

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

www.wcresidents.co.uk

Committee Meeting Minutes

Oak Avenue: 8th January 2014 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; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Malcolm Green;
- 3. In attendance:** Sue Fotheringham
- 4. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 4th December 2013 were approved subject to a correction to minute 18 which should read "David Barnett" and not "Roger Barnett".
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 31st December we had funds of £7,521.95 and had an income surplus year-to-date of £733.24 with a small amount of interest still to be included. It was noted that the approved reallocation of funds (minute 6 of 4th December 2013) had been put into effect.
- 6. Collectors:** it was noted that in 2013 our collectors had collected £1,909 in subscriptions and donations which was considered a first class effort by all concerned
- 7. 2013 Audit:** it was agreed that David Barnett should now arrange for the annual audit
- 8. Membership Subscription for 2014:** following a proposal by David Barnett *it was resolved that* the Membership Subscription for 2014 should remain £1 per household
- 9. AGM:** the draft poster advertising the AGM was approved
- 10. Delegate to ACRA:** Roger Hamilton reported that the ACRA meeting had been a quiet affair. The minutes have been posted to the website www.wcresidents.co.uk
- 11. The Hall on the Hill:** there has been no further meetings
- 12. Local Hospitals:** the very worrying official report that had branded our local hospitals as "dangerous and inadequate" was discussed. Jim Biggin reported that Sue Bungey on behalf of the Trust had undertaken to provide a representative to attend the AGM. In advance of that committee members were asked to ascertain and circulate as many hard facts related to this issue as they could
- 13. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported yet more public consultation on 24th January 2014 at The Captains Club from 2.00pm until 6.00pm. Nothing has happened to change our belief that future developments will be decided in Whitehall
- 14. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported: contract negotiations with the lumber company continue; the removal of felled trees from the remoter parts of The Hill could be problematic; the funding of the whole Management Plan remained an issue, which is concerning because above all else The Hill needs proper management

15. **CBC Walks On The Hill:** it was noted that Robin Harley would be running two explanatory “Walks on The Hill” on 10th and 21st of January
16. **Dog Walkers:** Chris Gordon was asked to raise the issue of control of dogs at the next St Catherine’s Hill Management meeting. It is quite clear that some dog owners and particularly some paid dog walkers are in breach of local by-laws by failing to exercise proper control over the dogs in their care
17. **Dip Wells:** Chris Gordon confirmed that the vandalised dip well have been repaired and that a full record of water flow during the recent rains would become available
18. **202 Fairmile – The Old Pub:** Jim Biggin reported that all local residents had been alerted to the likely impact of the Co-Op proposals to convert the old pub into a convenience store and many of the local shops were active in resisting these proposals. Councillor Bungey has written to Chris Chope MP objecting to the legal framework under which this “change of use” has been brought forward and *it was resolved that we should write in support of Councillor Bungey*
19. **Planning Issues:** it was noted that Malcolm Green has expressed an interest in taking over from Roger Hamilton in February and this proposal was welcomed
20. **St Catherine’s Hill Orientation Stone:** Chris Gordon outlined the latest design features and indicated that a firm quotation had now been obtained. *It was resolved that our likely contribution to that level of cost was well within our means*
21. **Website Activity:** Eileen Lancaster reported no particular trends of interest. Jim Biggin reported that we have paid our annual web hosting fee of £28.42
22. **Trees in Hurn Road:** Jim Biggin reported that the DCC operations will likely commence 20th January and that DCC have undertaken to notify local residents by letter
23. **Hengistbury Head:** the likely effects of the recent violent storms were discussed and it was resolved that we should contact CBC to ensure that they keep a watchful eye on the situation
24. **Hire of The Hall on the Hill:** Jim Biggin reported that an invoice for £126 has been received to cover all 2014 meetings. *It was resolved that this should be paid*
25. The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill