

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 6th February 2013 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; Maureen Biggin; Chris Gordon; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Janet Robson
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 2nd January 2013 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that:
 - 4.1. Accounts as at 31st December 2012 are with the auditor
 - 4.2. The new format for 2013 would be as presented. This form of presentation was unanimously approved
5. **Delegate to ACRA (Roger Hamilton):** nothing to report
6. **The Hall on the Hill:** Eileen Lancaster reported that the new dishwasher has been installed whilst the new chairs remain in the pipeline
7. **FOSCH:** the management plan was discussed; the problems caused by visitors parking at the top of the bridle path were noted
8. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that the same parking issues were raised at this meeting with the absence of an "access only" road sign at the Fairmile Road end of the bridle path blamed; the work to be undertaken in 2013 is still being assessed; it was noted that some dangerous trees will be felled in February
9. **The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** there has been no progress on any of the sites;
10. **Navitus Bay:** some of the recent material issued by various parties has been less than satisfactory (poorly written, presenting opinion as fact; etc.). Steve Roberts was thanked for his assistance in sorting things out
11. **Christchurch Hospital:** CBC Planning Committee has turned down the planning application. A new, slightly amended application has been submitted. If this is rejected then Christchurch Hospital and associated services will almost certainly close. ACRA is supporting the latest application, as are we.
12. **135 Barrack Road (California Fried Chicken):** this appeal has been turned down by the Inspector and we no doubt move on to enforcement
13. **AGM Thursday 28th February:** Chris Gordon has obtained a roving microphone and he will chair the Question Time Panel whilst Maureen Biggin will assist attendees to ask their questions; posters have been printed and will be passed to Janet Robson; Eileen Lancaster and Maureen Biggin will manage refreshments

- 14. DCC-CBC Budgets 2013-14:** David Barnett and Jim Biggin reported on their meeting with CBC to discuss budgets at which a rather gloomy situation was reported. A full set of notes has been posted to the website
- 15. Wilverley Road Recycling Centre:** funds to effect the proposed changes may be a difficulty
- 16. Marsh Lane-Bronte Avenue Road Calming:** Steve Roberts reported on his visit to the DCC HQ. The proposals for traffic calming were well received and DCC will now undertake a full safety investigation
- 17. Website Licence:** it was noted that this licence has been renewed for a further 12 months
- 18. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported that roads had now been allocated to collectors, who would receive a letter in the next couple of days
- 19. 2013 Subscriptions:** *it was resolved that* these should remain at £1 per household
- 20.** The meeting closed at 8.50pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6th March 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill