

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 2nd July 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;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Fotheringham; Steve Roberts;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 7th June 2014 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that the current account stands at £582.72 and overall funds at £7481.46. The 2014 operating loss to date stands at £89.93.
5. **Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that subs of £550 had been collected year-to-date from: Adelaide Close; Albion Road; Anne Close; Arcadia Road; Aston Mead; Branwell Close; Bronte Avenue; Burford Close; Cambridge Gardens; Dreswick Close; Elm Avenue; Emily Close; Endfield Close; Endfield Road; Haworth Close; Huntingdon Gardens; Hurn Road; Katterns Close; Lees Close; Old Barn Close; Rydal Close; Squirrel Close; St Catherine's Way; Stour Way; Surrey Close; Vilette Close.
6. **ACRA:** David Barnett outlined the following topics discussed at the ACRA meeting of June 10th
 - 6.1. The Judicial Review of some recent planning decisions has been refused. Local Councillors have looked into the matter and their conclusions are awaited
 - 6.2. CCA have been granted a three year lease to run Druitt Hall
 - 6.3. Morrisons show no sign of appealing the planning decision that went against them and there is conjecture that their trading results may have something to do with this
 - 6.4. The closure of the tip at Grange Road will not result in the land being allocated to travellers
 - 6.5. The questionable value of restrictive covenants in title deeds that had recently been highlighted
7. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that a new screen has been erected in the main hall. It was noted that the screen appeared to be in breach of health and safety rules in that (a) it hides a fire exit sign and (b) when deployed it blocks a fire exit
8. **Christchurch Hospital:** the latest fact sheet was discussed and general agreement reached that the current contractual situation related to the rebuild made very little commercial sense.

9. **Navitus Bay:** Jim Biggin confirmed that ACRA had registered as an objector and had been formally accepted onto the list. ACRA will primarily object to the trench whilst always drawing attention to the minority pro-development view amongst its members
10. **Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported that: an application to build 4 bungalows at 33-41 River Way has yet go to CBC Planning Committee; 41 The Grove has been resubmitted; the wall erected without planning permission at 1 Heston Close has become the subject of a post-build application that has attracted a large number of objections from members
11. **St Catherine's Hill Management and FOSH:** a possible traveller's settlement in Dudmore Lane is being investigated; CBC and ARC have both been granted £10,000 by Natural England as a contribution towards the management of St Catherine's Hill
12. **ACRA – Involvement in Flood Relief:** Jim Biggin indicated that plans for Maundeville Crescent, Maundeville Road and Conifer Close have been finalised at a meeting with CBC and the Environment Agency and await the green light from CBC. Once that is to hand we will (a) distribute to other RA (b) distribute to the roads concerned seeking to recruit Flood Wardens for CBC
13. **Closure of Christchurch Police Station:** no reply yet received from Martyn Underhill. Jim Biggin will chase.
14. **Local Strategic Plan:** when CBC address our next public meeting they will be asked to concentrate upon (a) impact upon the B3073 (b) local schooling (c) impact upon the Town Centre (d) the financial environment and how conflict between the needs of the plan and the need to function within available funds will be resolved
15. **Potential DCC Local Initiatives £5,000 Grant:** the message from Councillor Margaret Phipps was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this initiative by DCC when every effort is being made to save money is misguided. *It was resolved that we will inform Councillor Phipps of our decision and will also try to ascertain from Councillor Robert Gould where this money has come from and why DCC are giving out such mixed messages*
16. The meeting closed at 8.50 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill (note no August meeting unless unusual circumstances dictate otherwise)