

**Minutes of the Wincheap Society Committee Meeting held at
19.30 hrs on Wednesday 20 April 2016
at 53 Wincheap Canterbury**

PRESENT

John Osborne (Chair) Eddie Peake, Gillian Bull, Nick Eden Green, Sarah Walter

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Pat Marsh, Joe Passey, Debra Johnson.

1a. THANINGTON PARK – Address by Nick Eden Green.

Councillor Nick Eden Green gave the committee an outline of the events to date with the development of Thanington Park. He said that his comments would be very much related to concerns about the traffic networks because this was the area that most affected the residents of Wincheap.

Since the Inspector suspended the local plan, Canterbury City Council (CCC) has tried to get the revised plan back on track. They need to find as many sites as they can for new housing.

Their amended local plan was put out to consultation in January/February. Before the end of the consultation period, a planning application was held and consent given to the new development including an increase of 350/400 extra houses in Thanington. This consent was given with several provisos e.g. a new slip road etc

At the planning meeting on 5 January 2016 NEG immediately told the committee that this matter was under consultation and therefore should not be taking place, but to no avail. Traffic plans were not available at the meeting and the consent to the new development was given.

NEG feels that this may be grounds for a Judicial Review and has been taking some legal opinion on the matter. In this he has been greatly supported by Thanington Parish Council (TPC). Key legal issues are as follows:

1. Prematurity
2. Inadequate traffic networks
3. Protection of the ancient city centre.

The transport consultant has produced a traffic report which is totally inadequate. Item 3 is being pursued with English Heritage.

In his report the Inspector has now increased the numbers of houses to 16000 (from 15400). The cumulative effects will seriously affect Wincheap.

TPC have written to CCC threatening to take a Judicial Review if they do not revisit the planning application. This letter has been acknowledged by CCC with a one line response indicating that they have received it!

Traffic forecasts produced by the developers and the Council are both incorrect and biased. TPC have requested their own traffic report.

Although the developers have agreed the slip road there is of course no certainty that they will actually provide this.

NEG suggested that all members of WINSOC committee should read the Action 4U document produced by TPC in which the details are outlined and well rehearsed. (attached as APPENDIX 1 page 1 and page 2) Following this a general discussion took place.

John thanked Nick for updating the committee and for his valuable insight into the matter particularly in its effect on Wincheap.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 8 FEBRUARY 2016

These were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

i. Cycling/CCTV

Joe had set up the cameras and would be monitoring the pavement cyclists once he was back.

ACTION : JP

ii. Club Chemistry

Nick said that as a result of the Licensing Application Appeal, the application by Club Chemistry had been turned down. A number of local residents had made their views known very articulately at the hearing.

Discussion took place about whether we should invite representatives of the club to our next meeting. It was agreed that we should do so and Sarah will contact Matthew Jones-Roberts the Club Chemistry Promotions Manager to invite him to the May meeting.

ACTION : SAW

iii. Headway Quiz

John was pleased to announce that his team had won the Headway Quiz.

4. WINSOC QUIZ NIGHT

Sarah said that she and Joe felt that time was too short to do the quiz night at the end of May and that they both felt that this should be put back perhaps until September. This was agreed. Joe or she will contact the hall manager to cancel the booking for May 20.

ACTION : SAW/JP

5. AGM

John suggested that this should be held at the end of June and invited Nick to be the speaker to outline to WINSOC membership his view of the Thanington Park development. Nick kindly agreed to do this. Sarah will ask Joe to book the Jubilee Hall when he gets back.

ACTION : SAW/JP

6. OBITUARIES

Ron Pepper – Local Councillor (missed off last meeting's list)

Captain Eric "Winkle" Brown – R.N. Test Pilot.

Harper Lee – Novelist "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Peter Wood – Theatre Director for Tom Stoppard.

Boutros Boutros Ghali – Former U.N. Secretary General.

Douglas Slocombe, O.B.E. Cinematographer Ealing Studios –filmed the Nazi invasion of Poland.

Frank Kelly – Actor Father Jack in “Father Ted”.
George Kennedy – Actor “Airport” and “Naked Gun” Series.
Tony Warren – Creator of “Coronation Street .
Martin Crowe – New Zealand Cricketer.
Tony Dyson – r2d2 in “Star Wars”.
Pat Conroy – Author “Prince of Tides”
Nancy Reagan – Former First Lady.
Sir George Martin – Musician, Composer and Record Producer.
Anita Brookner – Booker Prize winning Author.
Peter Maxwell Davis – Composer and Master of the Queen’s Music.
Keith Emmerson - Musician “Emmerson, Lake and Palmer”
Ken Adam – set designer and creator of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.
Sylvia Anderson – Co-creator of “Thunderbirds” and voice of Lady Penelope
Paul Daniels – Magician
Cliff Mitchelmore –Television Presenter.
Frank Sinatra Jnr – Singer.
Dame Zaha Hadid – Architect of Olympic Aquatic Centre.
Ray Tomlinson – Inventor of E.Mail.
Merle Haggard – Country and Western Singer.
Barry Hinds – Author of “A Kestrel For a Knave” basis for film “Kes”.
Andy “Thunderclap” Newman – Pianist.
Denise Robertson - Agony Aunt on I.T.V’s “This Morning”.
Ronnie Corbett - Comedian.
Sir Arnold Wesker – Playwright - one of the Angry Young Men and author of “Chips With Everything”.
Gareth Thomas – Actor – Title role in “Blake’s 7”.
Victoria Wood – Comedienne, actor, writer and national treasure.
John Disley – Olympic medal winner and joint founder of the London Marathon.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pat Marsh had sent John an email about air pollution and the closure of two monitoring sites in the Canterbury area. She had then followed this up with a further email to say that the reason the sites had been removed is because a comprehensive diffusion tube network across the city has been installed. (Documentation should be attached as APPENDIX 2 but copy quality is very poor so it has been omitted. If anyone requires to see the network JO will supply a hard copy on request.)

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 26 May 2016 at 7.30pm at the Wincheap Guest House.