

# *The Wincheap Society*

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30p.m. on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 at The Wincheap Guest House, 94 Wincheap (thanks to Joe)**

**Present:** John Osborne, Sarah Walter, Joe Passey, Pat Marsh, Debra Johnson

**1. Apologies for absence:** Eddie Peake, Anne Foster

**2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October**

The Minutes were signed as a correct account.

**3. Matters Arising**

i. Jubilee Hall

John has been waiting for a reply from Mike Sole but thinks we should now set up a meeting with Ian Barnes at the Council. Debra will be invited to attend the meeting as well.

**Action: John**

ii. HMOs flyer, bins left on pavements, street marshals, student wardens

The text of the flyer advising residents about The Wincheap Society and that we will help them with HMO problems was approved. Parkers in the Dane John Works will design it as an A5 card free of charge and print 800 for £60. If it wouldn't be more than £100, Pat will ask them to do black on yellow.

**Action: Pat**

Pat gave an update on the ACRA meeting with Cllr Rosemary Doyle about problems with bins left outside HMOs in the district. Other Council officers were present and Lacy Dixon, responsible for Street Scene Enforcement, talked about how they had solved a similar problem on St Peter's Grove.

Pat reported all the houses with bins left on the pavement on Martyrs Field Rd to the Council and after liaison with Street Scene Enforcement and encouragement from neighbours the street is now free of bins on the pavement for the first time in years. Pat will be the coordinator for Wincheap Society on this and contact the Council about bins left out anywhere in the area.

The Street Marshals Scheme is finalising the tender for private firms to carry out this contract. The Committee agreed that the following areas of Wincheap should be patrolled:

Martyrs Field: Gordon Rd, York Rd, Tudor Rd, New St., Biggleswade Passage, Grove Terrace, Claremont Place, Ivy Place, Martyrs Field Rd, Guildford Rd

Wincheap up to Victoria Rd: + Spring Gardens where people relieve themselves

CCCU is about to appoint a Community Liaison Manager and Pat will be proposing the idea of student wardens for each street, as has been tried and tested in Oxford. It is now clear that it is this scheme which has reduced the number of street parties and bin problems by 43%, not the mandatory registration of HMOs, as claimed by the Council. We hope to carry this forward with the Students' Union, as well as the idea of a code of conduct for students living in the community.

**Action: Pat**

iii. Roger Britton

John wrote a letter to Savills to pass on to the purchaser. No reply so far.

iv. Quiz Night

Joe has booked the Jubilee Hall for 27th February. Sarah will start making up questions. In mid-January we will advertise in the paper and shops. Colin Sherwood will be the Question Master.

**Action: Sarah**

v. Hop Garden Way

No news. Martin Vye is trying to find out when work will start.

**4. Former Peugeot Garage proposals**

These consist of over 500 luxury rooms and flats with a gym and swimming pool for students from any Canterbury university. The site looks well designed. Students could stay there for three years. We hope accommodation will be reasonably priced and take students out of HMOs.

**5. Former Adscene Printing House (Play Islands) Licence**

Many of us have already written in with objections to alcohol licensing for a children's play centre and we will encourage others to object.

**6. Debate on Governance in Canterbury**

The Council has decided on a committee system but are still debating exactly what form this will take.

**7. Obituaries**

Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting:

Sir Donald Sinden – actor; Rev. Ian Paisley – N. Ireland politician; Philip Somerville – milliner to the Royals; Rosalind Buckland – Laurie Lee’s cousin (Rosie in *Cider With Rosie*); Lynda Bellingham – actor; Sir John Hoskyns – Thatcher advisor; Geraldine “Jerrie” Lois Mock – first woman to fly solo around the world; Shirley Baker – photographer; David Raven Alan – radio producer; Oscar de la Renta – dress designer (to Jackie Onassis, among others); Raphael Ravenscroft – saxophonist (*Baker Street*); Alvin Stardust – singer; Jack Bruce – bass player with Cream; Tim Hauser – founder of The Manhattan Transfer; David Redfern – photographer of pop stars; Acker Bilk – jazz musician; Warren Clarke – actor (Dalziel in *Dalziel and Pascoe*); S. Donald Stookey – inventor of Corning Ware heat resistant ceramic glass.

## **8. Any other business**

### **i. Stevens News Licence Variation**

They have applied for a licence for late night refreshments indoors between 11pm and midnight and selling alcohol from 7am till midnight. Joe will find out more.

**Action: Joe**

### **ii. Wincheap subway**

In the Kentish Gazette today there is a report that the Council has taken up the suggestion which we put in our response to the consultation on the Draft Local Plan that they have a competition to find the best ideas for decorating Canterbury subways. Since they only mention the Old and New Dover Road ones in the piece, however, it was agreed we should write to the Council to ensure that the Wincheap subway is included in the project.

**Action: John**

### **iii. Demolition of the gas holder will start in 28 days.**

## **9. Date of next Meeting**

Thursday, 8th January 2014 at 53, Wincheap