

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 4th December 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; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
- 2. In attendance:** Sue Fotheringham
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 6th November 2013 were approved.
- 4. Committee Membership:** In addition to Roger Hamilton, Eileen Lancaster has also decided not to seek re-election but will continue to maintain the website. These resignations mean that the responsibilities for: Planning Issues; ACRA Representation; Hall on the Hill liaison; will need to be reassigned in 2014
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 30th November we had funds of £7,287.63 and had an income surplus year-to-date of £498.92. Interim accounts dated 4th December showed funds of £7,538.63 (£1389.74 in HSBC current account) with an income surplus year-to-date of £749.92. This change had been caused by two collectors making very late returns
- 6. Reallocation of Funds:** David Barnett recommended that out of current account £500 be transferred to Teachers BS and £500 to HSBC deposit account. This recommendation was approved unanimously
- 7. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported that during November and including 1st December collections had been received for: Essex Avenue; Glendale Close; Hampshire Close; Hurn Way; Lincoln Avenue; Norfolk Avenue; Old Barn Road & Lane; River Way (North); Springfield Avenue; St Catherine's Way; Wilton Close. Jim Biggin reported that £61 had been collected by using "sorry we missed you letters". Membership for 2013 now stood at 1,867 households
- 8. Resignation of Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported one definite resignation
- 9. Delegate to ACRA:** Roger Hamilton reported that the next ACRA meeting will be on 10th December
- 10. The Hall on the Hill:** Eileen Lancaster reported: AGM to be moved forward to June from 2014; dishwasher malfunction and other maintenance issues have been resolved; a large landfill refuse collection bin is on order; the Quiz was profitable; various events are planned and the first issue of the 2014 leaflet is imminent. Malcolm Green reported that proposals for improving the ventilation have been put forward for consideration
- 11. Local Hospitals:** Steve Roberts reported that work has started on the Christchurch Hospital site with the removal of asbestos and power upgrades

- 12. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported no major developments but HMG have moved the goalposts by changing the subsidy structure to favour off-shore over on-shore development. It will take time to assess the likely impact of this but the general feeling remained that Whitehall will decide what happens irrespective of local views
- 13. FOSCH:** Chris Gordon reported no major developments
- 14. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported: considerable progress in establishing a base line against which future changes to hydrology patterns following felling can be measured using the dip wells; some vandalism of the dip wells; contract negotiations with a reputable firm of tree surgeons; the arrest of youths spraying graffiti on the water reservoirs following prompt action by a resident. Jim Biggin reported that Councillor Sue Spittle has promised to write a plain language progress report for the December Newsletter
- 15. Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton reported that the Morrison's re-application has been delayed yet again. Chris Gordon asked about the new planning application submitted by The Co-Op for 202 Fairmile Road (the empty pub). Roger Hamilton undertook to investigate this as a matter of urgency and to inform committee members as soon as possible
- 16. DCC-CBC-Budgets:** Jim Biggin confirmed that the DCC financial situation remained a concern and that Councillor Robert Gould was urgently seeking new avenues to produce cost savings. The CBC situation is more robust. Full notes of both meetings can be found on the website www.wcresidents.co.uk
- 17. St Catherine's Hill Orientation Stone:** Chris Gordon showed specimens of the materials likely to be used for both the stone plinth and the top stone and described the probable content of the top stone for which quotations are being obtained.
- 18. Christchurch Community Fund:** the publicity surrounding this new development arising out of the Bailey Bridge-Quantum-ASDA development was noted. *It was resolved that* David Barnett and Jim Biggin would act as WCRA contact points at outset
- 19. Website Activity:** Eileen Lancaster reported a considerable increase in web activity in November over October. Jim Biggin reported that reports from Mail Chimp indicated access via the Newsletter to both the bus petition and the DCC schedule of waste collection in 2014
- 20.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill