

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 6th April 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; 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; 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; WW=Wessex Water

1. **Present:** Chairman Jim Biggin; Maureen Biggin; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Gordon; Roger Hamilton
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 2nd March 2011 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 6th April 2011 showing an excess of expenditure over income of £212.42 with cash at bank of £5166.69 (£5162.93 on deposit).
5. **Membership Records:** Jane Rumbell has completed the updating and printing the schedules is partly complete. *It was resolved that we would buy a bouquet of flowers to thank Jane for her efforts.*
6. **2011 Newsletter:** the newsletter has been printed but the printer has somehow managed to lose the formatting. This is particularly bad on the back page. The committee reluctantly agreed that a complete reprint would take too long. Janet Robson will liaise with the printer over self-adhesive labels to be used on the back page.
7. **Unallocated Roads:** Maureen Biggin reported that a letter drop of 120 letters in Crossway, Elm Road, Old Barn Road and cul-de-sacs off had not resulted in a single offer to help with collections
8. **Special letter for collectors:** the draft was approved.
9. **E-Mail Newsletters:** Jim Biggin reported that the March letter had been issued without incident. A small number of new people have joined the service via the website
10. **Delegate to FORCEDA:** John Pendrill described the events that had transpired at a meeting between FORCEDA representatives and CBC where the East Dorset representative had ignored the pre-agreed negotiating stance and had indulged in a sterile argument with officers. Following that a second East Dorset representative had sent unhelpful e-mails to a CBC Officer. Subsequent attempts to reach an understanding with these two organisations as to their future conduct had failed. The Christchurch Residents' Associations had therefore decided to abandon attempts to work jointly with these organisations and to replace FORCEDA by a new Christchurch based organisation, the Affiliation of Christchurch Residents Associations (ACRA). This would function in a similar way to the old JCCRA but with closer links to Parish Councils. Its first meeting is scheduled for April 12th 2011
11. **FOSCH:** the function of the ARC representative on this committee has become unclear and requires clarification.
12. **ARC:** we had written to Fowler Fortesque in Salisbury, agents for the Malmesbury Estate, requesting undertakings as to ARC's future attitude to

health and safety issues. No such undertaking has been given, as yet. There is to be scrub clearance around the Gun Club and some loose logs are to be removed. Restricted Access signs may be erected at the entrance of both Sandy Lane and St Catherine's Hill Lane

- 13. The Hall on the Hill:** Maureen Biggin has resigned from the committee to concentrate upon our 2011 collections; the broken door hinges have been mended; the fire extinguishers have been serviced; the new chairs saga continues
- 14. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** nothing has happened during March
- 15. Planning Issues:** a very quiet period. A proposal to knock down and rebuild Grove View, St Catherine's Hill Lane has been refused by CBC. An application to build a bungalow in the back garden of 75 The Grove, previously turned down by CBC, had now been rejected by Bristol – a sure sign that the new regime is working
- 16. WCRA Web Site:** the site has been kept up to date and has functioned normally
- 17. Christchurch Hospital Consultation:** Janet Robson distributed her report. Jim Biggin will produce a summary for the website
- 18.** The meeting closed at 8.55 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday May 4th 2011 at 7.30pm at The Hall on the Hill**