

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 6th March 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; Chris Gordon; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Roger Hamilton;
3. **In attendance:** Malcolm Green, prospective committee member
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 6th February 2013 were approved.
5. **Resignation of Janet Robson:** Janet's resignation prior to the AGM was noted with regret; *it was resolved that* Jim Biggin would write a letter of thanks and Chris Gordon would buy her two bottles of appropriate wine to a cost not exceeding £15.00
6. **Allocation of Projects 2013-14:** Chris – St Catherine's Hill Management and FOSCH; David – NHS jointly with Steve; Eileen – Hall on the Hill; Roger – ACRA and Planning Issues; Steve – Navitus Bay and the NHS jointly with David; not allocated - ARC and Suburban Trees
7. **AGM:** the Question Time format was very successful in front of a packed hall. Lessons for next time: stop speeches; greater microphone discipline; establish how people learned about the meeting
8. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that:
 - 8.1. Accounts as at 31st December 2012 have been audited and accepted
 - 8.2. Accounts in the new format as at 28th February were accepted
 - 8.3. Teachers are reducing their deposit interest rate. *It was resolved that* there was little point in attempting to move elsewhere
9. **Collectors:** Jim Biggin reported that all roads have been allocated and collectors have been notified. Coverage of most of our area is now reasonable but with the Canberra Road – Albion Road – Endfield Road area not so well served
10. **Delegate to ACRA (Roger Hamilton):** nothing to report
11. **The Hall on the Hill:** Eileen Lancaster reported that nothing dramatic had occurred
12. **FOSCH:** the AGM passed without incident
13. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that the next meeting will be on 21st March
14. **The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** The Secretary of State has approved the development. The ball is now back with CBC

15. **Navitus Bay:** there have been a number of reasonably well attended public exhibitions as a result of which Navitus has much to digest before finalising its Environmental Impact Assessment
16. **Christchurch Hospital:** CBC Planning Committee will meet on 14th March to consider the new application. Letters, e-mails and petitions expressing public support have been flooding into CBC. Councillor Colin Bungey will speak for us at the meeting.
17. **Wilverley Road Recycling Centre:** no report
18. **Marsh Lane-Bronte Avenue Road Calming:** Steve Roberts reported no new developments
19. **Membership Renewal Notice 2013:** the draft was approved
20. **Spring News Letter:** the draft was approved subject to the outcome of the Hospital Planning Application
21. **Suburban Trees:** the meeting with CBC had moved things forward a little. In particular CBC had confirmed that we should deal directly with DCC on trees that damage the highway. *It was resolved that* we would wait until after the County Elections in May before proceeding further
22. **CBC Housing Strategy 2013-16:** *it was resolved that* Chris Gordon would look into this in the first instance
23. **DCC Buses Consultation:** *it was resolved that* Jim Biggin would look into this in the first instance
24. **Strange Behaviour in Dreswick Close:** David Barnet reported that the police had been called to investigate an odd couple behaving strangely in Dreswick Close (NB - not reported at the meeting – the couple featured in a Crime Stoppers E-Mail and were described in the March 2013 News Letter)
25. **Christchurch, New Zealand:** the new link on the website was noted
26. The meeting closed at 8.50pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill