

ACRA

Alliance of Christchurch Residents Associations

Minutes of the meeting on **Tuesday 11th September 2012 at 7.30pm**

1. **Present:** Nigel Cook (Christchurch Citizens); Liz Evans (Christchurch Citizens); Rob Evans (Christchurch Citizens); Ken Clay (Friars Cliff); Brian Smith (Highcliffe); Debbie Stephens (SAMRA); Mike Collard (SAMRA); Jim Biggin (West Christchurch - Secretary); Roger Hamilton (West Christchurch); John Pendrill (West Christchurch);
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Andy Glaser (Friars Cliff); Malcolm Burton-Smith (SAMRA);
3. **Resignation of John Pendrill (West Christchurch):** the resignation for personal reasons of John Pendrill from WCRA and thus from ACRA was noted. *It was resolved that with immediate effect Jim Biggin would take over as Chairman until March 2013 when a new Chairman would be elected. John Pendrill remained at and participated in the remainder of the meeting.*
4. **Thanks to John Pendrill:** the committee registered its thanks to John Pendrill for his work helping to create ACRA and as its first Chairman.
5. **Acceptance of Minutes:** the minutes of 12th June 2012 were accepted
6. **Matters Arising:** Brian Smith (Highcliffe) reported that only Christchurch residents now attend the Highcliffe Day Centre
7. **Treasurer's Report:** ACRA funds amount to £111.93
8. **Delegate to Bournemouth Airport:** John Pendrill reported that:
 - 8.1. Because of the need to economise all staff are multi-tasking whilst staff numbers have been reduced.
 - 8.2. A connecting flight to Dublin for the USA is planned
 - 8.3. The trend in noise complaints is down with one source accounting for a wholly disproportional number of complaints
9. **Replacement for John Pendrill:** following a nomination by Brian Smith (Highcliffe) *it was resolved that John Mather (Highcliffe) should be approached to take over as delegate to the Airport. NB following his acceptance there would need to be liaison between John Mather and John Pendrill to manage the substitution in accordance with Airport security procedures.*
10. **Druitt Hall:** Liz Evans (Christchurch Citizens) and Rob Evans (Christchurch Citizens) reported little or no progress but a lot of balls are in the air including: site of new hall; negotiations over land; cost of development;
11. **Navitus Bay Wind Farm:**
 - 11.1. Brian Smith (Highcliffe) reported that a recent High Court judgement stopped an off-shore wind farm development near The Wash on environmental grounds, due partly to the potential impact upon an onshore tern colony. Poole Harbour is home to two such colonies and both Stanpit and Hengistbury Head are of SSSI status.

- 11.2. Eneco will submit a Development Consent Order to the National Infrastructure Planning Directorate in about 12 to 13 months' time.
- 11.3. Hengistbury Residents Association (HENRA) is now involved and is arranging a meeting of all interested Residents Associations. WCRA has suggested that Cllr Margaret Phipps should be included.
- 11.4. WCRA website now has a mock-up of the wind farm (www.wcresidents.co.uk then go to Environment).

12. The Three Applications to Build Supermarkets - update: Debbie Stephens confirmed that a number of new Beagle jobs were believed to be contingent upon their move away from Stony Lane. Jim Biggin reported that:

- 12.1. The ACRA letter to Spencer Flower about the Dorset Development Partnership had been acknowledged but as yet no reply had been received.
- 12.2. David McIntosh had confirmed that the ACRA letter to him had been passed on to the CBC Planning Department for onward distribution to Councillors.
- 12.3. The Morrison's developers had opened a "pop-in" shop in Bridge Street.
- 12.4. The rerun of the planning meeting is now scheduled for end October.

13. Potential Relocation of Civic Offices:

- 13.1. It was noted that the Echo had reported that CBC Officers are investigating the sale of the Civic Offices and contingent changes. David McIntosh had confirmed the veracity of the story.
- 13.2. It was noted that Councillor Nottage had been posting to the Echo website concerning the Echo exposure of the potential relocation under the pseudonym of "doomdodger" without declaring that he is a councillor let alone Council Leader. This behaviour was unanimously deplored and *it was resolved that we should write to Councillor Nottage to make our views known*
- 13.3. It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Nottage and CBC Officers should be consulting with us now before any proposals are framed and *resolved that we should write to Councillor Nottage suggesting a meeting. It was further resolved that Nigel Cook would prepare a list of topics for discussion*

14. Councillor's Allowances: following an investigation by John Pendrill it was clear that the 8.1% rise covered more than one year and was based upon a comparatively low starting base. It was concluded that the press had misrepresented the situation

Debbie Stephens left the meeting at this point

15. Proposed New Parking Arrangements: the involvement of DCC and the arrival of on-street parking meters was not welcomed

16. Christchurch Hospital: the request from Sue Bungey to meet with us was discussed and *it was resolved that we should agree to such a meeting*

- 17. Mundeford Quay:** SAMRA reported concerns over council licences being issued to traders to engage in commercial activities on the grassy areas
- 18. CBC Planning Enforcement:** WCRA reported that Planning Enforcement at CBC is not functioning well. Other Residents Associations reported similar problems in their area
- 19. Removal of Graffiti:** WCRA reported that graffiti sprayed on River Way had been removed promptly by CBC. Other Residents Associations reported similar good service by CBC in their area
- 20. Next Meeting:** Tuesday 11th December 2012 at The Hall on the Hill, West Christchurch at 7.30pm

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