

THE CHARLTON SOCIETY

Notes from Zoom Committee meeting

Wednesday 10th February 2021

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

1. Apologies: Rick Newman (RN), pp. Seraphim Newton-Norton, Gary Dillon – failed to gain entry.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising from December

It was agreed to amend minute 3. Earle Place to read: AB raised her concern at the state of the planting in Earle Place”.

The minutes were then agreed correct.

3. Finances: GC explained that he would be moving to Sussex at the end of next week and would have to relinquish his role as treasurer. He apologised for the short notice but this was due to the move being uncertain until most recently.

GC reported that the bank balance today stood at £3,000 having transferred a sum to CK to cover expenditure for the next six months. He would maintain a CS relationship in the short term.

Actions: CK to pay out payments on receipt of invoices and produce management accounts.

RD would run the CS zoom.

CS signatories, at present were only GC and DG. These needed changing.

Action: DG

2021 Ward Budget: GC and CK had discussed this and were suggesting that given the reprint of the Charlton Walks would only cost £250 this could be covered by CS funds. Preparing an application was an inefficient use of time for such a small amount. **This was agreed.**

Action: DG and RD would revise and edit the 1984 Walks.

CK to provide originals of the leaflets to DG and RD.

GC said he had a copy of Guy Hatch receiving a picture of Charlton House from the then Mayor of Greenwich, to be added to the CS archives.

CK suggested identifying CS members and friends who attended the CS Garden Party in 2019. *Agreed.*

Action: *CK* to send photos to committee members for identification *PL* to provide a list of attendees.

CK led a vote of thanks to GC for the work he had done for the CS over the years and wished him and Gill good luck with their move

4. CS Membership: *PL* reported that there had been 7 new members since the January Zoom talk, but no offers of help as yet.

GC said he was in touch with Joan Lake who might be interested in being involved.

5. Planning Matters: *RR* reported that the following developments were in the pipeline: The Antigallican pub developing a 49 units HMO / shared living hub; VIP; Aitch and The Heights - Pocket Living 'micro-flats'.

Charlton Together were preparing documents commenting on the Aitch development, which was now the first development in the Charlton Riverside area, the Rockwell development having been refused by RBG, the community and the Planning Inspector. CS members were being urged to comment on the development, which *CT*. CS considered inappropriate.

Other: The Village Dry Cleaners was still not operative but the rubble had been cleared from the pavement. St Luke's scaffolding was now down; the scaffolding around the Co-op was still in place; the Fred Styles development was well on its way to completion and *RR* believed it to be a well-designed addition to the Village.

6. Talks programme: *CK* explained that she would be approaching speakers who had agreed to give a talk for 2020, postponed due to Covid-19, in the first instance to provide a zoom talk, until lockdown was lifted. Tim Anderson would be presenting a talk on Charlton Sports for the 20th February. **Action:** *RD* to host the meeting. *PL*, *RD* to advertise a synopsis of the talk.

7. CS web site: *RD* reported that the desired changes were evolving; the main addition required being the sections on Planning and Publications. She and *PL* had been discussing ideas to promote the CS and thought of producing a CS (beastie) logo for trade members.

Discussion followed including offering corporate membership to traders, what benefits would they receive; undertake low key interviews with separate shops to be placed on the website.

8. AOB: Charlton Laughs: *PL* reported that Carol Hayward had suggested a Village event for Comic Relief day – March 19th as light relief for the relaxation of lockdown. Following discussion it was agreed that there was not the energy nor appetite for this.

Open Day: It was agreed that a follow-on open day would be a good idea.
Action: RD to research organizing a card-reader to facilitate purchases at an event such as this.

CS Notelets: Current cards were running out, particularly the snow-view of Charlton House. **Action:** Agreed to invite CS members to submit photos of special sites in Charlton to be considered for a new set of cards.

Postcards: It was agreed to give a complimentary set of postcards to Village traders. **Action: AB** to deliver them. PL offered to collate them into packs.

Garrison Church: Tim Barnes had written to say that the Trust had received an award from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund to run a programme of events. This would include a summer programme of weekly sessions between 4.30 – 7.30pm as drop-in sessions. He was suggesting that local community organisations might host such an event, involve 4/5 members and display a stall show-casing their activities. He was suggesting May 12th for the CS.

Action: I believe we agreed to be involved but have not record of this.

Hugh Chapman: CK to contact HC regarding the issue of an entrance to Charlton House grounds from Earle Place.

The White Swan: RD said the Cllr Linda Perks had raised the issue of the White Swan at a Labour party meeting. She will step up enquiries with the owner Mendoza. **Action: RR/CK** to keep the CS in touch with progress.

Gary Dillon: GC apologized for not letting GD in to the zoom meeting.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm.