

# THE CHARLTON SOCIETY

Notes from Zoom Committee meeting

Wednesday 2nd December 2020

**Connected:** Ruth Dodson (RD), Geoff Cooper (GC), David Gardner (DG), Carol Kenna (CK), Pauline Langley (PL), Rick Newman (RN), Roden Richardson (RR).

**Apologies:** Angela Burr (AB),

## ***1. Minutes & Matters Arising from November***

Pt. 9: Ward Boundary consultation. CK was requested to rephrase the point regarding Charlton being represented by 4 wards.

The minutes were then agreed correct.

### ***Matters arising***

***The White Swan:*** The application had been granted planning permission including the removal of the Weeping Willow. It was felt that considerable pressure had been exerted by the chair of RNG planning and officers to accept the application. Both the applicant's planning consultant and architect had offered to replace it with the largest and most similar tree possible.

***Action:*** CS should approach Mendoza and request that the offer be implemented.

***Charlton Village Christmas decorations:*** St Luke's would be decorating a tree donated by The Village Greengrocer with lights and messages of goodwill submitted by residents and others hung from the tree; CS would contribute lights to decorate the Holly tree in Earle Place. It was noted that it was the first time that Charlton Village had had a Christmas tree.

***AGM: It was agreed*** that the AGM be delayed until October 2021 with the existing committee remaining in post.

***Ward Boundary Consultation:*** A letter had been sent.

2. ***Finances:*** It was reported that the bank balance stood at £4,200. There had been a number of donations and a good response to the Exhibition Open Day resulting in members renewing their membership. ***Action:*** To contact the bank to send bank statements only to the current treasurer. Letters of thanks to be sent to donators. ***Action:*** CK. RD.

***Charlton Village Street Exhibition:*** The exhibition had come in on budget. Outstanding items: ***It was agreed to*** cover the further two years hosting for the Charlton Parks Reminiscence Project. Hosting would then end in October 2023. Also to purchase Christmas lights for the Earle Place tree.

*2021 Ward Budget: It was agreed* to only apply for further support for a specific project.

It was noted that CS running costs had dropped due to Covid-19 restrictions and the move to Zoom committee meetings. It was considered possible that this arrangement might continue once the pandemic came under control.

It was also suggested that CS might consider Zoom talks. The website was already being used to present resumes of talks that had been stopped due to the Covid-19 restrictions and that we should be mindful of those members without access to online facilities. The membership secretary posted print-offs of the resumes to members not accessing the Internet.

*It was agreed* to undertake a trial zoom talk for January 2021. **Action:** CK / RD/ GC.

### **3. Planning Matters:**

*Greenwich Planning Alliance* (CS was a member) had sent letters to RBG objecting to applications from Optivo and Eastmoor developments.

*Charlton Together* had written to Matthew Pennycook, Len Duval and developers expressing our joint concern at the number of applications that were ignoring the recommendations of the Charlton Riverside Masterplan.

GPA was trying to meet the design consultant employed by RBG. Their contract expires in March 2021.

The International Supermarket was nearing completion and seemed to be making a positive contribution to the Village High Street.

The sign for Bowes shoe shop had been removed and replaced with a white fascia board.

*Charlton Academy:* The new building was discussed; it was felt to display a lack of good design. *It was agreed to* check on CS's letter at the time of planning application to check that the building was in accord with the design that had been approved. **Action:** RR

### **4. Membership Leaflet Update:** Outstanding.

**5. Talks Programme:** Discussed as above in Item 2. *It was agreed* that the programme for 2021 would follow those talks planned for 2020, with additions where necessary. **Action:** CK

**6. CS Website:** It was agreed that the site would be updated monthly adding a talk resume in line with the monthly pattern of CS talks.

**7. Charlton Village Walks leaflets:** It was agreed that they should be brought up to date as time allowed.

**8. Next CS Event:** It was suggested that coming out of lockdown might herald an event; there were no other suggestions at present.

**9. AOB:** 2 documents were presented for comment prior to Thursday 17th December: Charlton Riverside Conservation Area Character and Thames Barrier Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

RBG Covid -19 newsletter. *It was agreed* that CS should continue forwarding this document only.

**10. Date of Next Zoom meeting:** January 6th 2021 at 7pm.