

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 4th September 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; Chris Gordon; Malcolm Green; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 3rd July 13 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 31st August we had funds of £7,023.15 and had an income surplus year-to-date of £234.44.
 - 4.1. *It was resolved that* the liability insurance should be renewed at a premium of £272.84, an identical amount to that paid in 2012
 - 4.2. It was noted that The Hall on the Hill was increasing some selected hire charges. The situation was a little unclear but it did appear that our costs would be increased by about £36 a year. After discussing various options, including going elsewhere, *it was resolved that* we would continue to use The Hall
5. **Collectors:** Jim Biggin reported that during July and August: Bronte Avenue; Cambridge Gardens; Surrey Close; Endfield Road and roads off Endfield Road; collections had been completed
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** the next ACRA meeting is on 10th September.
7. **The Hall on the Hill:** the chairs have been replaced and the old ones donated to DrUITt Hall; some electrical work is under consideration; the AGM is in October
8. **Local Hospitals:** There is no further news on the Poole-Bournemouth merger.
9. **Navitus Bay:** the ACRA representative has resigned. The final round of public consultation is under way. Steve Roberts has a second independent summary article published in Edition 5 of Purbeck Magazine. *It was resolved that* we should spend £4.40 to purchase a copy.
10. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that FOSCH are pressing ahead with their annual history day to be held in October. After some discussion of the latest situation *it was resolved that* in principle WCRA is still keen to contribute to the signage project. Chris Gordon reconfirmed that as and when plans crystallise sufficiently an appropriate letter will be delivered to local residents to make them aware of what is to be done and why it is being done.
11. **The Supermarkets Planning Issues:** Morrison's have re-applied to develop the Stony Lane site; the Bailey Bridge site developer believes he has found a supermarket partner

- 12. Crooked Beam Restaurant, Cedar Avenue:** Roger Hamilton reported that this application has been turned down
- 13. 44 Hillside Road:** a local resident had asked us to object to this development. Roger Hamilton confirmed that following investigation he had found no legitimate planning reason on which to base an objection.
- 14. Waitrose Car Park:** Roger Hamilton reported that it is planned to install traffic lights to facilitate traffic trying to leave this car park.
- 15. Wilverley Road Recycling Centre:** Roger Hamilton reported that the DWP had confirmed that they were overspent in 2012-13 and therefore have no money for improvements at this site
- 16. Our Website:** Eileen Lancaster reported decreased activity in August – this is quite usual
- 17. Off Street Parking on Fairmile Road opposite Walcott and Flambard Avenues:** it was agreed that this is primarily a DCC matter but that doing something about it would be difficult: the pavement is very wide and the parked cars do not represent a hazard to either motorists or pedestrians; DCC have no resources to enforce the parking by-laws and any effect of a one-off initiative would soon be lost. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin will raise the matter when he meets DCC Traffic Officers but it was felt unlikely that anything substantive would result
- 18. UKIP:** it was noted that ACRA (Jim Biggin) had received a letter from Rollo Reid, Chairman of Christchurch UKIP that was highly political in nature. The stance taken by ACRA, to inform UKIP that Residents Associations are non-political, was applauded
- 19.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill