Gaurav Kathuria.

Morag has informed us that personal commitments mean she has decided to resign from the Committee. We take this opportunity of thanking her for all the work she has done for WinSoc.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 11th July, 2013

John signed the Minutes as a true and accurate account of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

- i. Roger Britton Site – CA/13/00868 and 00869

The developers have been granted planning permission but must not demolish the building until they are ready to start the new construction.

- ii. Lord Mayor's Award

Sadly, we missed the deadline with our nomination for this Award, but will keep it in mind for next year.

- iii. Electoral Review Consultation

John has sent the letter with the contents agreed at our last meeting, supporting Richard Norman's views representing The Canterbury Society.

4. Local Plan

- i. Pat's response

All comments received before and at the meeting were positive. Pat has made the additions and amendments requested. She will submit the response as WinSoc's comments to the Council by email by 30th August. She will also send it to The Association of Canterbury Residents' Associations in line with their request, assuring them of our support for their draft response.

Action: Pat

ii. Additional Comments

At the meeting it was decided to add to the second bullet point responding to Para.5.50 of the Draft Local Plan that buses entering or exiting a dedicated busway at Cow Lane and at Simmonds Road would have right of way over traffic on Wincheap. We also decided to begin the first bullet point with *In addition* rather than *However*.

Action: Pat

iii. Pentland Homes at Thanington

Edward Butler Ellis, Account Manager for Curtin & Co, the agents for Pentland Homes, has written to John and suggested a meeting. John will arrange this for early October.

Action: John

5. Hambrook Marshes

An offer to buy the land has apparently been made by a landowner whose property borders the river and who might well close public access to the cycle path after the statutory 12-month period.

The Committee favours Michael Rundell's idea of a community buy-out and suggests giving management to Kent Wildlife Trust. John will speak to Simon Houston and Friends of Hambrook Marshes about this, as well as discussing it with Michael.

Action: John

6. Future of Jubilee Hall

Debra has heard nothing from Cllr Alex Perkins. A representative of the Trinity Baptist Church (which has been meeting at the Hall for seven years) met Debra on Friday and suggested joining forces to take it over. They are very keen to continue using it and have the resources to buy it. Apparently, the City Church, which will be using the old Adscene building next door, want to demolish the Hall and turn the site into a car park. John will contact Cllrs Perkins and Eden-Green about Debra's idea for a trust to run it.

Action: John

7. Obituaries

Johnny Smith, guitarist; Bert Trautmann, Manchester City footballer; Charles "Chuck" Foley, co-inventor of the game "Twister"; Ray Butt, TV Director of *Only Fools and Horses*; Louis, the PG Tips chimp; Alan Whicker, travel writer; Anna Wing, Lou Beale in *East Enders*; Mel Smith, comedian; J J Cale, US musician; Karen Black, film actress; Admiral Sir John "Sandy" Woodward, Falklands Task Force;

Eydie Gormé, singer/songwriter; Dominick Harrod, BBC economics correspondent; John Amis, music critic; Elmore Leonard, US novelist and screenwriter; Deborah Capon, dance instructor.

8. Any other business

i. Walking Bus

No progress due to school holidays

ii. C.C.C. Planning Website

Members have had problems opening it up. This has been caused by not putting a double stroke // after CA in the planning application number.

iii. Review of Public Open Space

There will be a workshop to discuss public open space in the Canterbury city area on Tuesday, 22nd October at the Guildhall from 7pm to 9pm.

iv. Planning Application CA//13/01507/FUL

This Cotton Rd site wants to convert from a warehouse to a gymnasium. Applicants want a D2 classification, which can be used to convert to a night club open all hours. However, Debra thinks this is a genuine application from parents of gymnasts who have hitherto been meeting at St Anselm's School.

v. New beech tree sapling by Canon Appleton Court

The sapling is looking dry and in danger of dying. John will contact KCC about it.

Action: John

9. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 3rd October at 7.30pm at Wincheap Guest House, if confirmed by Joe