

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 31st July, 2014 at The Wincheap Guest House, 94 Wincheap (Thanks to Joe)

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

1. Apologies for absence: Debra Johnson, Sarah Walter, Spencer Hollands

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting 26th June

The Minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

i. Jubilee Hall

John has sent a letter to the Council expressing our concern that the local community is losing an important local facility and asking what is to happen to it.

ii. Hop Garden Way

The resurfacing work has been delayed because one of the utility companies is going to dig up the road so we will wait until their work has been completed.

iii. Financial Statement – Final Draft

John went through the figures and they will go on the website. See Appendix to Minutes.

iv. Student Lets / HMOs and Rubbish / Noise

There was an article in last week's Kentish Gazette about students leaving the streets in a mess, featuring a photo of John with some rubbish bags and overflowing bins.

John and Pat went to a meeting with other RAs in ACRA to coordinate action over the problems concerned. UKC and CCCU are meeting to discuss a street marshals scheme and other measures to alert students to the problems they can cause for the local community.

At the next meeting of ACRA, WinSoc will be asking for the following action:

- We recommend that the universities produce a Code of Conduct to give to students living in the community, setting out in detail how to be a considerate neighbour regarding everything from noise to dealing with rubbish.

(Action being undertaken at UKC and CCCU – ACRA to urge them to contact UCA, Canterbury College and the American University on this and coordinate action?)

- Each student HMO should have an appointed House Champion as in Oxford: <http://drara.org.uk/news-story/house-champions-scheme-back-for-2014/>. This person would be responsible for all interaction with the community and the Council.

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- The appropriate letting agency or landlord for each property must ensure that each tenant is correctly notified of the use of each bin for the house and the refuse collection days etc. They should text the House Champion to remind him/her to put out the appropriate bins the evening before collection and again the following day to return the bins behind houses where this applies.

(Action: ACRA to delegate members to coordinate this?)

- The Council must be rigorous in ensuring that public footpaths are respected and bins are not left on the streets after collection day. This should involve a visit from a Council officer for repeat offenders and substantial fines.

(Action: ACRA to delegate members to discuss this with the Council?)

- We urge the Council to institute a mandatory registration scheme for all HMOs.
(Action: ACRA to delegate members to discuss this with the Council?)

v. Roger Britton site

The site came up for auction but didn't sell. It has permission for demolition and development. The guide price at £400,000 is probably too high.

vi. Biggleswade Passage Street Light at end of New Street

Eddie rang the Council about it and the bulb has already been replaced.

4. Obituaries – Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Bobby Womack – Soul singer and songwriter; Rik Mayall – comic actor; Tommy Ramone – original drummer and last survivor of The Ramones; Charlie Haden – jazz double bass player; Elaine Stritch – actress and singer; James Garner – actor, (Jim Rockford in *The Rockford Files*); Dora Bryan – character actress; Theodore Van Kirk – last survivor of Hiroshima bomb crew.

5. Any other business

i. ACRA Local Plan / Transport Strategy

ACRA has submitted a response to the second consultation on the Draft Local Plan and to the Transport and Open Space Strategies, as well as a press release. John read out the section about the Wincheap enhancement scheme, which summarised our opinions about its flaws as expressed in our original response.

ii. CCAC - Dane John Gardens

Canterbury Conservation Advisory Committee have raised the problems of damage to the Mound and the bandstand, as well as the lack of good management of the gardens at the entrance from the bus station. They will send a short report to the Council about this and keep us advised.

iii. Network Rail bridge painting

Joe has spoken to Network Rail about painting the railway bridge and they say it's in the budget for the year.

iv. Paul Bennett

The Director of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust would like to talk to WinSoc again as there have been new finds in Wincheap. We could have an event and charge an entrance fee rather than asking him to speak at the AGM. We will discuss this when more of the committee are present.

v. Gordon Rd Trident Trailers site

Pat said the building now appears to be in use as a warehouse and there is no sign of development on the adjacent wasteground. John will check what's going on.

Action: John

vi. The Imperial

John has heard this is going to be a pizzeria. He will find out what's happening with it.

Action: John

6. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 18th September at 7.30pm at 53, Wincheap

Appendix: Financial Statement 2013-14 on next page

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Financial Statement. 7th June, 2013 to 22nd May, 2014.

07/06/13	Opening Balance		155•34
	INCOME:		
14/06/13	Annual General Meeting 14/06/13. Surplus Income over Expenditure 22•15		
13/02/14	Payment from K.C.C.	1145•00	
04/03/14	Payment from K.C.C.	159•00	
08/05/14	Payment from K.C.C.	3196•00	
15/05/14	Subscriptions and Donations received during the Year	<u>53•65</u>	
		<u>4575•80</u>	<u>4575•80</u>
			4731•14
	EXPENDITURE:		
16/02/14	Alliance of Canterbury Residents' Associations Subscription.	20•00	
06/07/14*	I.D. Consultants Website Domain Hosting Fee.		
	January to December 2014.	25•00	
06/07/14*	Canterbury Society Subscription.	20•00	
06/07/14*	Kent Federation of Amenity Societies Subscription.	<u>25•00</u>	
		<u>90•00</u>	<u>90•00</u>
22/05/14	Surplus Income over Expenditure		<u>£ 4641•14</u>
	Represented by:- Balance at Bank		4553•84
	Cash in Hand		87•30

Surplus includes £4500.00 held in trust for resurfacing Hop Garden Way.

* Late Payment Affiliation and Website Hosting Fees paid in July, but included in the 2013 - 2014 Financial Year.