

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 5th February 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; Malcolm Green; Roger Hamilton; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Eileen Lancaster;
- 3. In attendance:** Sue Fotheringham
- 4. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 8th January 2014 were approved
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that 2013 year end accounts had been audited and approved. The committee expressed its thanks to our auditor
- 6. AGM:** the poster advertising the AGM had been printed and was ready for distribution; the draft Chairman's statement was approved; tasks in preparation for and during the meeting were assigned
- 7. Delegate to ACRA:** it was noted that ACRA will probably request a small donation to its funds in 2014; ACRA representatives will be meeting both the DCC Highways Planner responsible for Christchurch and Martyn Underhill Police and Crime Commissioner during February
- 8. The Hall on the Hill:** nothing of note to report
- 9. Local Hospitals:** noted that Richard Renaut will attend the AGM to give feedback on the Quality Commission Report; Chief Executive David Spotswood will address a special public meeting in the Spring; Jim Biggin reported that he had arranged to receive builders progress reports on the building work. Malcolm Green agreed to summarise and explain these so that they could be passed on to residents
- 10. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that the public consultation on 24th January 2014 at The Captains Club had been a low key affair; the timetable has been refined and is on the website.
- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported: contract negotiations with the lumber company continue but with a deferred date for commencement; the removal of felled trees from the remoter parts of The Hill will be facilitated by a new access path to be created from the Blackwater Junction end of Hurn Road
- 12. Maundeville Crescent and Road:** an e-mail from a resident of Maundeville Crescent questioning the effect of future tree felling on St Catherine's Hill upon the potential flooding of Bernard's Mead had resulted in a letter from WCRA being printed and delivered to every house in the Crescent and the Road. Our thanks were expressed to Robin Harley for the work he had done in helping to prepare the letter

- 13. 202 Fairmile – The Old Pub:** Chris Gordon had spoken for WCRA at the hearing against this development; ward councillors Colin Bungey and Fred Neal had also spoken against; however, on the advice of the CBC Planning Officer, the scheme had been passed by the Planning Committee. *It was resolved that we would wait for the minutes of the meeting before deciding if any further action on our part was relevant*
- 14. Planning Issues:** it was noted that the Morrison's proposed supermarket at Stony Lane had again been rejected by the Planning Committee. *It was resolved that we would wait for the minutes of the meeting before deciding if any further action on our part was relevant*
- 15. St Catherine's Hill Orientation Stone:** Chris Gordon outlined the latest developments and indicated the stone would likely be complete by the Spring 2014
- 16. Druitt Hall:** Jim Biggin outlined the latest attempt by Christchurch Citizens to take over the lease of the Hall
- 17. Website Activity:** the level of activity remained reasonably consistent
- 18. Hengistbury Head:** Jim Biggin reported that CBC had confirmed to him that they continue to monitor the erosion of The Head
- 19. Roger Hamilton:** the committee expressed its thanks to Roger for his many years of service and its regret that he had decided to not seek re-election at the AGM
- 20.** The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 5th March 2014 at 7.30pm,** at the Hall on the Hill