

Minutes of JSCHRA AUTUMN MEETING 17/11/2021 20.00 The Hall on The Hill

Committee Member in attendance

Chairperson - Sue Fotheringham- Town Councillor –Jumpers and St Catherine’s Hill

Committee Members

Carol Gardiner - Town Councillor –Jumpers and St Catherine’s Hill

Ellen Lancaster

Liz Oliver

Guest Councillors in attendance

Margaret Phipps – BCP Councillors for Commons

Vivienne Charrett Town Councillor –Jumpers and St Catherine’s Hill

Sue Spittle - Town Councillor Jumpers and St Catherine’s Hill

John Pendrill – Chairperson of CCA Residence Association

Meeting

Sue Fotheringham- Introduced the committee and guests. Also identified essential housekeeping information for the meeting

The guest Councillors introduced themselves and their roles and Committee members of the west Christchurch Resistant Association. Margaret Phipps gave apologies for BCP Councillor Ricketts who was abroad.

The audience were invited to field questions

First question- Was about the No 24 Mores bus that has a goes into St Catherine’s Hill three times daily during the week, but not a Saturday. Councillor Phipps answered the question and would follow up the question and expressed that it may not be possible to get an extra bus on a Saturday because of the take up of the bus. A resident explained that the service was a runoff from the school run. Also, the 24 route was changing and times. The route would not be going to Burton and was stopping at Sainsbury’s in Somerford. In addition, last bus would not be stopping on St Catherine’s Hill at 14:00 in future.

There was a discussion among Councillors and residents about a possible bus route by yellow buses going to Aldi on Barrack Road.

Councillor Phipps commented on the fact of the number of free bus passes in the area and that bus companies only get 60p for every £1 spent in subsidies. She also discussed about the BCP getting a grant from the Government.

2nd – Question was about pinecones and pine needles – In my Councillor capacity I have re emailed BCP on the subject

3rd Question- Speeding down River - Margaret Phipps answered the question and stated it was a police matter. She suggested that set up a Community Speed Watch or a Dorset Road Safety scheme. Also set up a SID on recommended troubled roads.

4th Question- BCP Environmentally Friendly- i.e., weeds in gutters and general none cutting of grass verges- Margaret answered this question – The cutting of the grass was a trial and had received several complaints over the summer. She was going to speak to BCP about re-introducing the twice yearly cutting of the grass on open spaces including spraying the weeds in the gutters.

5th Question – The proposed block of flats at the end of Grove and Barrack Road. Councillor Charrett answered this question as Deputy of Town Council Planning Committee. She expressed the Town Council Planning Committee, had logged that they did not want the development to BCP. However, this was only advisory and BCP could overrule their objection. The development had over twenty objections at present.

Councillor Phipps, that her and Councillor Ricketts would be attending the BCP Planning meeting when it is due to be discuss and would object to the motion in person. Councillor Phipps also stated the development of the Dragon Palace has now been recommended by officers.

There was reference to the building of the fence by 11 Blyth Close and how it has now been rejected, but may go to appeal by the owner

In addition, there was a question about the open space around St Catherine's Hill and the selling off land. Councillor Phipps replied that the first spade depth was BCP land.

6th Question was about trees in the ward. Councillor Phipps informed us she had been around the ward in July with BCP Tree Officer and did a survey of the trees in the ward. Sadly, there was a limited budget for trees, and it was suggested that the community bought some trees for their area and looked after them for the first few years. However, pine trees were not included in the survey. Councillor Phipps talked about TPO's for trees in the area. Councillor Charrett mentioned that for the Queen's jubilee. There would be money available to purchase tree. As it was hoped that three million trees were going to be purchased for the whole country in celebration of the Queen's jubilee.

7th Question was about the cemetery and opening hours. Also access by car to graves. It was established there was a mobile number for people could access to let cars into the cemetery and to access graves.

Councillor Phipps brought up the quest of the number of homes being built in the ward i.e., two hundred and fifty on Barrack Road and Roeshot Hill. These developments have no new infrastructure.

The Christchurch bypass was also discussed with Councillor Sue Spittle giving us a history why we did not have a bypass.

Councillor Phipps discussed the planned new cycleway on Barrack Road, and the possible problem with parking and business unloading etc. She suggested that the cycle way should go via Tuckton Bridge as this was her and Councillors Ricketts suggestion to the problem.

The meeting Ended after tea and biscuits