

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 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; Chris Gordon; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were approved.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - 4.1. The newsletter for late 2011 can't be drafted yet because the timetable for the review of the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan is still unknown
  - 4.2. We made contact with The Bournemouth Area Transport Action Group who approached CBC on our behalf and secured an agreement to replace the bus shelter on Fairmile Road, opposite Albion Road, before the end of October
5. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £728.77 with cash at bank of £6107.23 (£6069.20 on deposit).
6. **Membership:** Maureen Biggin's reported was presented on her behalf. All bar three collectors have now deposited funds. Luckily the delay in issuing the Management Plan for The Hill has meant that this has caused less difficulty than might otherwise have been the case. The achievements of the new collectors have been particularly gratifying but unfortunately one long standing collector has resigned. The returns from using the "sorry we missed you" note have been encouraging.
7. **Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that he and Jim Biggin had met with Dorset Councillor Spencer Flower immediately prior to this meeting. A summary note will be distributed; a growing number of people are questioning the need for Drutt Hall given the large number of local alternative venues
8. **FOSCH:** the History Day was successful with over 400 people attending despite the weather; there have been several fires this year caused by stupidity and in some instances by deliberate acts
9. **The Hall on the Hill:** the number of lettings and letting revenues are both up on last year but so are the utility bills.
10. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin reported little progress and the timetable has slipped yet again. The next step is the production of a second draft plan and it is believed that Robin Harley of CBC has taken over this function from the facilitator. No date for its production has been set.
11. **Planning Issues:** it is believed that next year plans will be forthcoming for the redevelopment of Jumpers Corner; the consultation concerning the proposed new supermarket at the junction of Bridge Street and Stony Lane was discussed. The need for an additional supermarket in this part of town was questioned and

it was felt that this should be balanced against the need for more low cost and/or social housing; the similar consultation over a proposed complex at Bailey Bridge was likewise discussed. Again the need for another supermarket was questioned but the other facilities were broadly welcomed. Some concern was expressed that the area is off the beaten track and it could be the source of problems for both the police and local residents during night time hours

- 12. WCRA Web Site:** the site has functioned normally but may have fallen behind a little in posting changes; September usage was an all-time high with 560 hits on the home page;
- 13. The E-Mail Newsletter:** the October News Letter will go to just under 900 local residents
- 14. WCRA Excess Funds:** this topic will be carried forward until we know exactly where we stand on the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan; it was suggested that committee members should recommence claiming legitimate out of pocket expenses *and resolved that* John Pendrill will propose a controlled system
- 15. Our Public Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011:** it was agreed that we would suggest to CBC as topics: update on 2011-12 and 2012-13 budgets; progress on waste management; the provision of salt and grit to treat winter roads; the future development of the B3073 from Parley Cross to Blackwater Junction
- 16. Dorset Police and Code 101:** it was noted that Dorset Police have switched to telephone code 101 for non-urgent calls. Quite why this was done so low key was not understood
- 17. Winter Snow Clearance:** it was noted that CBC had issued an amended version of their advice to residents over clearing snow from paths and pavements. This has been posted to the website
- 18.** The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill