

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 4th January 2012 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); 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; SBW=Sembcorp Bournemouth Water; 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 7th December 2011 were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 31st December 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £865.86 with cash at bank of £6244.32 (£6220.06 on deposit). These and supporting records will now be submitted to audit. No suitable deposit account offering a better rate of interest has been found
4. **Future Bookings of The Hall on the Hill:** John Pendrill confirmed that he has made our usual bookings for 2012
5. **Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that at the ACRA meeting on 13th December:
 - 5.1. A document from Chris Chope MP concerning the Association of Chief Police Officers had been received. It is now on our website.
 - 5.2. CBC had provided ACRA with a statement on the current position of Druitt Hall and this is contained in the minutes at minute 8, also on our website
 - 5.3. Everybody is in agreement that the Localism Act and particularly Neighbourhood planning will need close cooperation between RA and CBC
6. **FOSCH:** nothing to report
7. **The Hall on the Hill:** nothing to report
8. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:**
 - 8.1. Jim Biggin confirmed that the public consultation dates will be 1st February to 31st March 2012
 - 8.2. The draft plan overview was viewed as too long; a small number of detail corrections were noted
 - 8.3. The plan feed-back form also has some errors of detail. The fact that this will not be available to be filled in on-line was viewed as a serious shortcoming
 - 8.4. The content of the leaflet that we will distribute giving details of the public consultation was approved with some amendments. Reproduction by photographic means was agreed with a production run of 5,000 leaflets. Distribution beyond our normal geographic boundaries was agreed.
 - 8.5. A notice to be placed on appropriate notice boards will be produced drawing attention to the public consultation

- 8.6. The drop-in day on Saturday 25th January 2012 from 10.00am until 5pm at The Hall on the Hill was noted. We need to be represented at all times. John Pendrill will produce a name badge for everybody.
9. **Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton reported that local planning remained very quiet. Some proposed new arrangements for Kelly's Kitchen have been refused by CBC. The planned development of 44 apartments at Stony Lane has been approved.
10. **WCRA Web Site:** the site has functioned normally and is up to date; December usage figures were not available.
11. **The E-Mail Newsletter:** a new newsletter distributed only to WCRA volunteers (collectors and leaflet distributors) has been added. It has been used to call for volunteers to distribute the leaflet dealing with the St Catherine's Hill public consultation
12. **AGM:** any committee member not planning to stand for re-election needs to make that clear within the next few days
13. **Bournemouth Area Transport Action Group:** it was agreed that we will place material from this organisation on our website and will consider them for giving a presentation in October 2012
14. **Waste Collection:** Jim Biggin confirmed that CBC have acknowledged that the present arrangements for collecting landfill waste and recycled material over bank holidays are not satisfactory and they are looking into changing things before the new collection procedures are introduced Borough-wide. The statement made by Eric Pickles, Communities and Local Government Secretary, regarding weekly collections for all waste was noted. However a fund of £250 million spread across all the collecting councils would not be sufficient to fund the desired increase in service levels.
15. The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 1st February 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill