

# *The Wincheap Society*

Minutes of The Wincheap Society Committee Meeting at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, at 53, Wincheap

Present: John Osborne, Joe Passey, Eddie Peake, Pat Marsh, Debra Johnson

1. Apologies for absence: Gaurav Kathuria, Paula Spencer, Sarah Walter

2. Minutes of the last Meeting on 3rd October, 2013

The surname of James Willmot of Yamaha Music School was corrected to Wilford. The Minutes were then signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

i. Electoral Review

John couldn't manage either the LGBCE meeting or Canterbury Society meeting on the subject. The consensus at ACRA seems to be that there is little left to do now and we must accept the situation.

ii. Pentland Homes

We still hope there will be a public meeting on this, although the company seem reluctant to have one. They still think their plans for development at Thanington are a good idea.

iii. Hambrook Marshes

No news on this. John will phone BTF and find out what's happening.

**Action: John**

iv. Walking Bus to Wincheap School

John has found out that the scheme was abandoned because nobody wanted to run it. It was operated by volunteers, who must have CRB checks to be with children. John also thinks there was KCC funding before which has now been cut.

v. Public Open Space Strategy

The meeting moved venue after attendees spent some time waiting outside the Guildhall. We will be able to see the proceedings when the Minutes go on the website.

vi. Cycling on Pavements

John has received an email from Louise Murphy at the police station. She informed him that 25<sup>th</sup> October was a day for police to focus on cycling on pavements and asked him for areas to supervise. He proposed Wincheap between York Road and Victoria Road on one side and Hi-Q and Canterbury Hotel on the other side. The operation didn't result in any tickets, but 3 people had their details taken. The police will be carrying out this action on a monthly basis.

vii. Roger Britton Site progress

Another application under same number has been submitted with different items. Perhaps this is to comply with the conditions and restrictions imposed by the Council.

4. Homersham

A certain John Wilkins from Homersham called John. He has been waging a solitary battle against the developers, KCC and other authorities about the fact that the trees on the estate had to be removed. Some were replaced but then died because they were not watered. Cllr Martin Vye has some funds he can use to replace the trees but the request must come from a residents' association or other organisation, not just from an individual. John consulted Gaurav as a fellow Homersham resident. He and the rest of the Committee think we should support this action and John will write to Martin in our name asking for the trees to be replaced.

**Action: John**

5. Membership

John is worried that we are becoming reduced in numbers. James Wilford from the Music School was mentioned again and Debra will talk to him. Several members have not paid their membership fees for this year. It was decided we should send reminders with a subscription form so we can update personal details. We could then send members emails about our AGM, etc and add local businesses and neighbours to the mailing list. We need to have an interesting event at the AGM similar to the talk we had about the history of Wincheap. We will make plans in February.

6. Obituaries

Tommy Whittle, jazz saxophonist; Sir Anthony Caro, sculptor; Maria de Villota, Formula One test driver; Phil Chevron, guitarist with The Pogues; Kadir Nurman, reputed inventor of the doner kebab; Lou Reed, singer/songwriter and founding member of The Velvet Underground; Graham Stark, actor (*The Pink Panther*) and voice in *The Goon Show*; Richard Sarafian, film director (*Vanishing Point*); Sir John Tavener, composer; Noel Harrison, singer (*The Windmills of Your Mind*); Felix

Dexter, comic actor (*The Real McCoy*); Marcia Wallace, Edna Krabappel in *The Simpsons*; Antonia Bird, film director (*Ravenous*); John Cole, BBC political editor.

7. Any other business

i. Canterbury Conservation Advisory Committee (CCAC)

CCAC have been in touch. Steve Skinner represented us on that Committee but it seems has not attended for some time. They hold four-weekly meetings to scrutinise plans. John will inform them that we cannot send a representative for the moment because of resignations from the Committee.

**Action: John**

ii. Road Repairs

Peter Sudell has contacted the authorities about potholes: some have been repaired but won't last the winter. £2,000 is the weekly budget for this area.

iii. Old tree stump outside Canon Appleton court

We should look into having a bench on the old stump or a carving.

iv. Printing House as alternative to Jubilee Hall

The owner of the Printing House explained the planned facilities to Debra and thought they could accommodate the dance school in the stage area, which has a sprung floor and side rooms, with toilets at the back. Debra has agreed a rent for the space but not yet signed a contract. Debra has suggested to Trinity Baptist Church that they might look into using the nursery space on their days at Jubilee Hall and she has put them in touch with the Printing House owner.

v. Network Rail phoned Joe to say they had not forgotten about Wincheap railway bridge. They plan to paint the bridge and carry out repairs to netting etc.

vi. We have heard nothing about whether James Wilford is interested in joining us.

**Action: Sarah/Debra**

vii. ACRA

We are members of ACRA. Pat will attend the ACRA meeting on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November and John will send her the agenda.

**Action: Pat/John**

- viii. St Dunstan's Regeneration Scheme consultation closes on 9th December. Pat and Joe are both submitting their personal views on the best option.
- ix. Ward boundaries consultation is still open but it was thought we have not the right expertise to take part.
- x. The problems of not having a local post office were highlighted, especially for the elderly. It was agreed it would make sense to have one for each community.

9. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 16th January at 7.30pm at Wincheap Guest House (thanks to Joe)