

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 4th February 2015 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; CQC=Care Quality Commission; 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; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Chris Gordon;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Steve Roberts;
3. **In attendance:** Alan Parker
4. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of January 2015 were approved
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - 5.1. David Barnett reported that the final unaudited accounts for 2014 had been produced and showed a small excess of income over expenditure of £48.49 once the exceptional payment of £480 for the plinth on St Catherine's Hill had been taken into account. Total assets amounted to £8099.88. The auditor will now review our financial records.
 - 5.2. He then informed the committee that at 31st January 2015 the current account stands at £3.76 and overall funds at £7445.16. The transfer of £500 out of current account into Teacher's Building Society has been actioned
6. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported that ACRA are attempting to enter into a dialogue with Dorset Police and their questionable management of the Dorset Alert System which has resulted in poor utilisation of the system
7. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that steps are being taken to repair the damaged internal door. His latest written risk assessment report has highlighted the questionable siting of the pulldown projection screen in relation to the fire exit
8. **Christchurch Hospital:** nothing major to report.
9. **Navitus Bay:** no report
10. **Planning Issues:**
 - 10.1. Malcolm Green reported that **The Gun Club** application has caused considerable local disquiet. We have objected on behalf of residents and he and Chris Gordon will attend CBC Offices to view the other letters of objection/support. It appears that some key plans have not been put onto the CBC website. The Gun Club have written a letter of reassurance to Chris Gordon and its content will be posted to our website.
 - 10.2. The wall outside **1 Heston Close** has been demolished; the **Fairmile Cattery** has been refused; work has started on the **40 Oak Avenue** development

- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management and FOSH:** Chris Gordon reported that the implementation of the plan was progressing well. There have been some problems with the mechanical equipment but the dray horses have been a great success. Overall the contractors appear to have done a good job.
- 12. New School at Marsh Lane:** We are awaiting the date of an informal meeting with DCC, Cllr Margaret Phipps and other interested parties. A note has been produced highlighting the dangerous elements of the local road system and some amendments to this were proposed and accepted.
- 13. Membership certificate 2015:** the draft was approved
- 14. Collections:** Jim Biggin outlined the problems posed by 8 particular roads where the effort made to collect subs was disproportionate to the level of collection made. He suggested that the same level of effort applied to more receptive residents should produce an overall better result. This was accepted to be made subject to review in the early autumn before it was too late to make some attempt to collect from the roads in question if resources allowed.
- 15. April Meeting:** it was agreed that Richard Renaut of The Hospital Trust should be asked to give an update on the redevelopment of Christchurch Hospital. It was further agreed that Cllr Margaret Phipps suggestion that a member of DCC address the scheduled road developments in 2015-17 should be pursued
- 16.** The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill