



## JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 13<sup>th</sup> June 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; Maureen Biggin; Malcolm Green; Liz Oliver
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Sue Fotheringham; Eileen Lancaster
- 3. Presentation by CBC – Wilbert Smith:** after describing the events planned to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW1 on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Wilbert asked us to contribute £250 to an outline soldier to be erected in West Christchurch. In discussion after the presentation we decided that we needed to know: what would the £250 be used for; could we contribute less than that as a voluntary organisation; who would be responsible for erecting and dismantling the soldier; where in West Christchurch would we put the soldier. We agreed to ask our members for any stories and artefacts that relate to residents of Christchurch during the WW1 period
- 4. Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of May 2018 were confirmed
- 5. Accounts 2018:** there had been no financial movements in May. Assets stood at £7,192.41. Some subscriptions had already been banked in June.
- 6. Membership:** no report
- 7. Local Authority Reorganization:** the committee discussed recent developments.
  - 7.1.** Jim Biggin reported on the discovery that two years ago DCC had taken LOBO Loans of some £96 million. Last month the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy urged local councils to review their LOBO loans after auditing firms expressed concern at their impact on local authorities' accounts. He had asked CBC and could report that they do not have any LOBO loans
  - 7.2.** Jim Biggin reported that our letter to the CBC external auditor drawing attention to the fact that CBC had not conducted a risk assessment before asking for a Judicial Review has been acknowledged and the auditor is investigating this apparent breach of proper governance procedure.
  - 7.3.** The Judge is due to give a ruling on the CBC request for a Judicial Review around the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. Jim Biggin indicated he thought that if the request is granted CBC will immediately apply for a stay of execution of the council reorganisation which, if granted, would produce administrative and financial chaos across Dorset. The committee decided to delay sending a June newsletter until after the Judge's decision is known
  - 7.4.** The committee noted that the two new Shadow Authorities had been formed and had met. The decision of the CBC councillors who oppose reorganisation to walk out of the Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole Council meeting was deplored.

- 7.5.** The proposals for new Parish Councils in Christchurch was noted
- 8. Hall on the Hill:** there still appears to be no progress in having the carpark resurfaced. The devices for opening the windows in the ceiling are not on public display and thus can't be used to alleviate the poor air quality in the Hall on hot days
- 9. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** no report
- 10. Assisting the Webmaster, Facebook and Twitter:** the committee warmly welcomed the news that Eileen Lancaster has agreed to attend our monthly meetings
- 11. New proposed Café-bistro in Marlow Drive:** our letter to CBC Licencing suggesting restrictions on the proposed liquor licence has been acknowledged.
- 12. The future of the Residents Association:** the committee discussed the future role of a Residents Association within the new Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole Unitary Authority and the proposed Parish Council that would include Jumpers and St Catherine's wards. No decisions were reached.
- 13. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018