

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 3rd July 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; DPCC=Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner; 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; Malcolm Green; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** none
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 1st May 2013 were approved.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 30th June we had funds of £6717.15 and had incurred anticipated losses year-to-date of £71.56.
- 5. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported that during May and June: Albion Road; Anne Close; Arcadia Road; Aston Mead; Beech Avenue; Branwell Close; Burford Close; Cedar Avenue; Chestnut Avenue; Elm Avenue; Emily Close; Flambard Avenue; Haworth Close; Heston Close; Huntingdon Gardens; Rydal Close; Squirrels Close; Stourbanks RA; Stour Way East; Stour Way West; Vilette Close; Walcott Avenue; collections had been completed
- 6. Delegate to ACRA:** Jim Biggin reported that the next meeting with CBC Executive Directorate is scheduled for 12th July; the meeting with the Deputy Head of DCC to discuss DCC budgets is scheduled for 17th July; and that ACRA has a new member, namely Somerford RA. Roger Hamilton reported the on-going problems of dealing with the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner's (DPCC) administrative unit; the developments over Druitt Hall for which planning consent has been granted with the full business plan still awaited; the fears over the potential loss of the bowling green opposite the Kings Arms where membership has been dropping due to parking difficulties and a lack of amenities.
- 7. The Hall on the Hill:** no meeting has taken place
- 8. Local Hospitals:** A timetable for work on the Christchurch site has been posted to the website. There is no news on the Poole-Bournemouth merger.
- 9. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that the anti-lobby continue to present misinformation. They are short of volunteers and it was mooted that this might to some extent reflect the fact that the general population were not as anti as the activists believed them to be.
- 10. Funding Literature:** ACRA has been asked to help fund an anti-wind-farm leaflet. As ACRA has no money this could only happen if individual RA made contributions. Following a discussion *it was resolved that* WCRA would not contribute to any publication over which it had no editorial control. *It was further resolved that* this would be a misuse of resident's funds partly because it is our prime function to present facts to

our members leaving them to make their own minds up and partly because a significant proportion of our membership is in favour of the wind-farm

- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that FOSCH are planning their annual history day. ARC is seeking increased signage and is costing the project. After some discussion *it was resolved that* in principle WCRA will contribute to the signage project provided our support is acknowledged on the signs. Dick Preston, newly retired from the Forestry Commission, has been retained to give strategic advice. There are a small number of trees whose roots are damaging the reservoirs and whose branches overhang the site and these will have to be felled. Now that he has been working with the plan and other members of the Management Committee for some months, Chris is growing in confidence that the plan is a good one.
- 12. The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** Morrison's have decided to re-apply to develop the Stony Lane site; the Bailey Bridge site paperwork has been put to bed. The developer now urgently needs a supermarket partner
- 13. Crooked Beam Restaurant, Cedar Avenue:** *it was resolved* that on our behalf Roger Hamilton should formally object to this proposal on the grounds of over development.
- 14. Illegal Fence at the Fairmile-Grove Junction:** the CBC Enforcement Officer is of a view that without support from DCC it is unlikely that anything can be done about this fence and we must hope that it doesn't contribute to a road traffic accident
- 15. Wilverley Road Recycling Centre:** Roger Hamilton reported no new developments
- 16. Marsh Lane-Bronte Avenue Road Calming:** Steve Roberts reported traffic counting strips had shown that whilst there is some speeding most drivers are behaving sensibly. This makes it unlikely that Marsh Lane will get precedence over other more dangerous sites when it comes to funding traffic calming measures
- 17. Our Website:** Eileen Lancaster reported a satisfactory month
- 18. Dial-A-Bus:** full details are now on the website
- 19. Tuesday Dance Group:** David Barnett, Maureen Biggin and Jim Biggin declared an interest in this topic. After discussion amongst other members *it was resolved that* the dance group can use the roving microphone provided that they replace the batteries and pay for any necessary repairs.
- 20. Purbeck Council:** it was noted that the local press contained rumours that Purbeck Council would be joining the CBC-EDDC joint administrative body
- 21.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill (NB – there will be no August meeting unless an emergency of some sort crops up)