

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Minutes The Hall on the Hill: 5th January 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; Maureen Biggin; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Terry Morgan; Roger Hamilton;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 8th December 2010 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 31st December 2010 showing an excess of expenditure over income of £1157.71 with cash at bank of £31.18 (£5378.46 on deposit). The Hall on the Hill has been asked to invoice us for 2010 usage.
5. **Membership Secretary:** no report from Terry Morgan. From the accounts membership stands at 1830 households (1757 in 2009)
6. **Delegate to FORCEDA:** Verwood RA have joined; Corfe Mullen still debating; FORCEDA now registered with DCC,CBC,EDDC; initial contact has been established with new CEO David McIntosh and both Council Leaders; the issue of open consultation has been raised using the Core Strategy as an initial vehicle with Extraordinary Council Meetings to follow.
7. **PACT:** no report
8. **FOSCH:** no meeting held.
9. **ARC:** there will be no artwork on the reservoir exteriors despite efforts to bring this about; a laurel hedge on St Catherine's Lane may be a traffic hazard; the final phase of the five year felling plan has commenced with no burning envisaged and no heavy equipment using St Catherine's Lane or Sandy Lane; there are travellers camped at Dudmoor – the gypsy liaison officers have been involved; some young people built a racetrack with raised ramps – CBC have sorted it out; noted that the Urban Heath Partnership funding has been cut.
10. **The Hall on the Hill:** no meeting held
11. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** no progress
12. **Planning Issues:** no report.
13. **February 2011 Public Meeting:** it was resolved that posters for the 24th February meeting will be printed in January; the search for new committee members continues; the drafting of the 2011 newsletter can now commence
14. **New Christchurch-East Dorset Core Strategy:** FORCEDA has raised the method, timing and content of the required feedback to local residents with the new CEO
15. **WCRA Web Site:** Jim Biggin will try to experiment with Joomla software during January

16. CBC-EDDC New Management Structure: the letter from FORCEDA about the new structure and the loss of Nigel Davies led to an initial conversation between Jim Biggin and CEO David McIntosh. The projects previously managed by ND have been reassigned within the new team and the integrated waste collection and disposal project is continuing to fruition; the new Council intends to tackle future multi-disciplined issues by forming temporary skills-teams.

17. 2010-11 Council Budgets: John Pendrill will represent us at the CBC meeting; FORCEDA will raise the issue of EDDC Budgets and DCC budgets with Councillor Spencer Flower.

18. Localism Bill: the summary of the Bill's provision was discussed. An interesting point was raised concerning the purchase of public assets under the Bill's provisions and whether such purchase by external groups would remove the assets from the protection of the Bill

19. Hall Bookings 2011-12: *it was resolved that* John Pendrill will book the Hall on the Hall for monthly meetings and the public meetings on Thursday 27th October 2011 and Thursday 23rd February 2012

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday February 2nd 2011 at 7.30pm at The Hall on the Hill**