

The Wincheap Society

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of The Wincheap Society at 7.30 pm on Monday, 4th September, 2017 at 40 Scott Avenue (Thanks to Gillian)

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

1. Apologies for absence: Eddie Peake, Nick Eden-Green, Ed Craven, Debra Johnson
2. The Minutes of the last Meeting 3rd July, 2017

The minutes were signed as a correct account.

3. Matters Arising
 - i. Playground – Official Opening, ideas, progress

John and Hilary attended the opening by the Mayor. The playground is being well used. John proposed one of the big lumps of timber from the felled Wellingtonia should be retained as a seat and we could sponsor a replacement for the tree. It was agreed that a hedge would be better than a fence on Wincheap to help shield the playground from pollution. John will ask Ed to talk to the Council about the spring on the gate, which has been attached incorrectly. The Council will be doing the paths but there is no news on the back gate yet.

Gillian suggested we should use Ed's contacts at the Council to look at the Birch Rd playground.

Action: John, Ed

- ii. Quinn Estates – Jubilee Hall

There is no news on Quinn's offer to make improvements to the Hall. John will send previous ideas to them for their consideration.

Action: John

- iii. Clean Air

Ashley Mills of the University of Kent air quality monitoring project has told Gillian that they actually have a commitment from Simon Wright of Corinthian developments to fund a fixed network that covers all of Canterbury, with all data made public through the university. If he is true to his word, there will be coverage of Wincheap and we will have realtime ongoing data. However, that might take a few more months. If we want to do

something in the interim, he can lend out the equipment to us (the same equipment used for St Dunstan's). He can set it up with the chosen locations, and create an editable "time sheet" like they had for St Dunstan's. WinSoc could find volunteers.

Pat said her opinion on this has changed somewhat. Wincheap is already in an Air Quality Management Zone, so there is acceptance that the air quality is a problem. She doesn't think that finding out exactly how much of a problem will change anything, especially with just a few days of data. She is also very much in two minds about elderly people like us doing this without proper protection. We all know air pollution is now recognised as a cause of dementia.

It was thought best to keep reminding everyone that Corinthian has promised to set up a fixed network and ensure that they consult people like Ashley and Stephen Peckham about the measuring equipment used and the pollutants to be measured. It is important that we get much better and more reliable data than currently available from the diffusion tubes on Wincheap.

On reflection, it was agreed it was a bad idea for anyone to be standing around on Wincheap for hours to get data which will be of limited usefulness but could seriously affect their health, especially as we understand there are no masks which keep out particulates.

- iv. Finance – Signatories confirmed
- v. Website and links

Gillian will provide Pat with links to the new articles and Pat will register the website with Google analytics so we can see how many visitors we have etc.

Action: Gillian, Pat

- vi. Slip Road etc.

Nick has finally been sent documents relevant to the 4th slip road from KCC, and has had email correspondence with Highways England. He has also met the person at CCC who has taken over this part of their portfolio. Gillian prepared a document for Nick to give to him, and then produced two documents for the website. These have been sent to councillors and will be sent to KCC/CCC and Highways England with a covering email from WinSoc.

Gillian has also looked at two Applications to CCC's Planning dept 17/01802 and 01803. One of these was relevant to the 4th slip road and is dealt with in the Comments document. The other is relevant to Thanington Park access, and Gillian has added a note

about it to the relevant section of that Report.

Regarding the Thanington Park Access report, this is now on wincheapcampaigns.wordpress.com.

vii. A.G.M. Inquest

We had a reasonable attendance and it was good to get to know Cllr Northey, who sent his congratulations to the person who put together the first prize in the raffle – John will pass on his congratulations to Debra. John will also check with Debra whether there are still any expenses outstanding for the A.G.M..

Action: John

viii. Planning application CA//17/01263 - 190 Wincheap

This has not yet been decided.

ix. Planning Application CA//17/01459 - Play Islands

This was granted but the opening hours reduced to 10pm on Mon-Wed, 11pm Thurs-Sat and 9.30pm on Sundays.

x. New Street bin collections

Serco lorries cannot get up the road because cars are parked on both sides of the road. This means emergency services also cannot get access. We will suggest to CCC that the length of one side of the road has double yellow lines, although this is not popular with residents.

4. Obituaries

Bruce Forsyth, English presenter, actor, comedian, singer, dancer, and screenwriter whose career spanned more than 75 years; **Robert Hardy**, English actor who enjoyed a long career in the theatre, film and television (Winston Churchill in *Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years* (1981); **Glenn Campbell**, American singer, guitarist, songwriter, television host, and actor, best known for a series of hits in the 1960s and 1970s, and for hosting a music and comedy variety show called *The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour*; **Sam Shephard**, American playwright, actor, author, screenwriter, and director, whose body of work spanned half a century (*Fool for Love*); **Walter Becker**, American musician, songwriter, and record producer, best known as the co-founder, guitarist, bassist, and co-songwriter of Steely Dan; **Brian Aldiss**, English writer and anthologies editor, best known for science fiction novels and short stories (*Super-Toys Last All Summer Long*, the basis for the film *A.I.*); **Jerry Lewis**, American comedian, actor, singer, producer, director, screenwriter, and humanitarian, best known for his slapstick humour; **Richard Gordon** (pen name of Gordon

Ostlere), English surgeon and anaesthetist, writer of numerous novels, screenplays for film and television and accounts of popular history, mostly dealing with the practice of medicine (*Doctor in the House*); **Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor**, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

5. Any other business

- i. The very bad service from Serco recently was noted eg since Martyrs Field Rd collections have changed to Fridays the recycling has not been collected for several days. There seems to be a management problem involved here.
- ii. John will write to the KCC officer responsible about the Hop Garden Way work we have the funds for.

Action: John

- iii. Litter Roundtable – Pat will ask at the next meeting about cooperation with Network Rail on erasing graffiti – it is currently bad under the Wincheap railway bridge.

Action: Pat

- iv. Guy Holloway wants to demolish St Mary Bredin School (the Swiss-chalet style building on Pin Hill). On 8th, 9th, 10th September there will be an exhibition in Palamon Court of the plans for the student accommodation to replace it. The committee wonders whether we really need more student accommodation and whether a historic building should be demolished to build it.
- v. The Headway Quiz Night will be held on Friday 15th September at Headway House, Kent & Canterbury Hospital.

6. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 2nd October 2017 at 46 Martyrs Field Rd (thanks to Barney)