

THE CHARLTON SOCIETY

Notes from Zoom Committee meeting

WEDNESDAY 4th November 2020

Connected: Angela Burr (AB) Ruth Dodson (RD), Geoff Cooper (GC), David Gardner (DG), Carol Kenna (CK), Pauline Langley (PL) Roden Richardson (RR).

- ***Apologies***

Rick Newman (RN), Seraphim Newman-Norton.

- ***Minutes from October***

CK explained she had not had time to produce these. It was believed that the main business had been preparation for the Charlton Village Exhibition.

- ***Matters arising***

The White Swan: The planning committee had been postponed until November 12th 2020. The following people were registered to speak: CK for Charlton society; RD as a resident; Gary Parker Charlton Cllr. Cllrs. Linda Perks and David Gardner would not be able to participate in the discussion; Gary Dillon would.

- ***Review of the Charlton Village Street Exhibition***

All agreed that the exhibition had gone really well. There had been at least 50 visitors to the CS stall and we had made £150 sales. DG said that it had been very good for members who were missing our monthly talks.

Rebecca Duncan had sent her apologies for the walkabout with Deputy Mayor Denise Hyland but said it was an excellent initiative and one that could be copied for Woolwich.

The exhibition had enabled a better relationship to be established between CS and the shopkeepers, most of whom were enthusiastic about being involved.

It was noted that Truepenny had been remarkably supportive given their poster obscured a large proportion of their display.

Photos of the exhibition to the website, including an invite to users to post comments via email.

We have received emails commending the exhibition.

Action: PL to send quotes to RD to put on the website.

It was agreed that events such as this were useful in engendering a Village spirit and perhaps we could look at a Christmas stall after the forthcoming lockdown. Ideas included dressing the tree in Earle Place, mince pies, involving the traders, carol singing.

In response to a query the meeting was not sure that involving the guerilla knitters had been discussed before, but were not keen. Most were in agreement with the idea of a stall/event but there was some skepticism as to whether members would turn up.

Action: CK to contact RN and also speak to B, who had approached CS during the 'Open Day' about having Christmas Trees in the Village.

CK to send PL photos of the posters in situ, to send to Lord Gough.

Agreements:

To see if the Church was organising any celebration.

CS would offer to purchase solar lights for the tree.

Reprint 50 Year books: add "Golden Jubilee" to the cover

Reprint 50 Walk 1s; replace Jim Hider with CS web address.

- **Celebration Items Outstanding:**

Forget producing a CS Covid-19 mask. Put money to tree dressing event. Membership leaflet, CK to produce a draft.

- **Charlton Society:**

RR explained that he had to develop a new relationship with the CS as it was negatively affecting his personal and professional life. He was currently representing CS on Charlton Together, Greenwich Planning Alliance as well as CS duties so he needed to ease up. He would produce some notes for discussion.

CK said that if elected she would continue until October 2021 as chair but then wished to stand down, although would continue as a member and possibly continue to produce the talks programmed.

We discussed changing the current format and concluded that:

Zoom meetings were good for committee meetings, backed up by email exchanges.

The Talks meetings were important to continue once Covid

restrictions were eased, as human contact was important. Consequently start these up as soon as possible.

RR needed an ‘apprentice’ such as Tim Jeffrey or David Gayther

The exhibition had placed the CS in a strong position to attract more people.

- ***AGM preparation:***

At present the AGM was set to be held in January 2021.

This might have to be postponed to October 2021 due to Coronavirus restrictions, asking the existing committee to extend their involvement supplemented through co-options.

It would be possible to produce a 15 months statement for January, to be signed off by the Committee. We would have to submit accounts to the Charity Commission due to our Ward Budget grants raising the CS income above the minimum level not requiring them.

Action: Take the decision to defer the AGM at the December meeting.

- ***Village Christmas tree:*** Had been dealt with under item 4.

- **AOB**

It answer to the query as to what items had been submitted as distinctive in Charlton, the Society had submitted the Coal Hole cover; CS Beastie; The Summerhouse door carving. The Summerhouse itself had been refused as “not being an object “.

CS had received notice re: setting up the Neighbourhood Forum.

Action: CK agreed to forward the recent email from Clare Loops.

It was agreed to submit comments on the consultation regarding ward boundary changes, which threatened to remove areas such as the Charlton Lido from Charlton.

Local government put a lot of importance on how boundaries reflected community ties, their sense of place and identity. At present Charlton has 4 wards representing Charlton as a whole or boundaries shared with Charlton – Kidbrooke with Hornfair, Greenwich Peninsula, Woolwich Riverside.

The Neighbourhood Forum committee had identified Charlton as predominantly the postal SE7 area, which would carry a legal identity once

approved.

Action: Submit a statement saying that Charlton has a sense of identity, which isn't necessarily reflected by the wards. That CS would wish to be consulted further on the draft recommendations, but not react to this as a political debate.

Deadline is 30th November 2020.

CS had commented on the White Paper – future of planning consultation suggesting removal of permission in areas of growth.

10. NEXT ZOOM MEETING: Wednesday 2nd December 2020