

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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; David Barnett; Maureen Biggin; Roger Hamilton; Chris Gordon; Eileen Lancaster; Janet Robson
2. **Apologies for absence:** none
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were approved.
4. **Resignation of Treasurer (John Pendrill):** it was noted that following the resignation on 5<sup>th</sup> September:
  - 4.1. A satisfactory interim audit had been completed
  - 4.2. Independent of the audit, the Management Accounts had been recreated from HSBC and Teachers BS records and checked against the accounts produced at the 5<sup>th</sup> September meeting
  - 4.3. Roger Hamilton and Janet Robson had been appointed as new cheque signatories to replace John Pendrill on both the HSBC and Teachers BS accounts
  - 4.4. The HSBC random number generator used to gain electronic access to the bank account had been handed over to Jim Biggin who had used it to change the access details to the e-account. *It was resolved that* Janet Robson would in future hold the random number generator without knowing the other access details
5. **Co-option of David Barnett FCCA (Retired):** the co-option of David Barnett to replace John Pendrill as Treasurer was confirmed pending proper election at the AGM
6. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that:
  - 6.1. He had created a new Excel spread sheet to create the monthly accounts based upon the cash book.
  - 6.2. He and Jim Biggin had devised a method of working together and as a result he was able to produce a set of accounts as at 3<sup>rd</sup> October. These showed an excess of income over expenditure of £77.39 2012 member's contributions had continued to arrive and now amounted to £1337. Cash at bank is £6,321.71 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS).
  - 6.3. Some presentational changes were discussed, to come into effect at the start of the 2013 financial year.
  - 6.4. He would now e-mail the supporting spread sheet to Jim Biggin thus ensuring that records were in future held in two separate locations.
7. **Public Liability Insurance:** it was noted that the premium had been paid
8. **Collection of Membership Subscriptions:**

- 8.1.** The collector for Rydal Close had not been able to do her collection and Maureen Biggin had done it for her.
- 8.2.** The collector for Endfield Road (and cul-de-sacs off) had resigned through ill health without starting his collection. Jim Biggin was in the process of substituting for him.
- 8.3.** The collector for Stourcroft Drive had resigned after completing her collection.
- 8.4.** Collections banked included: Bosley Close and Way; Driftwood; Hillside (East); Fairmile; Marsh Lane; Maundeville Road and Crescent; Rivermead Gardens; River Way (South); Rydal Close; Stourcroft Drive; Stourvale Avenue; Valley Close; Woodbury Close.
- 9. Delegate to ACRA (Roger Hamilton):** Jim Biggin thanked Roger for stepping into the ACRA role at very short notice following the resignation of John Pendrill. The minutes of the meeting are on the website and there is nothing additional to report
- 10. The Hall on the Hill:** Janet Robson reported that redecoration will take place over Christmas
- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that the first meeting will be on 4<sup>th</sup> October. He outlined his thoughts on topics that needed to be discussed and these were endorsed by the committee
- 12. ARC:** nothing to report
- 13. The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** ACRA have received replies from DCC Councillor Flower and CBC CEO David McIntosh. ACRA has written a new letter to CBC CEO David McIntosh following the discovery that CBC has suggested downgrading the Barrack Road shopping area – the letter is on the website. *It was resolved that we would not write to CBC Planning ourselves.*
- 14. Navitus Bay:** the Hengistbury Head RA conference was considered a great success with particularly good input from Bournemouth Council Officers. All local organisations now appear to be against the development but concede that a decision will be made at national rather than local level. The factors most likely to militate against the development are considered to be the SSSI status of much of Dorset's coastline and the impact upon local bird migration.
- 15. Christchurch Hospital:** Maureen Biggin had represented us at an ACRA meeting arranged through Sue Bungey with Richard Renault, Director of Social Development. The meeting was judged a success and the points learned will be posted to the website. Of great significance for future local building projects was the statement made by Richard Renault that nearly all GP surgeries across the whole of Christchurch are close to having full patient lists with no scope for expansion
- 16. Planning Issues:** 151 The Grove CBC have decided that although the fence is illegal and impedes the view of bus drivers turning right out of The Grove they will not be taking any further action; The resident at 14 Hurn Road which backs on to Bosley Close has been using the gates at the rear of his premises to access his property from Bosley Close. Cllr Sue Spittle is now involved; Roger Hamilton has been making representations concerning improvements to Fountain Roundabout
- 17. Public Meeting Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October:** posters have been printed and will be passed to Janet Robson; the speakers are confirmed; Roger Hamilton will handle the administration on the day; Chris Gordon will make an appeal for new collectors

- 18. Local trees:** the letter sent to CBC on 29<sup>th</sup> August outlining all the problems that occur with local trees has been acknowledged but no meaningful response has been received.
- 19. Confirmation of seeking re-election at AGM:** all present confirmed their intention of seeking re-election
- 20. Search for new committee members:** Jim Biggin confirmed that in addition to David Barnett two other people had contacted him. One, Wendy Keene, has agreed to attend the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December. A second is on holiday and will be re-contacted on his return.
- 21. CBC Civic Offices:** ACRA have arranged a meeting with Cllr Ray Nottage and CBC CEO David McIntosh to be held mid-October
- 22. WCRA Website:** Eileen Lancaster agreed that she would investigate incorporating a section that identified how residents could join WCRA
- 23. Candidates for new Police Tsar:** Eileen Lancaster was thanked for her efforts in finding full details of all the local candidates and loading them up onto our website
- 24. Dangerous fallen tree:** Maureen Biggin has written to the Managers of The Malmesbury Estate drawing attention to a dangerous fallen tree on Town Common to the rear of Fairmile Road.
- 25.** The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill