

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 5th September 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; John Pendrill; Janet Robson
2. **Apologies for absence:** Eileen Lancaster; Chris Gordon;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 4th July 2012 were approved.
 - 3.1. **The proposed One-way system at Clarendon Road** is now being evaluated by DCC. This process will take at least 6 months
 - 3.2. **Roger Hamilton** is still in discussion with Steve Burdis about installing a raised ramp at Wilverley road.
 - 3.3. **CBC Councillors New Allowances.** These represent an 8.1% increase year-on-year. However, the increases cover more than one year and are based upon a starting figure that is low in comparative terms
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill reported an excess of income over expenditure of £232.63. 2012 member's contributions had continued to arrive and now amounted to £1074. Cash at bank is £6,476.95 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS)
5. **Public Liability Insurance:** the requested premium for 2012-13 is the same as this year for identical cover. *It was resolved that* this premium should be paid.
6. **Collection of Membership Subscriptions:** collections in July and August included: Albion Road; Apple Close; Arcadia Road; Aston Mead; Beech Avenue; Blythe Close; Bronte Avenue; Burford Close; Cedar Avenue; Chestnut Avenue; Crossway and Closes; Durlston Crescent and Closes; Elizabeth Avenue; Foreland Close; Hillside Drive (West); Orford Close; Perth Close; Pippin Close; Suffolk Avenue; The Grove. The collector for Rydale Close is unwell.
7. **Delegate to ACRA:** Meeting is scheduled for next week
8. **The Hall on the Hill:** Janet Robson reported: the new chairs are on order; the PA system has been updated; CBC has started to charge them business rates; DWP are charging them for refuse collection.
9. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:**
 - 9.1. The Plan still awaits formal approval. The new Management Committee is scheduled to meet for the first time in October 2012.
 - 9.2. Footprint Ecology has been conducting a survey of visitors on behalf of CBC. *It was resolved that* we should establish the purpose of the survey

10. **ARC:** Janet Robson reported a grant from NE to ARC to administer tumuli; some routine scrub clearance has been scheduled
11. **The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** ACRA have written to DCC Councillor Flower and to CBC CEO David McIntosh but have not yet received a reply in either instance; the amended Morrison's proposal is to be featured in a walk-in shop in Christchurch High Street
12. **Navitus Bay:** the Hengistbury Head RA have now joined the party and are organising a conference
13. **Christchurch Hospital:** Quantum Developments have been retained for the new development. An open day is scheduled for Saturday 8th September and both Janet Robson and Roger Hamilton will represent us
14. **Planning Issues:** 151 The Grove chunters on; California Chicken, Barrack Road, have appealed against CBC decision; The resident at 14 Hurn Road which backs on to Bosley Close has had his retrospective planning application for gates at the rear of his premises that could allow access to his property from Bosley Close refused; the requested permission to build in-fill houses at 24-28 Flambard Avenue has been refused; a local Estate Agent is openly canvassing for people to sell off their back gardens
15. **Public Meeting Thursday 25th October:** as Jim Biggin will have to miss the meeting Roger Hamilton will take his place
16. **Local trees:** a letter has been sent to CBC outlining all the problems that occur with local trees.
17. **CBC Civic Offices:** it was noted that CBC are investigating the possibility of selling the Civic Offices and splitting their functions into two operations: a front office for members of the public to drop in situated in the town centre (the equivalent of the existing "one-stop-shop"); the back office potentially to be combined with East Dorset and housed in cheaper premises (the Old Magistrates Court was suggested as a possible venue). ACRA will be looking into this in more detail
18. **John Pendrill resignation:** without prior discussion John Pendrill announced that this would be his last meeting as he is resigning without giving proper and adequate notice for personal reasons. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin would effect a hand over of banking and other related functions
19. The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd October 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill