

# *The Wincheap Society*

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday,  
24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 53 Wincheap, Canterbury

**Present:** John Osborne (Chairman), Gillian Bull, Ed Craven, Nick Eden-Green, Pat Marsh

1. Apologies for absence: Eddie Peake
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising
  - i. Wincheap Playground – Consultation

The exhibition at the Jubilee Hall was well attended and Rebecca Booth from CCC said it was the best event of the kind they had ever had. 57 people filled in the questionnaire at the end and the quality of the feedback was good. She thought there was an exceptional community spirit in Wincheap.

The results of the consultation showed a clear preference for one of the designs. There were many comments that a sandpit had been missed out of both designs and CCC will require this facility in the final design.

A very constructive consultation was also held at Wincheap School.

Ed went to the CCC meeting and found that the plans had been adapted in accordance with the comments in the consultation. One of the designs has now been selected.

The development will begin in the middle of June and should be finished by the end of July. In September the paths will be resurfaced by CCC.

The Wellingtonia has had all its branches cut off but will remain as it is and the trunk will not be cut down. Another tree has also been removed as it was dead.

Ed has commented that the Wincheap entrance with its rusting railings is not welcoming, but CCC are not making any commitments on that. Another sticking-point is the back gate, which was not approved by everyone in the consultation because of fears of anti-social behaviour around it.

The question of public conveniences has not been resolved. The building was sold for £45,000 in 2014 but no developments have been made.

It was agreed that WinSoc should write to the Council and point out that, if they are spending all this money on the redevelopment of the playground, they should make sure

it is attractive to potential users. It is also extremely undesirable to have children having to go along heavily-polluted Wincheap to enter the playground. Ed will draft a letter from WinSoc after he has heard from the Council on decisions pending.

**Action: Ed**

ii. Quinn Estates

Gillian will attend the meeting on 9th May at 3pm at TNRC.

**Action: Gillian**

iii. Clean Air Campaign

Monitoring of particulates in the pilot project on St Dunstan's by volunteers recruited by the University of Kent has now ended. The provisional results are shocking in the high levels they show. When results have been calibrated and publicised, monitoring in other areas will begin. Wincheap will probably be one of the first as it is already in an Air Quality Management Zone.

iv. Finance – Additional Signatory

Pat will be the additional signatory. We have £4,700 in the bank, of which £4,500 is held for the Hop Garden Way resurfacing. John will chase this up.

**Action: John**

v. Additional Committee Members

Pat will speak to Barney Parsons and John will ask Debra if her friend will join us.

**Action: Pat, John**

vi. Website

We'll ask Michael to the next meeting to discuss this.

**Action: John**

vii. Local Government Devolution

This has been called off because Shepway District Council voted against it and the merger wouldn't work with just the remaining three councils.

viii. Next Generation Dance Studio Quiz Night

This didn't take place but it is hoped to reschedule it.

4. Fourth Slip Road Plans

The Lib Dems have made a detailed analysis of the plans and made their objections in a Focus publication, which residents have received. Nick will email the plans to John, Pat, Gillian and Ed in a clearer version. WinSoc can make representations to both KCC and CCC on our views. It would be good to do this asap. Gillian will write a letter on this.

**Action: Gillian**

5. The Great Get-Together

This is planned for Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon to 3pm in the Westgate Hall. It is to celebrate Canterbury, bringing together people from all over the world who make up our city to share food and music together. All are invited and welcome. Pat will send the invitation round to members and also mention looking for new committee members.

**Action: Pat**

6. Obituaries – Deaths recorded since our last meeting

**Colin Dexter**, English crime writer (*Inspector Morse*); **Carl Perkins**, American singer-songwriter (*Blue Suede Shoes*); **Emma Morano**, Italian, the oldest living person in the world at the age of 117; **Brian Matthew**, broadcaster, BBC pop music presenter

7. Any other business

i. HE/FE Community Working Group

Pat will be one of the six RA representatives nominated by ACRA and Ed will substitute if she can't attend any meeting.

ii. The Death of Municipal England?

The Canterbury Society has arranged a talk by Tom Crewe based on his article in the London Review of Books. It takes place on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, at 11am at the Old Sessions House, Canterbury Christ Church University.

iii. Archive films on Canterbury

Tim Jones will present these films, originally shown in 2004, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in PGO9 of the Powell Building, Christ Church University. £5 on the door.

iv. A KFAS public Facebook group has been set up.

v. OHSCA is acting to get the old St Mary's School building on Pin Hill listed. John has sent a letter of support.

vi. John will write a letter to the Dean and Chapter to appeal about the closure of independent businesses around the Cathedral because of the large increases in rents and business rates.

**Action: John**

8. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at 40, Scott Avenue (thanks to Gillian)