

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

www.wcresidents.co.uk

Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 1st June at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: ACRA=Affiliation of Christchurch Residents Associations;
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; 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; Chris Gordon; Roger Hamilton Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 4th May 2011 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 1st June 2011 showing an excess of expenditure over income of £341.82 with cash at bank of £5036.64 (£4848.27 on deposit). It was noted that: 2011 subscriptions had started to arrive in the bank; printing costs are likely to be high in 2011 as material concerning the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan is produced for distribution to residents.
4. **Debit Cards and Payment of Subscriptions in Advance:** *it was resolved that* John Pendrill would investigate this matter
5. **Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported four new collectors now in action; to date four collectors (including one new one) have deposited funds of £186. *It was resolved that* John Pendrill will establish the cost of providing collectors with higher quality collection badges
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that the June quarterly meeting is imminent; he and Jim Biggin are scheduled to meet the CBC Chief Executive and his strategic team at the end of June; the general all round dissatisfaction with the airport £2.50 drop-off charge is likely to be aired again.
7. **FOSCH:** the ARC representative is leaving the committee; the sand trap at the top of Sandy Lane is apparently the responsibility of DCC; a fire near the junction of Fairmile and St Catherine's Hill Lane caused by a wind toppled tree brining down electricity cables had been brilliantly dealt with by the fire service.
8. **ARC:** nothing new to report.
9. **The Hall on the Hill:** nothing new to report.
10. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin confirmed that the Committee Meeting of 10th May had referred the draft plan back to the facilitators for considerable rewriting. CBC is producing a progress report for distribution to residents. It is estimated that 2,200 copies are required to be distributed by committee members plus any volunteers
11. **Planning Issues:** a proposal that envisaged building on land annexed from 27 River Way, turned down by CBC, has gone to appeal; two previous appeals regarding the demolition of garages in and around Darwin Avenue and Melbourne Road to be replaced by houses have been rejected but one has been upheld and building permission granted. Following a suggestion made by ACRA the weekly CBC summary of planning applications will in future be distributed in electronic form.
12. **WCRA Web Site:** the site has been kept up to date and has functioned normally

- 13. The E-Mail Newsletter:** the May letter was distributed normally. Jim Biggin reported that 2011 collections had yielded over 100 new e-mail addresses so far and the total circulation now exceeded 600
- 14. Dorset Police and RTA:** the response by Dorset Police to the ACRA letter was considered. It was resolved that ACRA should be asked to refer the matter to Chris Chope MP
- 15. Public Consultation – The Forestry Panel:** *it was resolved that* Chris Gordon will draft a response on our behalf. Individual members should also reply on their own behalf.
- 16. DCC Budgetary Control:** John Pendrill outlined fresh concerns that have arisen over the DCC budget deficit. *It was resolved that* ACRA will be asked to seek a further meeting with Councillor Spenser Flower in the autumn
- 17. 68 Hurn Road:** noted that a complaint had been received concerning the building rubble that has been dumped on the grass verge outside 68 Hurn Road. *It was resolved that* the complaint be passed on to CBC
- 18. Next Meeting:** the next meeting would normally be in September. However, with so much going on it was agreed to meet in both July and August. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin will try to book the Hall on the Hill
- 19.** The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6th July 2011 at 7.30pm**, venue to be announced