

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 6th November 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; CED=Christchurch and East Dorset; 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; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:**; Eileen Lancaster;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 2nd October 13 were approved.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 31st October we had funds of £7,216.63 and had an income surplus year-to-date of £427.92. On the assumption that a further £250 will be collected by year-end David was asked to propose how much money should be transferred to (a) HSBC Deposit and (b) Teachers BS
- 5. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported that during October collections had been received for: Ambleside; Apple Grove; Bronte Bungalows; Chalfont; Grasmere; Lynton Crescent; Marsh Lane; Pippin Close; Sandy Lane. Only three collectors were outstanding at month end and only two now – both had been contacted
- 6. Delegate to ACRA:** Roger Hamilton reported that the DPCC has cancelled his review meeting scheduled for end November
- 7. The Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that ways of improving the ventilation are still being investigated; the heater that prevented the way out sign being visible has been removed
- 8. Local Hospitals:** the Poole-Bournemouth merger has been blocked by Central Government. Richard Renault from the Trust has confirmed that this will not affect the work planned for Christchurch Hospital
- 9. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported no major developments
- 10. FOSCH:** Chris Gordon reported no major developments
- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported: initial felling licences have been submitted but contain significant errors that need to be corrected; the health and safety issues associated with felling will be monitored; the next meeting will be 14th November
- 12. Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton reported that: The Crooked Beams has gone to appeal; the Waitrose traffic lights are being erected; the Morrison's re-application is due for imminent decision; the Meteor site have requested changes
- 13. DCC-New Bus Services:** the final conclusions have been deferred until the DCC Cabinet in December; Councillor Sue Spittle is organising a petition and we have put a petition form onto our website; the new 111 service via Bronte-Marsh-Suffolk has commenced

- 14. DCC-CBC-Budgets:** Jim Biggin confirmed that he will be meeting DCC Councillor Robert Gould and the CBC Executive Directorate during November to assess the latest financial situation
- 15. DCC-Trees in Hurn Road:** Jim Biggin reported that DCC have produced a schedule of work that we have posted to our website and given details to residents of Hurn Road
- 16. October Public Meeting:** the meeting was well attended; the last minute contribution from Richard Renault of the Hospital Trust was much appreciated; the presentation by DPCC Martyn Underhill gave rise to some concern as to the likely overall effectiveness of his plans
- 17. Poster Sites:** thanks were expressed to Malcolm Green for organising the poster display. Any suggestions for new locations should be passed directly to Malcolm
- 18. Recycling Site Bronte Avenue:** Jim Biggin outlined the events, including fly tipping, that had led us to contact DCC Councillor Margaret Phipps and ask her to approach DWP with a view to closing the site
- 19. Committee Membership:** everybody except Eileen Lancaster (absent) and Roger Hamilton indicated their willingness to serve again in 2014; Maureen Biggin was authorised to approach the collector that she believed would make a good replacement for Roger; everybody was asked to consider if they knew of any other candidates
- 20. St Catherine's Hill Orientation Stone:** Chris Gordon reported progress. After some discussion *it was resolved that* we do not think that overt commercial sponsorship would be suitable on the stone but we do think that provided Semcorp contribute to the cost they should be allowed to have their name present as they own part of the hill and participate in its management
- 21.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill