

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Minutes
Sandy Lane, 8th December at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: ARC=Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (previously known as HCT=Herpetological Conservation Trust); BWHW=Bournemouth and West Hants Water; CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; CCC=Christchurch Computer Company (who manage our website); DCC=Dorset County Council; EDDC=East Dorset District Council; FORCEDA=Federation Of Residents (Christchurch and East Dorset) Associations; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; NE=Natural England; PACT=Police and Communities Together; RA=Residents Association; SSSI=Site of Special Scientific Interest (Town Common and St Catherine's Hill for example); TPO=Tree Preservation Order; WCRA=West Christchurch RA; WPRA=West Parley RA; WW=Wessex Water

1. **Present:** Chairman Jim Biggin; John Pendrill; Terry Morgan; Janet Robson; Roger Hamilton;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 1st November 2010 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 1st December 2010 showing an excess of expenditure over income of £1157.47 with cash at bank of £5378.22 (£5147.04 on deposit).
5. **Membership Secretary:** Terry Morgan reported that subscriptions received comfortably exceed 2009. The committee recorded its thanks and appreciation to Terry for a job well done. The lull between now and next spring will be used to reassesses the coverage of the roads within our area. As ever new collectors would be welcomed. The new monthly reporting format suggested by John Pendrill will be implemented by Terry and John. The backlog of e-mail addresses to be entered into the database is now down to 150.
6. **Delegate to FORCEDA:** the next meeting is in December.
7. **PACT:** no major developments
8. **FOSCH:** a cesspit digger used by The Gun Club has damaged the verges of the access road.
9. **ARC:** the e-mail via our database and the letter drop to all 600 houses potentially affected by the phase V felling was completed. There has been some scrub removal.
10. **The Hall on the Hill:** a new Treasurer is required. The fire alarms have been improved.
11. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** the amended hydrology report has been published and we have reported that to all 600 houses potentially affected. We are now awaiting new input from the facilitator. CBC has confirmed that everybody has paid their contribution except NE. It was noted that The Urban Heath Partnership is not contributing funds to the production of the management plan.
12. **Planning Issues:** 103 Riverway is causing problems; the new Raglan plans for Bronte Avenue look worse than the original ones. We will object and have helped local residents to raise a petition. Noted that Councillor D Jones' appeal against the finding of the disciplinary committee had been turned down.
13. **February 2011 Public Meeting:** the Airport have agreed to give a presentation

- 14. New Christchurch-East Dorset Core Strategy:** we have discussed the plan with Hurn Parish Council. Our own response will be completed during December. We will be preparing an overall summary in which we will say that the strategy lacks credibility.
- 15. Local Health Authority Consultation:** Janet Robson reported on a number of new initiatives: refurbishment of Bournemouth hospital entrance; the change of system in the car park to pay-on-exit; the provision of parking permits in some situations; patients going in for operations will be given a CD explaining the medical procedure; patients having hip and knee replacements or with respiratory complaints are being discharged quicker; bone marrow transplants will be undertaken somewhere else as hospitals become more specialised; the Christchurch stroke ward will be closed in autumn 2011; General Practitioners will be encouraged to undertake more minor procedures
- 16. WCRA Web Site:** the website is still somewhat out of date. Terry Morgan is recommending the new open-source web software Joomla that should enable WCRA committee members to update the website directly
- 17. CBC-EDDC New Management Structure:** noted that Nigel Davies has not been included and has left the Council and that the new senior team does not contain a qualified planning officer. *It was resolved that* we will write to the new MD David McIntosh requesting clarification of how Nigel's projects will be handled in future and how the missing planning skills will be covered.
- 18. DCC Budget Shortfall:** the covering e-mail sent to our residents will include a summary of the information supplied by Councillor Flower. We will complete the feed-back form recently sent to us by DCC.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday January 5th at 7.30pm at The Hall on the Hill**