

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 22nd July 2019 at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Nick Eden-Green
2. Minutes of the last meeting 24th June, 2019

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

i. Subway

The lights have now been sorted out. The installation of the film in the tunnel is still scheduled for August. The railing has been repaired (KCC's responsibility).

ii. Bus Stop

John hasn't been able to contact Ruth Goudie yet.

iii. Financial Affairs (see later)

iv. Website re-configuration

Barney hasn't been able to get his friend to look at the website yet. He may ask another friend for help with getting the wordpress documents on with the graphics.

Action: Barney

v. Playground

Rebecca Booth responded that she will pass on our comments, although trees are preferred to hedges for absorbing toxic emissions from the traffic. Ed will resurrect the issue of the back entrance again because of the air pollution on Wincheap and children currently having to go along Wincheap to access the playground. Derek mentioned the possibility of pooling his and Nick's community grants to finance installing the back gate.

vi. Adopt-a-phone-box

There is no possibility of having the phone box restored by BT. John will look into having it done in some other way.

Action: John

vii. Quiz Night

Joe is spending a lot of time away now so we'll have to organise it ourselves. We've pencilled in Friday, 18th October at 7.30pm for it. John will check if Jubilee Hall is available. John will ask Chris Ives of the Allotment Association to make up the questions. We should have a "local" round.

Action: John

viii. Former Mary Bredin School

John sent a letter to the Planning Inspectorate saying the views we put forward in CCC's consultation still stand.

4. AGM Inquest

John felt he had too much to say in his Chairman's Report but it was inevitable with all our activity over the year. Next time we should try to get a feature in the local paper and have posters up in the area to publicise the AGM and get more local people attending.

The guest speaker from Love Hambrook Marshes was interesting and had some excellent photos.

5. Financial Affairs

John will get the right forms to change the name of our Treasurer.

Action: John

6. Obituaries - Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting.

Christopher Booker, co-founder of *Private Eye* and *Sunday Telegraph* columnist; **Dr Henry Lynch**, American physician noted for his research into genetic links to cancer; **Judith Krantz**, American romance novelist; **Duncan Lamont**, saxophonist, composer, arranger; **César Pelli**, Argentinian-American architect (Petronas Towers Kuala Lumpur and One Canada Square); **David Winters**, English-American actor/dancer featured in *West Side Story*; **Denise Nickerson**, American child actress (Violet Beauregarde in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*); **Freddie Jones**, English character actor; **João Gilberto**, pioneer of bossa nova music; **John McCririck**, flamboyant horse racing pundit; **Audrey Eyton**, co-founder of Slimming magazine (F-Plan diet).

7. Any other business

- i. Dane John Gardens are closed at five entrances at night for six months in order to reduce anti-social behaviour. Comments can be emailed to the Council.
- ii. Gillian, Nick and Pat are having a meeting with Rosie Duffield, MP next Tuesday, 30th July. We will be asking how she feels about her dismissive

treatment by the Dept for Transport and Highways England and showing her diagrams of how the A2 off slip could be substantially improved and the Park & Ride left where it is.

- iii. It was agreed we should seek a meeting with Cllr Rob Thomas, now Council Leader, about having a Council review of the various road plans for the Thanington area in the light of the declared climate emergency. These have been made in isolation from each other and have resulted in tortuous and unsafe routes, especially for HGVs, and a requirement to extend the Wincheap Park & Ride down to the riverbank. We should present viable alternatives, which will be safer and more logical. They would take the road layout in the Thanington and Wincheap areas as a connected whole and make changes in line with greater road safety and reduced air pollution.
- iv. Canterbury Society public meeting 7.30pm 5th September at Friends Meeting House on what bus services we want.
- v. Saturday 29th July 2pm-4pm Fun Day in Christian Community Church grounds on Wincheap.
- vi. Ed was hit by a bike on the pavement outside the Round House. There should be a sign at the end of the cycle path on Station Road East telling cyclists to dismount at that point. The problem of cyclists on the pavement is a national issue which should be dealt with.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday, 2nd September at 7.30pm at 53 Wincheap