

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 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; PC=Parish Council; 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 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were approved.
3. **Matters arising:**
  - 3.1. A draft newsletter for non-e-mail members for distribution in late 2011 was distributed for comment
  - 3.2. The missing bus shelter on Fairmile Road, opposite Albion Road, has not appeared. Chris Gordon will re-contact both The Bournemouth Area Transport Action Group and CBC
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £879.49 with cash at bank of £6257.95 (£6069.48 on deposit). Subscriptions for 2011 amounted to £1,766
5. **Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that all collectors had finished for 2011. She reported the sad news of the death of Bill Wootten who had collected River Way for many years. The family have asked us not to send flowers.
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that he and Jim Biggin had met with the CBC Executive Directorate. A full report of the meeting has been posted on the website
7. **FOSCH:** Chris Gordon reported an uneventful meeting
8. **The Hall on the Hill:** the existing committee was returned unopposed at the AGM.
9. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin reported that the second draft plan had been produced and thanked the committee for reading and commenting upon it so quickly. Our comments had been discussed with Hurn PC and we had reviewed theirs. Both organisations would now submit their comments to the Steering Committee ready for a meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November
10. **Public Consultation of Management Plan:** this is now likely to take place in January/February 2012. *It was resolved that we will if asked provide copies of the document for those unable to obtain access under their own steam*
11. **Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton reported that two applications involving Barrack Road had been resolved: a new take-away had been refused; a Co-Op had been approved. The proposed development involving 27 River Way has been refused. A new plan to build 40 flats on Stony Lane has been announced.
12. **WCRA Web Site:** the site has functioned normally and is up to date; October usage was another all-time high.

- 13. The E-Mail Newsletter:** a back-up for the e-mail addresses has been created that can also be used as a cross-reference index. After the November Newsletter has been issued the e-mail data must be rationalised against the collection records and from that a distribution list produced to be used to distribute to members who are not on the e-mail system.
- 14. Proposed Morrison's Supermarket at Stony Lane:** John Pendrill and Jim Biggin reported their meeting with consultants representing Morrison's, which they felt had been constructive and worthwhile. They had suggested that the developer contact local bus companies and try to improve the bus service from West Christchurch to the proposed new supermarket.
- 15. Proposed redevelopment of land at Bailey Bridge:** a number of committee members had visited the exhibition at Bailey Bridge. It was felt that whilst this proposal was not as well advanced as the Stony Lane one it was never-the-less a potentially interesting development
- 16. Our Public Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011:** a lively and well attended meeting with some interesting and informative presentations. The concerns of the local Travellers were well aired whilst the new waste collection plans gave rise to much comment
- 17. Reclaiming WCRA Expenses:** John Pendrill reported that he has drafted a claim form and will circulate it on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- 18. PACT:** Jim Biggin reported that we have been approached by PACT to provide a member for their local committee. After some discussion *it was resolved that* our decision of 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 (Minute 10) that we would play a less active part in PACT following the death of Terry Morgan had been a correct one. We have limited resources and crime is not a pressing issue in West Christchurch. That decision could be revisited if circumstances warranted it.
- 19. Dorchester Focus Group on Travellers in Dorset:** *it was resolved that* we do not currently have the resources to attend this function
- 20. The Mayor's Petition concerning Marlow Drive:** Maureen Biggin reported that she was actively seeking signatures for this petition. Every committee member duly signed the petition
- 21. ARC:** Janet Robson reported that ARC's five year felling licence for the far side of the hill had now expired. They have been doing some spraying to counter the spread of bracken and rhododendrons.
- 22.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill