



JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 13th 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; Eileen Lancaster; Liz Oliver
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Fotheringham;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of June 2018 were confirmed
4. **Accounts 2018:** we received £213 in subscriptions in June and spent £105 on Business and Domain registration. The 2017 refund of £107 related to the defibrillator we contributed to for the Hall on the Hill. Assets stood at £7,295.55.
5. **Membership:** in a written report Sue Fotheringham indicated that heat wave was making collecting difficult
6. **Local Authority Reorganization:** the committee discussed recent developments.
 - 6.1. 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 received a reply. The committee unanimously expressed the opinion that the auditor's letter left much to be desired. A reply will be drafted, and Jim Biggin was asked to investigate the procedure for making a formal complaint about the external auditor.
 - 6.2. The Judge has granted the CBC request for a Judicial Review and has set a timetable for the hearing before the end of July 2018. This acceleration of the normal process prevented CBC from being granted a stay of execution of the council reorganisation which, if granted, would have produced administrative and financial chaos across Dorset. The committee decided to not delay sending a July newsletter until after the Judge's final decision is known but to consider the whole position and possibly a special newsletter once the future is clearer.
 - 6.3. The committee noted the Boundary Commission public consultation and the consultation on the proposals for new Parish Councils in Christchurch
7. **CBC WW1 Event:** following last month's presentation by CBC Officer Wilbert Smith and subsequent work undertaken by Malcolm Green the committee discussed this project at length. Whilst fully in support of the commemoration of the centenary of the WW1 armistice the committee was of the view that donating £250 to The Royal British Legion would not be an appropriate use of member's funds. Members do not pay their £1 subscription for us to then donate it to charities, no matter how worthy. Members expect us to use the money to improve the local environment, as with the contribution to the defibrillator referred to above. Malcolm Green will inform CBC.

- 8. Hall on the Hill:** there still appears to be no progress in having the carpark resurfaced although we have discovered that local agents Ellis and Partners are now representing the landlord. We have suggested to John Spittle that DCC may be responsible for the trees in and around the car park rather than CBC. As far as the poor air quality in the Hall on hot days is concerned, Malcolm Green will suggest the purchase of appropriate fans.
- 9. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** no report
- 10. Assisting the Webmaster, Facebook and Twitter:** the committee warmly welcomed the presence of Eileen Lancaster our webmaster. There was a discussion about maintaining the website and Eileen agreed to report back in due course
- 11. New proposed Café-bistro in Marlow Drive:** our letter to CBC Licencing suggesting restrictions on the proposed liquor licence has been published and the hearing will be on 11th July at the Council Offices.
- 12. Consultation on proposed merger of local police forces:** this was noted and will appear in our next newsletter
- 13. Nisa lorries parking in the bus stop:** Liz Oliver outlined her dealings with Nisa head office and her success in getting them to instruct their delivery drivers not to park in the bus stop in Marlow Drive
- 14. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 1st August 2018