

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 6th July 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
John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Eileen Lancaster;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 1st June 2011 were approved.
- 4. Debit and Credit Cards:** investigations had revealed that the charging structure adopted by the banks for both infrastructure and processing make these options completely impossible for us
- 5. 68 Hurn Road:** Jim Biggin reported that he had spoken with the residents who had arranged for the rubble on the pavement to be removed
- 6. Dorset Police handling of RTA:** it was noted that John Pendrill has written to Chris Chope MP asking him to raise the issue with appropriate people
- 7. Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 6th July 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £51.37 with cash at bank of £5429.83 (£5248.46 on deposit).
- 8. Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that seven collectors had deposited funds during the month. Both she and Jim Biggin have completed their personal collections and are thus now available to step in if a collector has problems
- 9. Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that the meeting with CBC Directorate had been productive and informative. The quarterly ACRA meeting had been without incident
- 10. FOSCH:** inspection of the sand trap at the top of Sandy Lane has revealed no sand and no water, suggesting a blockage. It is hoped that this will be tackled as part of the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan
- 11. ARC:** nothing new to report.
- 12. The Hall on the Hill:** bookings continue to be healthy; the purchase of a commercial dishwasher is being investigated.
- 13. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin confirmed that the progress report plus covering letter had been produced and that we had distributed them to 2,300 houses in the locality thanks to some volunteers from our membership and our committee members. As a direct result a number of residents had visited the website and enrolled to receive the monthly e-news letter
- 14. Cattle on St Catherine's Hill:** Maureen Biggin suggested that if cattle were to be allowed on St Catherine's Hill it would be cheaper and more environmentally friendly to stop them from wandering by planting hedgerows rather than erecting fences. *It was resolved that we will pass this suggestion on to the Management Plan Committee*

- 15. Planning Issues:** the weekly CBC summary of planning applications is now being distributed in electronic form and is posted to the website; discussions with local people suggest that the redevelopment of 7 to 9 Crossway is not liked but is seen as inevitable. *It was resolved that* Roger Hamilton will write to CBC Planning asking that the builders be asked to exercise restraint during the redevelopment
- 16. WCRA Web Site:** the site has been kept up to date and has functioned normally; usage has increased by 60% in June as compared with May; the details of local planning applications have proved to be particularly popular.
- 17. The E-Mail Newsletter:** the June letter was distributed normally. Jim Biggin reported that the total circulation now exceeds 700
- 18. Public Consultation – The Forestry Panel:** *it was resolved that* Chris Gordon's response be accepted, posted to the consultation panel and put on our website.
- 19. Hurn Road Repairs by DCC:** the disgraceful actions of DCC were noted. Jim Biggin reported that after consulting with Councillor Sue Spittle (who had then arranged for work to stop at midnight rather than 3am) he had warned ward councillors in Jumpers and Portfield as well as Christchurch Citizens RA. He had also spoken with both CBC and DCC in an effort to stop this happening again.
- 20. Special Alert E-Mails:** it was noted that the special selection processes contained within the e-news system had been used to deliver e-mail alerts about the Hurn Road road-works to the residents of Hurn Road, local ward councillors and committee members only.
- 21. Hospital Consultation Meeting:** *it was resolved that* Janet Robson and Chris Gordon will represent us
- 22.** The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill