

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30pm on Thursday, 1st October, 2015 at 94 Wincheap (thanks to Joe)

Present: John Osborne, Joe Passey, Sarah Walter, Spencer Hollands, Pat Marsh

1. Apologies for absence: Dave Wilson, Debra Johnson, Eddie Peake
2. Minutes of the last Meeting 27th August, 2015

The Minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising
 - i. Wincheap Industrial Estate Camp

No news.

- ii. Cycling on Pavements

PCSO Daniel Groom was originally going to monitor people cycling on the pavement on Wincheap on Thursday 19th March but failed to turn up. He didn't reply to Pat's email of 22nd May, in which he was informed that the situation had got worse, with four people cycling abreast on the pavement on one occasion, really terrorising Sarah. She was getting nervous about stepping outside her front door for fear of being knocked down after that experience.

As there was no reply, Pat wrote to the Community Support Unit of Kent Police on 26th June and Daniel finally replied to this email on 29th June. He said there was a new PCSO for the Wincheap ward, Aaron Newell. He was to be on leave for a couple of weeks, but Daniel said he himself would spend some time on the 30th patrolling up and down Wincheap, and challenging the cyclists on the footpath.

Pat replied that he could always call in on Sarah at No.100 and the Wincheap Guesthouse at No.94 for a cup of tea and to let them know he was around. In the event Daniel didn't check in with Sarah or Joe so we don't know whether he appeared that day or not. But cyclists are still riding fast down the pavements and causing alarm.

Spencer suggested having a cctv camera trained on the pavement from Joe's or Sarah's house; he would then process the information. John thought we could fund buying a camera. Spencer will look at the options and install a camera. When we have some hard evidence we could invite the newspapers to run a campaign on this to raise awareness about cycling on pavements and the dangers posed.

Action: Spencer/Joe/Sarah

iii. Imperial P.H. CA//15/01198

There is no news when this application will come before the Planning Committee. Their next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th October. There are three public comments, all against granting planning permission.

iv. A.G.M. (See Later)

v. Roger Britton Site

There has been no response from the new owners. John has contacted the Council asking them to serve a Section 215 notice as the building is now structurally dangerous.

vi. Parking in Martyrs Field Road

Deferred.

vii. Thanington Park (See later)

viii. Club Chemistry

Sarah reported back on the committee meeting considering the application for the Club to stay open until 4am on week nights and 6am on Saturday and Bank Holiday nights. The application was refused after a long and somewhat fraught meeting.

4. Thanington Park

Pilgrims Hospices have delivered leaflets to residents asking them to support the Thanington Park development, where the Tory Family Foundation claims it will fund the building of a new hospice. The problem is that there is no new infrastructure planned with the development and the increase in the already serious congestion on Wincheap resulting from it would be considerable.

John will talk to Richard Davis, Chair of Hospice Trustees, questioning the suitability of the site.

Action: John

5. AGM

Paul Bennett of the Archaeological Trust has not got back to John with a date for a talk combined with our AGM. It was decided it was now too late to have the AGM this year. It was agreed to hold the next one in May 2016 and advertise it at a Quiz Night in March.

6. Landlords' responsibilities – Code of Practice

ACRA is looking into preparing a code of practice for landlords about responsibility for tenants' anti-social behaviour, information on dealing with waste, bin days, etc.

The SMRARA newsletter for all residents delivered at this time of year was considered excellent. SMRARA members knock on doors and talk to new residents where possible. WinSoc would like to produce something similar so Pat will ask Rick Norman how much it costs.

Action: Pat

7. Christ Church Estate – Master Plan

Pat met Tom Rudd of BDP on 28th September and he took her through the Development Briefing they have prepared with its images of how the new campus will look when the Prison is integrated into it. They also went through the questionnaire he has for stakeholders, although there was not much of relevance for WinSoc.

Mr Rudd was unaware of the Luminocity stats about Canterbury (lowest number of owner occupiers in the country, almost the highest amount of privately rented accommodation, the lowest birth rate), so Pat gave him a page she had prepared on them. She also informed him about the Student Impact Review 2006 recommendation that the universities should accommodate 50% of non-local full-time students who would otherwise be likely to seek rented accommodation in the city.

Pat also informed Mr Rudd that an A4D would probably soon be approved and come into force in a year, meaning that there simply wouldn't be any HMOs available in Canterbury in a few years to accommodate the rise in student numbers they envisage in the Briefing (another 1,500 by 2020 and then another 2,000-3,000 in the following decade).

Mr Rudd is interested in any other studies or surveys of relevance to the redevelopment and knows about the upcoming Student Impact Review.

There are currently no plans to have any student accommodation in the old Prison building.

When the Student Impact Review starts, ACRA will be making representations about HMOs and WinSoc will also make our own representations.

8. Planning Applications:-

i. Maiden's Head

Permission has been granted for building rooms in the attic with a view to making the building a B&B.

ii. Wincheap Butchers

Planning permission is being sought to change its status so it can become a restaurant.

9. Obituaries - Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, founder of the National Motor Museum, pioneer of the stately home movement

Joy Beverley, eldest of The Beverley Sisters singing trio, most popular during the 1950s and 1960s

Judy Carne, English actor best known for the phrase "Sock it to me" in Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In

Brian Close, English cricketer, the youngest man ever to play in a Test match for England, who went on to play 22 Test matches for England, captaining them 7 times

Sir David Wilcocks, English choral conductor, organist & composer, best known as director of the Choir of King's College, Cambridge, and the annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols broadcast on the BBC

Brian Sewell, British art critic and media personality, noted for his plummy voice and acerbic view of conceptual art and the Turner Prize

Jackie Collins, English romance novelist who became a US citizen, author of 32 novels, all of which appeared on *The New York Times* bestsellers list

John Scott, English organist and choirmaster, who reached the highest levels of his profession on both sides of the Atlantic and directed the Choir of St Paul's Cathedral in London from 1990 to 2004

Frank Tyson, England cricketer of the 1950s, who also worked as a schoolmaster, journalist, cricket coach and cricket commentator after emigrating to Australia in 1960

P. J. Kavanagh, English poet, lecturer, actor, broadcaster and columnist, award-winning author of *The Perfect Stranger*

10. Any other business

- i. KCC has still not repaired the eroded kerb and pavement outside 19 Martyrs Field Rd although bollards were dropped off months ago to keep the road clear for the job (only two now remain on the side of the road). Half of the slope of the footbridge over the Rheims Way from the East Station has also been fenced off for repaving for weeks now but no work has been done.

It was agreed that KCC needs to look into the management and logistics of highway works it has outsourced and insist on better scheduling and public information.

Pat will give John the reference number for the Martyrs Field Rd work and John will talk to Martin Vye and to his Kent Highways contact about it.

Action: Pat/John

- ii. The former Dairy Crest building on Military Road will become new student accommodation. Again the building will be owned and run by a private equity company, which will put nothing back into Canterbury. WinSoc will not respond to the consultation as it is not on our patch.
- iii. Spencer brought up the condition of the lime tree by the electrical substation on Biggleswade Passage. It has a Tree Preservation Order on it but needs work to reduce its size and restore it to a good condition. Spencer has approached the company which owns the site to ask them to seek permission to do work on the tree. They claim that it is the Council's responsibility. He will pursue this with WinSoc support.

Action: Spencer

11. Date of next Meeting

We discussed whether it would be better to have meetings on another evening as Council meetings often clash with our Thursday meetings. Monday evenings were agreed to be convenient for committee members present.

Monday, 16th November at 7.30pm at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)