

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 9th October, 2014 at 53 Wincheap

Present: John Osborne, Eddie Peake, Anne Foster, Sarah Walter, Joe Passey, Pat Marsh

1. Apologies for absence: Debra Johnson, Spencer Hollands

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting 11th September

The Minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

i. Jubilee Hall

Sarah has spoken to Ian Barnes at the Council. He expressed an interest in hearing any proposals we might have for the Hall, although Sarah reminded him that the Council rejected Debra's idea to take it on. Current management has been extended till March. John has met people from the Trinity Baptist Church, who use the Hall for their services. They want to keep using it and will join us when we meet the Council. They would be willing to take on management but we would insist that it remains a community hall, not a church hall. John will set up a meeting on a Wednesday, which Sarah will also attend.

John will also consult Cllr Mike Sole, who managed to keep Bridge Village Hall open. Sarah will call Cllr Nick Eden-Green about the issue as well.

Action: John & Sarah

ii. HMOs - Report from NCFRA / ACRA

John reported on the two meetings with other residents' associations about HMOs. The plan for street marshals is going ahead, with the two main universities contributing over £20,000 each. It will be piloted in the Easter term. Pat will be on the Steering Group for the street marshals scheme as the representative of South Canterbury RAs, alongside a representative from North Canterbury RAs, the universities and the police.

At the ACRA meeting it was decided that Chair Clive Church, Rick Norman of SMRARA and Pat should set up a meeting with Cllr Rosemary Doyle (Environment portfolio at the Council) about HMO bin problems and at the NCFRA meeting it was agreed that compulsory registration of HMOs should also be discussed at that meeting.

Action: Pat

iii. Bins being roughly handled - link to above?

It was decided we should write to Serco about this issue and mention it in the meeting with Cllr Doyle. The letter will be copied to the Council.

Action: Pat

4. Planning Applications

i. Roger Britton

The building has been sold at auction for £385,000. If we write a letter to find out what the purchasers intend to do with it, the auctioneers will forward it for us. The site already has planning permission for shops and flats.

ii. Trident Trailers – Land off Gordon Road

There is a planning application in for 8 one-bedroom flats and 6 two-bedroom flats in two buildings.

iii. Imperial – 48 Martyrs Field Road

The site is definitely planned to be a pizzeria.

iv. CA//14/01856/FUL – 53 Claremont Place

Pam Slade has written to the Council objecting to the application as it is adding almost half a house to the next-door building. It overlooks other neighbours' gardens as well, and they have also objected.

It was felt WinSoc should support the objections.

5. Obituaries - Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Lynsey de Paul – singer / songwriter; Shelia Tracy – trombonist and broadcaster; Dannie Abse – poet; Toby Balding – racehorse trainer; Deborah Mitford Cavendish, Dowager Duchess of Devonshire; George Hamilton IV – country music singer; André Popp – composer (*L'amour est bleu*); Christopher Hogwood – founder of The Academy of Ancient Music.

6. Any other business

i. Council's response to flooding

Sarah presented the Council's unhelpful initial response to the flooding of her house and others on Wincheap last week. A pile of silt came into houses with the rainwater after it came over the flood wall in the middle of the night. Sarah rang the Council early the following morning. They promised to send someone but nobody appeared to clear the mess until two days later. Someone came from KCC to clear the drains, which had been done three weeks before, but he went away because of not being able to park. Sarah asked for sandbags from the Council; these were not available but Sarah was advised to make her own, despite having explained she was partly disabled. Southern Water did clear the

sewage from the garden, although they were insistent that the Council should be doing it. The Council eventually helped move a bin full of flood debris and cleared the pavement.

ii. Flyer about HMOs

Pat suggested WinSoc produce a flyer to deliver to all houses in the area providing her phone number for residents to call if they have repeated problems of noise disturbance and/or bins with HMOs. She could then contact the university concerned or the Council and try to get action. It is anyway important to log problems for future reference. It was agreed Pat should produce a draft flyer for our next meeting.

Action: Pat

iii. Quiz night/social evening

It was decided to have another quiz night on a Friday evening before the Jubilee Hall closes. Joe will see whether the Hall is available on 27th February or 6th March for this.

Action: Joe

iv. Accident on Wincheap

John reported that a resident in his car going to Ashford was knocked into another car in the opposite lane by an uninsured foreign car coming out of Victoria Rd. The police claim foreign cars do not need to have insurance or foreign drivers to have a driving licence.

v. Hop Garden Way

There is no news on the work on Hop Garden Way for which we are holding the funds. John will find out when it is scheduled to take place.

Action: John

7. Date of next Meeting

Thursday, 13th November 2014 at 7.30pm at Wincheap B&B (thanks to Joe)