

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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; Malcolm Green; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Chris Gordon;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that little had happened so far in 2014 apart from the usual printing. Current account stands at £51.72 and overall funds at £6950.34.
- 5. Accounts on Website:** David Barnett confirmed that Eileen Lancaster had been asked to post our 2013 year end and 2014 latest up-to-date monthly accounts to the website.
- 6. Membership:** in the absence of Maureen Biggin, Jim Biggin confirmed that 2014 renewal notices had been distributed to our collectors. We have lost two collectors and one has reduced their collection round. Only one new collector has been recruited. We are very short of collectors in the Arcadia Road, Endfield Road, Canberra Road areas.
- 7. ACRA – Subscription:** David Barnett indicated that ACRA required a subscription of £20 to cover travel costs. *It was resolved that we would pay this*
- 8. ACRA – Involvement in Flood Relief:** David Barnett outlined the discussion with Councillor Margaret Phipps at the March ACRA meeting. Jim Biggin confirmed that as a result he would be meeting representatives of CBC and other involved parties later in April
- 9. ACRA – CBC Planning Department:** David Barnett confirmed that every member of ACRA had expressed some concerns over their dealings with CBC Planning. However, the request for a judicial review by applicants associated with Druitt Gardens meant that there was little point in pursuing the matter until the outcome of this request was known
- 10. ACRA – Airport:** David Barnett outlined the problems being experienced by Manchester Airport Group at Hurn and the resultant impact this would have upon the future funding of improvements to the B3073
- 11. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that the formal planning application has not yet been submitted although talks had been started with local ports such as Poole. It was noted that Central Government had recently threatened to move the goal posts yet again by coming out against subsidies to on-shore wind farms.
- 12. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green gave a full report that involved potential garden grabbing in: Foreland Close; Oak Avenue; River Way; and The Grove. He had attended a CBC Planning Meeting as part of his personal education but was not entirely impressed by the quality of the debate

- 13. Tony Spotswood Meeting:** Malcolm Green volunteered to take the roving microphone
- 14. New Christchurch School:** Jim Biggin confirmed that DCC had now made firm commitment by allocating funding of £6.8 million; negotiations with the land owner were continuing and the proposed site would not be revealed until those negotiations were over. There was a broad discussion of actions to be taken if the site turned out to be at the back of Marsh Lane
- 15. CBC Roadshows:** CBC had asked us if we favoured a roadshow in 2014-15. *It was resolved that* we would ask them to address our October meeting on the subject of the Christchurch Core Strategy
- 16. Hospital Redevelopment Progress Reports:** it was noted that these reports had dried up. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin will contact Sue Bungey
- 17. Suspected Hit-and-run Accident Marsh Lane:** Steve Roberts outlined that this accident had occurred near the junction of Marsh Lane and St Catherine's Hill Lane where Marsh Lane was fully tarmacked. He had spoken to DCC Councillor Margaret Phipps about the Marsh Lane petition that had previously been passed to DCC
- 18. WCRA May Meeting:** as Jim Biggin will not be able to attend this meeting *it was resolved that* David Barnett will take the chair
- 19. Christchurch New Zealand Residents Association:** *it was resolved that* we should remove this link from our website
- 20.** The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill