

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 27th January 2020 at 53 Wincheap (thanks to John)

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

1. Apologies for absence: Ed Craven, Cllr Nick Eden-Green
2. Minutes of the last Meeting 25th November, 2019

The minutes were signed as a correct account. It was noted that the date of the January meeting had been changed from 20th to 27th.

3. Matters Arising

i. Bus Stop

No further news.

ii. Website Revamp

Pat met Ed Ludlow of Ed IT Computing, who runs the Canterbury Society website. She gave him details of the current website manager, Matt Smith, and Ed subsequently got permission from him to take over.

Ed will charge £80 max. for the site revamp (2 hours' work) and will postpone his £75 annual fee till after our AGM in June/July so we can raise some more funds then from members' subscriptions. Barney will check that the annual fee will include the domain name renewal.

Barney will be taking over the website from Pat and has met Ed to discuss details. The website will be WordPress so it can take Gillian's graphics. Barney suggested it has a gallery with old photos and new of our area. He asked members to send him photos and will be asking a local photographer to take pictures of local scenes.

The launch of the new website could coincide with the Quiz Night.

Action: Barney

iii. Adopt-a-phone-box

No further news.

iv. Former St Mary Bredin School Appeal

The appeal was upheld and a new block of student accommodation will be built on the site.

v. New Committee Members

No news yet.

vi. Club Chemistry Lighting

The Council has looked into this and found that no permission was required for the lighting.

vii. Student Accommodation - Gordon Road

We have missed the date for objections but there have been six or seven objections from residents.

viii. Christmas Window Display Competition – Results

For the second year running the Wincheap Society ran its window display competition for businesses on the Wincheap Road last December.

The winner was Clothesline and the runners-up were Elite Tyres (last year's winners).

Highly commended were Canterbury Lighting and Cosi Stoves.

Commended were Topsy Fish, Gurkha Dine, Paula's and The Maiden's Head.

Our thanks go to all who decorated their windows and helped brighten up Wincheap at this time of year.

ix. Park and Ride Extension

Richard Buxton Environmental and Public Law solicitors have undertaken the first stage of a Judicial Review (JR) of the Council's planning committee approval of the plans for the P&R Extension onto the water meadows. This involves getting permission to have a Judicial Review from the Planning Court. The Court's decision should be published soon.

The case is being brought by CPRE as no individual wanted to front it, but the Save Wincheap Water Meadows group (of which The Wincheap Society is a member) has an agreement to put up half of the costs. They initially launched a crowdfunder to raise £5,000 for their costs in the first step in the procedure. This target was met within a matter of days by generous donations from local residents, with one anonymous Wincheap Society member pledging £500. If granted permission to proceed with the JR, we will need to raise another £10,000.

There was a successful event to raise awareness of the plans to build the car park on the water meadows at 12 noon on Saturday, 7th December in the city centre. Richard Navarro and friends sang the specially composed song and other protest songs and volunteers handed out fliers.

x. Greenpeace Quiz – Friday 31st January, 2020

We won't be entering a team.

4. Obituaries – Deaths Recorded Since Our Last Meeting

Gary Rhodes, British chef and TV personality; **Clive James**, Australian critic, journalist, broadcaster and writer; **Jonathan Miller**, English satirist, theatre and opera director; **Irving Burgie**, American musician and songwriter (“Day-O”, “Island in the Sun”); **Bob Willis**, English cricketer; **David Bellamy**, English botanist and TV presenter; **Rev David Coles**, partner of Rev Richard Coles; **Martin Peters**, English footballer (scored second goal in 1966 World Cup); **Tony Britton**, English actor (*Robin’s Nest*); **Marie Fredriksson**, Swedish singer-songwriter, lead vocalist of duo Roxette; **Allee Willis**, American songwriter, co-composer of *Friends* theme; **Jerry Herman**, American composer and lyricist (*Hello, Dolly!*); **Bobby Vee**, American singer-songwriter (“Take Good Care of My Baby”); **Kenny Lynch**, English singer-songwriter (“Up on the Roof”); **Alasdair Gray**, Scottish writer and artist (*Lanark*); **Neil Innes**, English writer, comedian and musician (Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band); **Georges Duboeuf**, French wine merchant, “The Pope of Beaujolais”, founder of Beaujolais Nouveau Day; **Pete Frates**, American promoter of “The Ice Bucket Challenge”; **Tony Garnett**, British film and TV producer (*Cathy Come Home* and *Kes*); **Christopher Tolkien**, English editor and academic, son of J.R.R.; **Terry Jones**, Welsh comedian, writer, film director and historian (*Monty Python’s Flying Circus*); **Peter Hobday**, co-presenter of Radio 4’s *Today* programme and BBC Two’s *Money Programme*; **Lawrence Lyle**, one of the founders of the Canterbury Archaeological Trust.

6. Any other business

- i. The Great British Spring Clean will take place between 20th March and 13th April. We will plan a local litter pick. John will contact Ed about this.

Action: John

- ii. Barney has paid our ACRA subs. Canterbury Society subs are due. John will find out how much is required.

Action: John

- iii. Jan Pahl is retiring as Canterbury Society Chair and John will send a letter to her thanking her for all her work.

Action: John

- iv. CCC are putting up car parking charges and making a minimum of one hour. The consultation has closed on this.

- v. KCC want to stop parking in the upper part of Wincheap from Hollow Lane up to the traffic lights to assist traffic flow. We don't think there is a problem as two buses can pass each other in that section. Our Wincheap councillors have put in an objection to closing those parking spaces as they are an important amenity for local residents.

- vi. Barney had attended the UoK Community Group meeting with the Vice-Chancellor. The Community Liaison Officer has gone and the student

community champions have also been axed.

7. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 2nd March at 7.30pm at 53 Wincheap