

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 4th July 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 Roger Hamilton; Chris Gordon; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson
2. **Apologies for absence:** Jim Biggin; Maureen Biggin
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 6th June 2012 were approved.
 - 3.1. **John Pendrill** is expecting an answer from DCC re the One-way system at Clarendon Road by next Tuesday
 - 3.2. **Roger Hamilton** is in discussion with Steve Burdis about installing a raised ramp at Wilverley road.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill reported an excess of expenditure over income of £280.75. 2012 member's contributions had continued to arrive and now amounted to £542. Cash at bank is £5,963.57 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS hoping to increase to £5,000 to obtain a higher rate of interest)
5. **Collection of Membership Subscriptions:** collections in June included: Bronte Avenue Closes; Canberra Road and Close; Flambard Avenue; Hestan Close; Old Barn Close; Stour Way East and West; Walcott Avenue .
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** Meeting was held 12th June –
 - 6.1. Navitas bay wind farm is being evaluated. Chris Gordon reported consent for a weather testing mast has been approved to test wind speed and direction.
 - 6.2. Druitt hall will be demolished April 2013.
 - 6.3. CBC will be cutting back on grass-cutting and may be asking residents to help.
 - 6.4. Localism Bill - John Pendrill had heard a radio report that by 2020 councils will only have money for Adult Care and Waste Services, everything else will be provided by the residents.
7. **FOSCH:** Janet Robson reported a lot of activity around the phone masts.
8. **The Hall on the Hill:** nothing to report.
9. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** The Plan has now been submitted for formal approval. Once that task is complete the new Management Committee will meet for the first time, probably in September 2012.
10. **Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton has written to the bus companies about the new fence at 151 The Grove and they are monitoring the situation. Chris Gordon has spoken to two bus drivers who are going to pass their concerns on to the relevant companies. Roger Hamilton is going to report the situation to Steve Duckett, CBC Head of Planning, as

emails to Michael Lake, CBC Enforcement Officer, go unanswered. The work at Tesco Express commenced before the planning application had been approved. Roger Hamilton is concerned over the plans for a 'deep discount' retailer at Unit 9 Christchurch Retail Park. A café has been approved at the Superbuys site. The resident at 14 Hurn Road which backs on to Bosley Close has erected gates at the rear of his premises that could allow access to his property from Bosley Close, which has raised concerns from residents of the cul-de-sac.

- 11. Quantum development at Bailey Bridge:** *It was resolved that* there would be an emergency Management Committee meeting on Friday 6th July to discuss this when Jim and Maureen Biggin could be present with other members of the committee.
- 12. Meeting with CBC:** John Pendrill reported that the new waste collection system was discussed which should by rationalising services across Dorset save several million pounds of tax payers' money each year.
- 13. Redesign of Website:** our website has now been redesigned to make it easier to navigate the site.
- 14. Public Meeting Thursday 25th October:** The speaker on the Open Day will either be the M.D. Trelawney Dampney or one of his colleagues from Eco Sustainable Solutions of Chapel Lane, West Parley. Sue Bungey will also give a short address on developments at Christchurch Hospital
- 15. Local trees:** two trees in Foreland Close were proving to be a problem by breaking up the pavement and the road surface. In the next Newsletter we will ask local residents for details of any more trees that are causing similar damage.
- 16. Marsh lane:** the draft local Strategic Plan was discussed and particularly the proposal to eventually build houses to the rear of Marsh Lane. This proposal is part of an overall proposal to build houses at Parley Cross and at Roeshot Hill that we objected to when the strategic plan was at an earlier stage. It was stressed that at the moment this is still only a proposal in a plan and not a planning application.
- 17. August Meeting:** *it was resolved that* we would only meet in August if there was a pressing need.
- 18. New Allowance for Councillors:** There are 24 councillors and without their travel costs the total for 2011-12 was £129,600. This has increased to £142,300 for 2012-1313, an increase of 9.79%. *It was resolved that* John Pendrill will enquire about the rational for this large increase.
- 19.** The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill