

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 2nd May 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; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; 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; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Chris Gordon;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 4th April 2012 were approved.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill reported an excess of expenditure over income of £731.97. 2012 member's contributions had started to arrive and amounted to £95. Cash at bank is £5,512.35 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS)
- 5. Analysis of Spending YTD:** this analysis demonstrated that the extra expenditure over the norm was accounted for by spending on one off things associated with the St Catherine's Hill Management Plan. *It was resolved that these items would be shown in a separate line on the 2012 accounts.*
- 6. Collection of Membership Subscriptions:** Maureen Biggin reported the potential recruitment of another new collector, making four in total. Subscriptions received in April were for Dreswick Close and Hurn Road.
- 7. Delegate to ACRA:** the airport have produced an analysis of pick-up and drop-off charges in force at other airports to compare with their £2.50. Overall Bournemouth compares reasonably well with other airports, all of whom are feeling the pinch in difficult economic trading conditions.
- 8. FOSCH:** three youths were seen firing air guns on the Hill and the matter has been reported to the police.
- 9. The Hall on the Hill:** the Hall recorded a small financial profit in 2012-13. They now have to pay Council Business rate. The saga of the replacement chairs continues.
- 10. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin confirmed that CBC had received 180 response forms and 10 letters. This low level of response was debated and it was resolved that (a) *we would attend Civic Offices and inspect the responses ourselves and (b) that we should express our disappointment in our Newsletter and in the official press release and (c) we mainly attributed the low response to the length, dreariness and complexity of the report*
- 11. Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton confirmed that: the Enforcement Officer is now dealing with the illegal fence at 151 The Grove; the planning consent issue at 9 The Grove remains unresolved.
- 12. One-way System at Clarendon Road:** our proposals are being investigated by David Barnes at CBC

- 13. Christchurch Hospital Development:** despite several attempts Eileen Lancaster had not been able to obtain a copy of the Newsletter giving full details of the proposal. Janet Robson had meet with similar delaying tactics. We were forced to conclude that The Hospital does not want local people to have access to all the facts.
- 14. Local Parking Management:** DCC have served notice on CBC that they intend to take over this function from 2013. There is nothing CBC can do about this.
- 15. Waste Collection:** Eileen Lancaster had received assurances from DWP that the computer chip in one of the waste collection bins is there to enable each bin to be tied to the household it serves.
- 16. Safety Considerations at Wilverley Road:** Roger Hamilton confirmed that DWP are conducting a feasibility study into his proposals to enhance the safety at Wilverley Road (which DWP tell us is the busiest site in Dorset)
- 17.** The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6th June 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill