

# *The Wincheap Society*

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30pm on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)**

**Present:** John Osborne (Chairman), Eddie Peake, Gillian Bull (had to leave at 7.50pm), Joe Passey, Pat Marsh, Ed Craven

1. Apologies for absence: Sarah Walter, Nick Eden-Green, Debra Johnson
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

### 3. Matters Arising

- i. Cycle Lanes

John has sent letters to the Council and Kent Highways about reducing the aggravation of cyclists on pavements by drawing a cycle lane on the pavement.

- ii. WinSoc Quiz Night (See later)

- iii. Canterbury Christ Church University Prison Plans

We have had a letter from CCCU about residents' reactions to the development plans and various issues which will be addressed. There are no plans to make any new student accommodation in the former Prison building.

- iv. Roger Britton Site

Delays in demolition are due to lack of fulfilment of the conditions set by the planning committee. Activity should resume in two months or so.

- v. A.G.M. Inquest

The Meeting went well. Cllr Nick Eden-Green gave an excellent talk on Thanington Park and the traffic implications. John will be sending out the minutes. The net cost was £45.59 (£20 for hire of the Hall and £25.59 for refreshments).

- vi. "BIMBY"

Pat reported back on the talk by the Princes Trust about the scheme to have Beauty in My Back Yard, basically a template for creating a Neighbourhood Plan. RAs can apply to have a workshop if they would like guidance on this.

vii. "Cleaning Up the Air We Breathe"

Pat reported on the meeting with Deputy Green Party Leader Shahrar Ali. He listed distressing facts, such as that 40,000 people a year die prematurely as a result of air pollution. The main cause of this is vehicle emissions. Drivers are most subject to these emissions which enter the vehicle via the ventilation system, but pedestrians – especially small children – are also at high risk. The number of deaths for Canterbury was 81 a few years ago.

The meeting agreed to set up a special apolitical pressure group to monitor and heighten awareness of the problem. Pat will keep us informed about this group.

viii. Wincheap Allotment Holders Quiz Night

Our team came third. It was an enjoyable evening. We will use their idea of a Summer Bingo instead of rolling pounds as last year in the interval during our Quiz.

ix. HE/FE Impact Review (renamed Student Impact Review)

The Social Theme Sub-Group of the Review, of which Pat is a member, had received some questions/comments from the recent conference to be answered by RAs. Pat will convey our answers to them to Lorna Ford at the Sub-Group. They were as follows:

35. How will you make sure that the recommendation to have student representatives on residents' association committees is implemented this time? (It was recommended by the previous review but not implemented.)

WinSoc committee considers liaison with student representatives is important but would not require them to be present at every meeting. Most of our business concerns planning matters and it would not be necessary for student reps to attend. We would definitely want to set up a channel of communication between a committee member and the proposed student champions to discuss any issues occurring in the Wincheap area and their resolution (to be reported back to the committee). However, we would like to invite the reps to a meeting once a year.

36. Meet your neighbours events – local residents, residents' association, students

We would certainly invite all concerned to take part in any events we host, such as the annual Quiz Night.

37. Greater communication needed between students and wider community

We are delighted that the universities are to introduce student champions in the next academic year. This should ensure good liaison with the community.

**Action: Pat**

4. Draft Local Plan Hearings

These will take place at the Franciscan International Study Centre from Tuesday to Thursday this week and will focus on discussion of new sites for development. Anyone may attend.

5. WinSoc Quiz Night – Provisional Arrangements

The Quiz Night will take place on Friday, 30th September. We should get advertising going by the end of August. Colin will be the quizmaster and we will supply some food. Teams will bring their own drink. Joe, Sarah and John will make up the questions. We will again have 20 photos of local sites for identification + six other rounds. As mentioned above, we will have an interval bingo-style item as at the Allotment Holders' Quiz and a raffle again.

**Action: Joe, Sarah, John**

6. Obituaries

No well-known people have died.

7. Any other business

i. Committee Members Membership Forms

These were issued to all concerned and should be returned to John with the appropriate fee.

ii. Wincheap play area

Ed has recently moved to a house on Victoria Road backing onto the playground. He commented on the beautiful trees on the site and the good equipment. However, he thought it would be a good idea to have a gateway at the back of the playground so that children from Wincheap School could have better access to it and use it.

John said the idea had been put to the Council on a previous occasion but rejected because of the ancient wall at the back, which he thought may have a preservation order on it. Nevertheless, it was agreed we could put the idea forward again. John will find the Council's exact grounds for refusal last time and Ed will contact the Council about it. We could also contact local play groups to find out what children would like to see there.

**Action: John, Ed**

8. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 22nd August at 7.30pm at 94 Wincheap (TBC)