

The Wincheap Society

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society
at 7.30 pm on Monday, 30th April 2018
at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)**

Present: John Osborne (Chairman), Ed Craven, Barney Parsons, Gillian Bull, Derek Maslin, Pat Marsh, Nick Eden-Green

1. Apologies for absence: Eddie Peake
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting 19th March, 2018

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising.

- i. Playground – Barriers up – gate spring still needs attention

The paving is being done and looks good. There is no news on the back gate.

- ii. Litter Pick

21 people joined in the litter pick on Sunday, 29th April, including two children. Several had never done a litter pick before and enjoyed this one – it was a real social occasion. 30 sacks of rubbish were collected and finds included a talking toilet seat and half a child's bike, as well as a mattress and traffic cone. The litter pick with photo of participants was reported in The Canterbury Journal and on the Council's Facebook page.

- iii. Breach of Duty of Care / 4th Slip / two-way slip

The planning application for the fourth slip road is to be considered tomorrow, alongside four other major planning applications. It is now one year since we sent our first letter about the problems for long vehicles to negotiate the planned road and we have still not received a proper response. We are simply sent the consultants' drawings showing that lorries of 1998 standrads can deal with the corners. The new juggernauts haven't been considered. Gillian will now close the file on this as we have more than enough evidence of breach of duty of care.

- iv. Canterbury Society Vision update

Barney and Derek attended the meeting. Geoff Meaden made a presentation and said RAs should fill in a new questionnaire to reformulate a Vision since the Local Plan has

meant some of the previous Vision can now not be achieved. The attendees queried the formulation of some of the questions at the meeting and the questionnaire is being reformulated.

v. CA//18/00363 – 61 Wincheap – windows

There is no decision yet but comments say the style of the windows should match the previous ones.

vi. Thomas Becket Celebration – ideas

None yet.

vii. Wincheap Subway

No news. It will come up at CAMP on 11th June and Nick hopes to have all the plans ready by then.

viii. CA//18/00436 – 21 Wincheap – change of use

Ann Bignold contacted us from the Captain's Cabin because she missed the comments deadline and wanted our support in making representations to the Council. She wanted to draw attention to the litter situation, which will get worse. We mentioned this in our comments.

ix. ACRA Event on the NHS

This will be an information-sharing session to familiarise RAs with the Sustainability and Transformation plans for East Kent on Saturday 2nd June. It will take place from 11.30am to 12.30pm at St Dunstan's Church Hall. Members should let Pat know if they want to attend on behalf of WinSoc.

x. CA//18/00514 – Land at Hollow Lane - fencing (railings)

The railings have been put up before permission has been granted! The developers are doing what they want on this site. We have complained about this. John will send the letter of complaint to Nick so he can follow it up with the Planning Officer concerned.

4. Obituaries - Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Verne Troyer, American actor, Mini-Me in the *Austin Powers* film series; **R. Lee Ermey**, Gunnery Sergeant Hartman in *Full Metal Jacket*; **Dale Winton**, English radio DJ and TV presenter (*Supermarket Sweep*); **Barbara Bush**, former First Lady of U.S.A. as wife of President George H.W. Bush, mother of President George W. Bush; **Michael Martin**, British Labour politician, former Speaker of The House Of Commons; **John Brookes**, garden and landscape designer; **Ruth Nussenzweig**, Austrian-Brazilian immunologist specialising in the development of malaria vaccines; **Guy Playfair**, British writer best known for books on parapsychology (the Enfield Poltergeist); **Bob Bura**, English animator (*Trumpton* and *Camberwick Green*); **Neil**

Shand, British TV comedy writer.

5. Any other business

- i. John talked to eight Network Rail employees by the Wincheap railway bridge last week. They are going to do the maintenance work and remove graffiti, for which the road will be closed at night. They were non-committal about allowing us to paint over the graffiti – they will be power-washing it off.
- ii. Ida Linfield has asked for points for the agenda from WinSoc for the meeting she is organising with KCC Transport Portfolio Holder Mike Whiting on 15th May in the afternoon. Pat will submit the agenda Nick proposed and he will attend on behalf of WinSoc.

Action: Pat

- iii. Gillian has been in touch with a filmmaker who wants to make a film about the Council's treatment of planning applications. He likes the spoof PR report on the website. Nick has sent him some information.
- iv. The AGM is coming up in July. John will prepare an agenda for it for the next committee meeting.

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- v. The KFAS AGM is on 26th May at Lenham and will include a workshop about communicating with members.
- vi. We have received an invitation from Laura Sandys to attend the President's Lunch on 13th July in the Abode Hotel.
- vii. John wondered whether we might have views on the planning application on land adjacent to 11-12 Best Lane. The Olive Grove restaurant wants to use part of the square for their tables and chairs. It is public open space but tends to be used by drug- and alcohol-dependent people. It was agreed to leave it to the local residents to comment.
- viii. The meeting on improvements to the Dane John Gardens which was to take place on 23rd May has been postponed and we have no new date for it yet.
- ix. Council meeting on Heritage Strategy – the Canterbury workshop will be held on 24th May in Canterbury Baptist Church. Anyone who wants to attend can get tickets on eventbrite.
- x. There is a Love to Paint event on 28th May. Participants will be making a community mural outside Canterbury East Snooker Hall. It is organised by Cathy Sales and sponsored by Club Chemistry (owned by Cllr Louise Jones). They are looking for volunteer helpers and anyone interested should contact John.

6. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 4th June, 7.30pm at 40 Scott Avenue (thanks to Gillian)