

# *The Wincheap Society*

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)**

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Nick Eden-Green

2. Minutes of the last meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2019

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising

i. Subway

The film has now been installed in the tunnel and looks very impressive. Some tiles need repairing but the main work is now completed and this item can be removed from our agenda.

ii. Bus Stop

There will be a tripartite meeting dealing with this in October.

iii. Website

Barney will get in touch with his contact. All the reports from Gillian's wordpress blog (required because the current website can't display the graphics) should be transferred to our new website so Gillian can close the blog.

**Action: Barney**

iv. Playground

No news from Ed.

v. Adopt-a-phone-box

John has got no further on this yet.

vi. Quiz Night (see later)

vii. Former Mary Bredin School

The informal hearing has been postponed but no new date has been set.

viii. Financial Affairs

The handover process from Ed to Barney as Treasurer is now complete and John has entrusted all the Treasurer's records, cheque book, cash in hand etc. to Barney.

ix. Meeting with Rosie Duffield

Our MP's assistant apologised for the cancellation of the meeting but has still not come back to us about a new date. Rosie has been in Thanington, however, listening to residents' complaints about the dust, dirt and rats caused by the Pentland construction work.

x. Canterbury Society – Bus services

Barney attended the meeting. He reported that Stagecoach and the Council are very proud of their new electric bus service from and to the Sturry Rd Park & Ride.

They again said a regular bus service to Ashford and Margate Hospitals is uneconomic. The problem with the Ashford service is the inordinate length of time the manual level crossing in Wye is closed (reportedly 40 minutes every hour).

They also complained about having to subsidise young people's bus passes, although they now cost £360 a year and there is little subsidy compared with in the past.

xi. Park and Ride expansion and Save Wincheap Water Meadows campaign

The consultation has now closed. There are 900 responses, so as many people who contributed to the first consultation appear to have taken the trouble to do so again; most of the respondents appear to have responded the first time round. Save Wincheap Water Meadows produced 2,000 fliers urging residents to respond to the new consultation and distributed them to walkers and cyclists on the Great Stour Way, as well as to neighbouring residents. WinSoc committee members delivered 500 of them in Thanington and Wincheap.

4. Quiz Night

- i. Date – Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019
- ii. Time – 7pm for 7.30pm
- iii. Venue – Scout Hall, Heaton Road
- iv. Question Setter and Question Master – Chris & Cheryl Ives
- v. Format – seven rounds of ten questions. Picture round for the interval (John's already prepared this) and Wincheap Bingo (done). £5 a ticket and 6-8 in a team.
- vii. Participants to bring their own food and drink – we'll supply nibbles.

**Action: Barney**

viii. Prizes for winners and bingo – Barney will get a case of 12 bottles of wine, one each for the winners and Chris and Cheryl. The booby prizes for the team coming last will be chocolate bars and the bingo prize a nice box of chocolates.

**Action: Barney**

ix. Raffle – Gillian will donate a bottle of Prosecco and John will ask local businesses for donations. The prizes will be numbered in accordance with the sequence of tickets drawn. We may donate the proceeds to CHDF, which has been asking for donations.

**Action: Gillian, John**

Pat will send out a mailing to members with all the details of the Quiz Night and John's telephone number and email for tickets. We can have a maximum of 9 tables with 6-8 on a team. The committee will have their own team, although John will have to sit out the picture round as he's prepared that.

**Action: Pat**

5. Litter Round Table

Ed represents us at the Litter Round Table and we'll ask him to update us.

**Action: Ed**

6. Christmas Window Display Competition

This will follow last year's format. Barney will have another trophy made for the winner but we won't start advertising the competition until November.

**Action: Barney**

7. Obituaries

**Tim Bell**, Lord Bell of Belgravia, PR guru to Margaret Thatcher; **Robert Mugabe**, Zimbabwean freedom fighter, later Prime Minister and then President

8. Any other business

i. Michael Rundell wrote to the Council about the removal of the bollards on Castle Street. He was informed this is a temporary measure to enable a diversion while security bollards were installed elsewhere in the city centre. They will be returned.

ii. As Pat's move to Wye seems to be going smoothly, she urged the committee to consider who will replace her as WinSoc rep at ACRA, the Street Marshals Scheme steering group and HE/FE Community Group. Barney is going to talk to various Wincheap residents who might be interested in joining the committee.

**Action: Barney**

9. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30pm at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)