

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Minutes
St Catherine's Hill Hall 24th February 2011 at 7.30 pm

1. **Present:** Chairman Jim Biggin; Maureen Biggin; Chris Gordon; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson
2. **Councillors Present:** Councillor Fox; Councillor Neale; Councillor Spittle; Councillor Phipps (Hurn PC)
3. **Apologies from:** Councillor Bungey; Roger Hamilton
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The audited accounts as at December 31st 2010 were presented by John Pendrill. They showed an operating profit of £1157.71 and reserves of £5378.46.
5. **Chairman's report:** Jim Biggin reported upon the merger of the CBC and EDDC administrations, the negotiations on the management plan for St Catherine's Hill, and the consequences that resulted from the sudden death of Terry Morgan and actions taken to manage those consequences. He thanked the committee for their help in what had been a stressful year.
6. **Subscription rate for 2010:** this was left at £1 per household
7. **Election of Committee:** all existing officers presented themselves for re-election together with Chris Gordon and Eileen Lancaster. The meeting approved their election unanimously
8. **Petition:** Councillor Phipps told the meeting about action taken jointly by Hurn PC and Friends of St Catherine's Hill to protect local trees and asked all present to sign a petition
9. **The Hall on the Hill:** Councillor Spittle outlined changes that had been made to increase the fire safety within the hall
10. **Presentation by Bournemouth International Airport:** a very interesting and illuminating presentation revealed how important the airport is to the local economy and how difficult the current financial situation is. This included an expose of how aviation tax is distorting the economics of long haul travel and forcing the airport to seek connection to a European hub such as Amsterdam
11. **Questions to Councillors, Geoff Farndell (local 2011 census coordinator) and WCRA Committee:** questions were answered without drama.
12. The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.