

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 7<sup>th</sup> December 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were approved.
- 3. Matters arising:**
  - 3.1. The newsletter for non-e-mail members for distribution in late 2011 had been rendered redundant by the slippage in the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan timetable (see minute 12)
  - 3.2. Chris Gordon reported that the missing bus shelter on Fairmile Road, opposite Albion Road, has now appeared. *It was resolved that we would now ask CBC why its replacement had not been an automatic process and why we had been forced to intervene*
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £870.57 with cash at bank of £6249.03 (£6219.77 on deposit). He is looking to move some of these funds out of HSBC to obtain a slightly higher yield without an increase in risk.
- 5. Future Expenses:** the draft expense claim forms were approved
- 6. Future Bookings of The Hall on the Hill:** *it was resolved that* John Pendrill should make our usual bookings for 2012
- 7. Membership:** statistics produced by Jane Rumbell were discussed. On average across West Christchurch each street that we cover has a membership of 68% of the households. Some small Closes have 100% membership. The two most worrying streets are Bronte Avenue at 30% membership and Fairmile Road at 35% membership.
- 8. Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that the next ACRA meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- 9. Meeting with Bournemouth Airport:** John Pendrill reported that the expansion of the industrial estate has been approved by CBC. As part of the development the Airport are to part-fund improvements to the B3073 particularly at Parley Cross and Chapel Gate. The often discussed Hurn By-pass has been shelved. Air traffic is likely to increase at the time of the Olympics.
- 10. FSCH:** Janet Robson reported more fly tipping on The Hill. Chris Gordon reported on his dealings with DCC and the proper marking of bridleways
- 11. The Hall on the Hill:** parking bollards are to be installed at the back of the Hall. The dance floor is to be renovated between 28<sup>th</sup> December and 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012
- 12. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin reported that a survey of residents in Sandy Lane had resulted in their approval of parking restrictions to apply on one side of the road to facilitate access by the fire service. He further

reported that the second draft plan had been amended and a third draft produced and thanked the committee for once again making the effort to read and comment upon the latest draft. *It was resolved that* this third draft is suitable for submission to CBC Councillors in January 2012 and then to public scrutiny in February

- 13. Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton reported that local planning remained very quiet. Some new arrangements for Kelly's Kitchen are imminent. An enforcement order may be needed to resolve an unsatisfactory situation on Barrack Road.
- 14. WCRA Web Site:** the site has functioned normally and is up to date; November usage was lower than October but this reflected the fact that very few new members were enrolled into the e-mail newsletter so that most users were repeat viewing.
- 15. The E-Mail Newsletter:** no problems to report. A small number of people from outside of West Christchurch have started to enrol via the website.
- 16. Localism Act 2011:** the main provisions were discussed. Jim Biggin reported that he has been in touch with CBC looking for them to arrange a seminar in the New Year. It was noted that it may be necessary to increase the membership of this committee
- 17. Neighbourhood Planning:** this was discussed and is expected to feature heavily in talks with CBC
- 18. Car Parking Charges 2012:** the proposed new charges were noted
- 19.** The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill