



## JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: BBC= Bournemouth Borough Council; CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; DCC=Dorset County Council; DPCC=Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; PBC=Poole Borough Council; PC=Parish Council; RA=Residents Association; SSSI=Site of Special Scientific Interest (Town Common and St Catherine's Hill for example)

1. **Present:** Chairman Jim Biggin; David Barnett; Malcolm Green; Liz Oliver
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of February 2018 were confirmed
4. **Accounts 2018:** there were no financial movements related to 2018 in February
5. **Appointment of new Treasurer:** following David Barnett's resignation from the committee Liz Oliver was appointed Treasurer. David Barnett will continue to prepare the monthly accounts from the bank account, settled invoices and details of receipts. He will send the accounts to the Web Master and all members of the committee simultaneously plus a financial commentary to the Chairman.
6. **David Barnett:** the committee thanked David for his outstanding contribution to the running of the Association. He will be sorely missed.
7. **Membership:** Jim Biggin confirmed that Membership Cards and Sorry We Missed You Cards have been printed. The Spring Newsletter for non-e-mail members has also been printed together with the Supplement on Local Authority Reorganisation
8. **Local Authority Reorganization:** the committee discussed recent developments.
  - 8.1. Jim Biggin reported on: the February meeting of the Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole Joint Committee (report is on the website) and the possibility of significant information being made available at the March meeting; the decision by the Secretary of State to implement Future Dorset; the legal opinion obtained by CBC which clearly stated that CBC has no grounds to mount a legal challenge against that decision (the legal opinion and our explanation of what a Judicial Review is are both on the website);
  - 8.2. The committee discussed the resolution that CBC will discuss at its Extraordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, particularly the following section of the supporting report at paragraphs 6.4 to 6.6:

*Assuming that the relevant legislation secures Parliamentary approval then the Structural Change Order, which establishes the legal framework for the changes, will place a duty on all of the constituent councils to take such steps as may be necessary to prepare for the new council. It is expected that the Structural Change Order will be in place by June. At that point the Council would have no option but to co-operate.*

*The Joint Committee has met in part the conditions which the Council applied in agreeing to take up membership. The decision to join could therefore be revisited.*

*However, the Joint Committee meets on a monthly cycle and is only likely to meet a further 3 times before it is replaced by the Shadow Authority arrangements which will require the participation of this council. It is questionable what could be achieved by withdrawing from the Joint Committee given that the Secretary of State has made his final decision.*

*In recognition of the latest position and the fact that the legal process to dissolve the council has begun the focus should now be on getting the best outcome for Christchurch residents in the circumstances and making every effort to influence the Joint Committee*

The committee felt this would be a sensible course of action for CBC to adopt

- 9. Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported on the planned resurfacing of the car park scheduled to commence by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018; the decision not to increase hiring rates based upon comparisons with competitor halls in the area; the overgrown hedges at the back of the hall; the proposed storage units.
- 10. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** no report
- 11. Spring Meeting:** Jim Biggin confirmed that posters would be drafted and then printed as soon as possible.
- 12. Renewal of Website licence:** Jim Biggin confirmed that he had renewed the licence
- 13. CBC WW1 Event:** the committee decided to attend the planning meeting on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 5.30pm in the committee room, Civic Offices and Malcolm Green agreed to represent us
- 14. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018