

# *The Wincheap Society*

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 at 53 Wincheap

Present: John Osborne, Eddie Peake, Joe Passey, Spencer Hollands, James Wilford, Pat Marsh

**1. Apologies for absence:** Paula Spencer, Debra Johnson

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

The Minutes were signed as a correct account.

**3. Matters Arising**

i. Homersham Trees

Planting will be going ahead after discussion with KCC Highways Dept about type of tree and location.

ii. Hop Garden Way

A second grant is also available for the project. Martin Vye has organised a clean-up day on Sunday, 2nd March. 15 people have expressed an interest in coming along and we might do some refreshments. Further details will be provided in due course.

iii. Canon Appleton Court

The Supervisor has no objection to a carved seat around the tree stump but there is a little concern about it possibly attracting young people at night, who might cause a disturbance. John will contact Daniel Hilton, the wood carver, about the project.

**Action: John**

iv. Gas Holder

Spencer read out his letter to CCC Planning Officer asking for all details of the planning application under the Freedom of Information Act. The letter was approved and Spencer will send it.

The gas holder is to start being demolished in April and will take six months.

**Action: Spencer**

v. Membership / A.G.M.

Jubilee Hall is available on 16th and 23rd May. It was decided to hold the AGM on 16th May and Joe will book the Hall for that date. Joe has received a letter offering

a member of the Guild of Guides to talk at the meeting for £55. James will provide a list of speakers we could use.

**Action: Joe, James**

vi. Canterbury Alliance for Sustainable Transport (CAST)

Pat explained the background to the problem with Wincheap School and the congestion in Hollow Lane at dropping-off and picking-up times. It is now clear that the school is the only one not taking part in the Love Your City scheme, one of the promoters of which is CAST. It encourages children to walk, cycle or scooter to school. Pat read her letter to the Head Teacher and PTA asking for their reasons in not being part of the scheme. It was approved and she will send it.

**Action: Pat**

#### 4. Obituaries

Pete Seeger, American folk singer and activist; Lord McAlpine, Conservative Party grandee; Shirley Temple, American child star and later diplomat; Chris Chataway, runner, TV broadcaster and Conservative politician; Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of Bank of England 1983-93; Bernard Hedges, Welsh cricketer; Tom Finney, English footballer; Christopher Jones, American actor who played the British shell-shocked soldier in *Ryan's Daughter*; Bill Wallis, British character actor; Stan Tracey, British jazz pianist; Philip Seymour Hoffman, Oscar-winning American actor; Jocelyn Hay, British broadcaster and campaigner; Harold Ramis, American actor, director and writer (*Ghostbusters*)

#### 5. Any other business

i. Roger Britton

The new development plans were approved last week. John will contact the developer to find out when work will start.

**Action: John**

- ii. A GO Outdoors store will be opening on the Wincheap Industrial Estate.
- iii. The Maiden's Head will be reopening as a more upmarket pub.
- iv. The car park on the Industrial Estate by Beds 4 Us will have cctv.
- v. The nursery/bowling alley refurbishment in the old printing house doesn't seem to be progressing at all. Debra has decided not to rent space for the dance school there but will be using Canterbury Academy.
- vi. Joe will ask Network Rail about a date for repainting the railway bridge in April, as promised.

**Action: Joe**

#### 6. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 10th April at 7.30pm at Wincheap Guest House (thanks to Joe)