

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30pm on Monday, 22nd August, 2016 at 94 Wincheap (thanks to Joe)

Present: John Osborne (Chairman), Gillian Bull, Sarah Walter, Joe Passey, Eddie Peake, Pat Marsh

1. Apologies for absence: Nick Eden-Green, Debra Johnson
2. The minutes of the last meeting of 18th July, 2016 were approved and signed as a correct account. John wanted to add to the minutes that he had thanked everyone for the gift he had received at the AGM.
3. Matters Arising
 - i. Cycle Lanes

No reply has yet been received from the Council or Kent Highways. John will write again and complain about the lack of response.

Action: John

- ii. Draft Local Plan

The Inspector will be holding a further hearing in September concerning the household projections from 2014.

- iii. Wincheap Playground

John has found the previous objection to opening a new gate at the back of the playground. The Council stated that there used to be a gate there but it was closed because it had become a gathering place for noisy teenagers. Both John and Pat commented that there was no sign that a gate had ever been cut out of the back wall. John has passed the information on to Ed Craven, who may wish to propose the opening of a back gate to the Council again.

4. WinSoc Quiz Night - Friday 30th September

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. We can have 10 tables of maximum 8 people each. We will put a card with the name of the person who booked the table on each table. We will advertise in the local paper in Ena's column and in local shops. Joe will take bookings. Sarah will prepare the ad.

Action: Sarah

i. Questions

Sarah thought we should ask for fewer dates in the questions and give the results after each round, not giving the papers back to groups because Sarah and Joe had a stream of objections about the marking last time. We will have eight question rounds, four then the photo round during the interval. The second half will start with the bingo, followed by three more question rounds.

ii. Photos for Photo Round

It was decided to have ten pictures for one point each. Only one answer would be correct and the judges' decision would be final.

iii. Interval Round – Bingo

John has begun to adapt the bingo from the Allotment Holders' Quiz with Wincheap shops, pubs etc. The idea was approved and John will complete it.

Action: John

iv. Catering

We decided to invite participants to bring their own food, drink, plates and glasses. We will just put some crisps on each table for nibbles and have some paper cups and plates available if required, as well as paper napkins. We will have a black bag for each table for rubbish.

v. Admission Charges

£4 was agreed on.

vi. Scoreboard

John will dig it out and get it ready.

Action: John

5. Obituaries – Deaths recorded since our last meeting

Harry Rabinowitz, British conductor and composer of TV and film music, eg *I Claudius*; **Caroline Aherne**, English comedian and BAFTA-winning writer and actress, “Mrs Merton”; **Frank Dickens**, cartoonist, creator of *Bristow* comic strip; **Kenny Baker**, English actor, R2-D2 in *Star Wars*; **Gordon Murray**, puppeteer, creator of *Trumpton*; **Ken Barrie**, voice actor and singer, *Postman Pat*; **Sylvia Peters**, BBC announcer and presenter, covered the Coronation; **Donald Henderson**, American epidemiologist, director of programme which eradicated smallpox; **Jean-Baptiste “Toots” Thielemans**, Belgian American jazz musician, harmonica

player; **Marni Nixon**, American soprano, voice double eg for Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*; **Arthur Hiller**, Canadian-American film director, eg *Love Story*; **Gary S. Paxton**, American record producer, eg *Monster Mash*; **Dave Swarbrick**, English folk musician and songwriter, fiddle player with Ian Campbell Folk Group, Fairport Convention; **Gerald Grosvenor**, 6th Duke of Westminster, billionaire landowner; **Canon Peter Heartfield**, formerly Chaplain and Prior of Canterbury, St John's Hospital and Harbledown, St Nicholas Hospital.

6. Any other business

- i. There will be a 'round the table' meeting with representatives of Quinn Estates about the 450 planned housing and office development opposite and adjacent to Cockering Rd, off Bramley Ave, at Thanington Resource Centre 3pm-5pm next Wednesday, 31st August. Any committee member can attend.
- ii. Re the Hollow Lane development of 52 houses: the consultation on the revised plans is open. CPRE and others have already objected because of lack of wildlife protection and hedging promised, the right of way being ignored, the style of houses changed, the lack of space for visitors' parking, and of a cycle path. The only issue which seems to have been addressed to any extent is drainage. The planning application number is 16/00413. Gillian will circulate more information about it. Pentland Homes is again the developer here, as for Thanington Park. They are highly underfunded and overstretched and it was thought CCC hadn't done due diligence on them.

Action: Gillian

- iii. There has been a complaint from a local resident about the noise of heavy metal music from The Maiden's Head. Sarah will email her and assure her of our support. She will also go to monitor the noise if informed when it is occurring.

Action: Sarah

- iv. Wincheap Butchers is opening up as an Italian restaurant soon.

7. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 3rd October at 7.30pm at 53 Wincheap