

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 5th December 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; HENRA=Hengistbury Head RA; 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; Chris Gordon; Janet Robson
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster;
3. **In attendance:** Steve Roberts
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 7th November 2012 were approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that:
 - 5.1. Accounts as at 30th November showed an excess of income over expenditure of £533.79. 2012 member's contributions amounted to £1822, a 3% increase over 2011. Cash at bank is £6,778.11 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS).
 - 5.2. He recommended and *it was resolved that* (a) £1,000 be transferred from deposit to current account and that (b) £1,500 be transferred to Teachers Building Society
 - 5.3. Our current auditor will be approached to see if they are willing to audit the 2012 accounts
6. **Collection of Membership Subscriptions:**
 - 6.1. Five new collectors had started in 2012 and all of them had successfully completed their collection.
 - 6.2. Four collectors had resigned during 2012 and a fifth was known to be unwell.
 - 6.3. Four potential new collectors for 2013 have been identified.
 - 6.4. The new "sorry we missed you" letters had resulted in 58 subscriptions being collected, a very successful outcome.
7. **Delegate to ACRA (Roger Hamilton):** the ACRA meeting is scheduled for 11th December
8. **The Hall on the Hill:** Janet Robson reported that nothing contentious had occurred
9. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that the second meeting of the new committee had been an improvement over the initial one. However, minutes of this meeting are still outstanding and this was not considered satisfactory. Once those minutes are to hand Chris will prepare a summary with a view to informing all affected residents of the committee's plans. These will include the creation of dip wells and the regular publication of readings taken from those wells.
10. **ARC:** Janet Robson reported that a new fence has been erected from the trig point along the top of the scarp. This is apparently to reduce erosion (that has presumably been made worse by the felling of the trees – no doubt this all makes sense to somebody)

- 11. The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** nothing further has been heard regarding the Bailey Bridge application that CBC have referred to The Secretary of State following the Planning Committee approval that was very much in line with majority public opinion but counter to advice proffered by CBC Planning Officers. Nothing has been heard from Morrison following the rejection of their application by the Planning Committee.
- 12. Navitus Bay:** it was noted that Eneco has rescheduled the next round of public consultation which will now start in February 2013. This probably means that Eneco underestimated the level of informed and organised interest in the proposal such as that orchestrated by HENRA. The magazine Purbeck has published an article on the wind farm written by local resident Steve Roberts. *It was resolved that we would purchase three copies of the magazine for our own use with one copy for Councillor Margaret Phipps*
- 13. Christchurch Hospital:** an amended set of plans are due to be submitted to CBC
- 14. Planning Issues:** no report
- 15. AGM Thursday 28th February:** following a suggestion by Chris Gordon *it was resolved that we will approach local councillors to see if they would be willing to participate in a "BBC Question Time" style of meeting*
- 16. Local trees:** the CBC letter of reply dated 8th November to our letter sent to CBC on 29th August has been discussed with Richard Miller and a short set of topics for discussion has been produced. *It was resolved that these will now be sent to CBC*
- 17. CBC Civic Offices:** the discussion with Councillor Ray Nottage and CEO David McIntosh (details of which are on the website) will be discussed at the ACRA meeting next week
- 18. CBC Budget 2013-14:** it was noted that we will be invited to participate in a discussion of this topic in February 2013 at which time we will also seek details of the DCC budget
- 19. WCRA Website:** it was noted that the use of the website continued to increase and that the e-newsletter was now going to over 1,200 homes
- 20. The New Police Tsar:** it was noted that the independent candidate, ex-police chief Martyn Underhill, had been elected for Dorset. ACRA will be encouraged to strike up a working relationship with him.
- 21. Resurfacing of Local Roads:** it was noted that Councillor Sue Spittle continues to bring the current unsatisfactory state of affairs to the notice of DCC
- 22. Co-option of Steve Roberts:** the co-option of Steve Roberts onto the management committee was confirmed pending proper election at the AGM
- 23.** The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd January 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill