



JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 7th November 2018 at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: BBC= Bournemouth Borough Council; BCP=Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole new unitary authority; CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; DCC=Dorset County Council; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; 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; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Eileen Lancaster;
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of October 2018 were confirmed
3. **Accounts 2018:** as at end October 2018 subscriptions stood at £1,103. Income now exceeds expenditure by £251 whilst assets stand at £7,927. As a result, it was agreed that officers who had incurred mileage, parking and other costs could submit a claim for reimbursement by 30th November 2018. Sue Fotheringham was authorised to purchase a new supply of C5 envelopes.
4. **Membership:** Sue Fotheringham reported that she did not currently see any major problems in 2018. She has hopes of recruiting new collectors for 2019 and thus being able to do a more thorough job on some partly neglected roads. At the suggestion of Eileen Lancaster, it was decided to store the master collection sheets on our website but not available for public viewing
5. **Autumn Paper Newsletter:** printing is complete, and distribution has commenced. Sue Fotheringham is updating the distribution lists to better reflect the growth in the number of members taking the e-newsletters. It was agreed to distribute the surplus of printed newsletters along with a "*Let Us Introduce Ourselves*" leaflet to appropriate roads that we are not currently collecting from.
6. **Local Authority Reorganization:** the committee discussed recent developments.
 - 6.1. Jim Biggin had attended the Shadow Executive meeting of 7th November. He reported a poor meeting at which papers were passed through with little discussion.
 - 6.2. When it came to the Parliamentary Orders Update the meeting was told that the Secretary of State's "minded to" letter indicating that Christchurch Council Tax could be frozen for up to seven years was a significant step forward in the process of developing financial projections. CBC representatives told the meeting they would vote against the seven-year plan and were writing to the Secretary of State requesting parity with Poole for everybody from day one. They did not indicate how they intended the new council should make up the resulting deficit and nobody asked them. They were completely ignored by the rest of the group who promptly voted 14 to 2 to accept the plan as presented.
 - 6.3. The use of DWP to collect waste in Christchurch for the first year of the new council's existence was approved 16 to none.
7. **Hall on the Hill:** nothing to report.

- 8. Marlow Drive Car Park:** the committee discussed the possibility of involving the Co-Op as owners of Nisa. Malcolm Green agreed to investigate.
- 9. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** no report
- 10. E-newsletters:** Jim Biggin outlined the technical problems he had faced trying to use Mailchimp to distribute the November e-newsletter. Eileen Lancaster described how she had tracked down what appeared to be the cause of the problem which at its heart had a move to tighten security associated with mass e-mails. Corrective action has been taken.
- 11. WW1 Anniversary:** Malcolm Green distributed the excellent CBC tribute pamphlet and confirmed that he will represent us at the 11th November service.
- 12. Marsh Lane School:** following the request contained in the November e-newsletter Jim Biggin informed the committee that feedback received indicated that the new school was not creating traffic problems. Eileen Lancaster informed the meeting that the school was already full and that some eligible children were having to travel to other schools.
- 13. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Sue Fotheringham confirmed that the ten-year plan is running behind schedule but that a new lease has been negotiated with the Malmsbury Estate.
- 14. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 5th December 2018