

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 15th October 2018 at 53, Wincheap (thanks to John)

Present: John Osborne (Chairman), Barney Parsons, Gillian Bull, Ed Craven, Pat Marsh

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Nick Eden-Green, Eddie Peake, Derek Maslin
2. Minutes of the last Meeting 3rd September, 2018
3. Matters Arising.
 - i. Subway

No news to report.

- ii. CA//18/00436 - 21Wincheap

This application remains undecided.

- iii. Quiz Night (ours)

This will happen in the New Year.

- iv. HE / FE Student Community Operations

Pat drafted a letter about bins on the pavement in Martyrs Field Rd and York Rd to leave with residents and put through the door of those who aren't at home when visited. She, Barney and Derek are going to visit each house on Martyrs Field Road and York Rd with bins continually on the pavement and explain about bin collections and keeping bins behind the houses.

Pat also reported back on the Street Marshals Scheme, which is now in its fourth year. The stunning 30% reduction in the number of noise complaints in student-rich areas like ours has been consistent over the three years and satisfaction on the side of both residents and students is high. There has never been one complaint of any kind against any street marshal. In view of the excellent results of the scheme, it was agreed by the steering committee (where Pat represents all South Canterbury RAs) to extend Rightguard's contract for another four-year term rather than carrying out a new tendering exercise.

Action: Pat, Derek, Barney

- v. Martyrs Field Road parking

Pat hasn't yet taken action on this.

Action: Pat

vi. Bus Service along Wincheap / New Bus Stop

John has written a letter to Stagecoach, focussing on the lack of a frequent and regular service to the William Harvey Hospital, especially now the Stroke Unit has been transferred there from Canterbury. Stagecoach has said there is poor take-up of the No. 1 service and they have no plans for an improved service to Ashford, only from Ashford to Canterbury. Of course, a decent service needs to be in place for more people to start using it.

John also pointed out the need for a bus stop on the Rheims Way to serve the developments on both sides of the ring road. He has not yet received a response.

vii. Cooper's Lane

The right of way notice has been erased, although it is still on the cycle map as PROW CC68. John will call back next week when he is promised more details.

Action: John

viii. Hop Garden Way

The authorities don't seem to know anything about the resurfacing for which we hold the funds. They will get back to us in seven days.

ix. Christmas Window Display Competition

The flyer is ready for distribution to the 35 businesses on Wincheap. Each committee member was assigned certain ones to visit and tell about the competition from the beginning of November. Barney will organise a trophy for the winner, which will be engraved. He will also prepare some laminated certificates. The runner-up prizes will be boxes of chocolate biscuits. We will send the results to the Wincheap correspondent of the Kentish Gazette for publication.

Action: All

x. Quiz Nights (others)

John's team won the Headway Quiz by a substantial margin and the WinSoc team won the Allotment Holders' Quiz.

xii. Cockering Road (Camilla Swire)

There is no news on this as both Camilla and Nick are away till 20th October.

xiii. St Mary Bredin old schoolhouse

The developers have lodged an appeal but it has been returned to them owing to incorrect paperwork.

4. Obituaries - Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Burt Reynolds, American actor (*Deliverance*); **Rachel Bland**, Welsh journalist and Radio 5 Live presenter (*You, Me and the Big C*); **Liz Frazer**, English actress

(*Carry On* films); **Johnny Kingdom**, English wildlife filmmaker and photographer; **Fenella Fielding**, English actress ("*England's first lady of the double entendre*"); **Dudley Sutton**, English actor (Tinker Dill in *Lovejoy*); **Arthur Mitchell**, the first African-American dancer with the New York City Ballet, choreographer, and founder and director of ballet companies; **Dennis Norden**, English comedy writer and TV presenter; **Chas Hodges**, English musician and singer, lead vocalist of Chas and Dave; **John Cunliffe**, Postman Pat author; **Otis Rush**, American Blues guitarist and singer-songwriter; **Charles Aznavour**, French-Armenian singer (*She*); **Geoffrey Hayes**, host of children's show *Rainbow*; **Geoff Emerick**, Beatles' chief recording engineer; **Ray Galton**, comedy scriptwriter (with Alan Simpson).

5. Any other business

- i. The Kentish Gazette reported on the grot spot between the back of B&M and the Stour in Wincheap. It seems to have been discovered by the Friends of Kingsmead Field as having rubbish dumped and a tent encampment. It is Council land that will be turned over to the Park & Ride extension and Sian Pettman of FKF said: "But it's an area of land which nobody seems to take responsibility for."
- ii. It has been revealed that more complaints have been upheld against Canterbury City Council than any other local authority in Kent. Seven out of 35 complaints against the Council were upheld and they were ordered to pay a total of £1,400 in compensation between March 2017 and March 2018. Five of the seven complaints related to planning and the remainder to housing matters.
- iii. Some Wincheap residents have received a questionnaire from the LibDems on local concerns. The Party is interested to hear residents' responses on housing, the environment, transport and the new hospital.
- iv. KCC's Big Conversation on bus services has come to an end after 12 public meetings, one in each part of the District, 4 parish seminars and 4 focus group workshops. They have received 2,355 responses to the consultation. There will be a Bus Summit on 30th October, 6pm-8pm in Maidstone, providing an overview of the consultation report. Participants need an invitation to attend. No one from our committee can attend but John will send a letter to comment again on the lack of buses between Canterbury and Ashford's William Harvey Hospital.

Action: John

- v. In order to raise money for the Judicial Reviews already launched (one to challenge the Secretary of State for failing to call in the Mountfield Park application and the other to challenge CCC's Local Plan) copies of a 1799 map are being sold. To get a copy go to

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/canterburyairpollution>

- vi. The Kent Federation of Amenity Societies is holding an EGM regarding plans for the future with regard to the current crisis in civic society. The Meeting will be held in the CPRE offices, Queenshead House, Ashford Rd, Charing on 3rd November from 10am.
- vii. Canterbury Heritage Design Forum is hosting a jazz and blues evening with two bands at St Paul's Church Hall, Church St on 10th November, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Tickets are £10.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday, 3rd December 7.30pm at 53, Wincheap