

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 1st April 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; Malcolm Green; Chris Gordon; Alan Parker; Steve Roberts;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of March 2015 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that to date expenditure exceeded income by £364.90 whilst assets stood at £7254.98
5. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported that the March meeting had taken place (minutes are on the website). The potential lorry movements along the A35 and B3073 arising from the Roeshot Quarry development was discussed and the combined effect of this and increased traffic resulting from new houses at Roeshot Hill and Parley Cross. It was noted that DCC appear to have washed their hands of trying to solve the traffic problems along Hurn Road-Fairmile Road
6. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that two committee members have resigned
7. **Christchurch Hospital:** the redevelopment continues to progress. Full planning consent has been granted for the Assisted Living development.
8. **Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that the examination phase is complete. The panel should report to the Secretary of State by June 2015 with a decision due by September 2015. It was agreed that we would no longer discuss this project on a monthly basis.
9. **Planning Issues:** the proposed **Meteor Park** redevelopment rumbles on whilst the outcome of the **Beagle-Morrison** appeal remains unknown. It was agreed that Chris Gordon will represent us at **The Gun Club** hearing.
10. **St Catherine's Hill Arson:**
 - 10.1. **The arson attack on the Hill** was fully discussed. An area the size of 100 football pitches has been devastated. But for a change in wind direction there had been a real danger of property damage and even loss of life in the Dudmoor area. Chris Gordon reported that a St Catherine's Hill management group meeting would be held as soon as possible to discuss and evaluate the impact of the arson upon the management plan. It was agreed that we would ask Robin Harley to write a piece for the April Newsletter.
 - 10.2. **Reward for Information:** the committee discussed the pros and cons of, with the full cooperation of Dorset Police, offering a reward for information leading to a conviction. *It was resolved that we would contact other bodies (FOSCH, CBC, DCC, Hurn PC, Sembcorp, other RA, etc.) to explore the possibility of them joining*

with us to offer such a reward. *It was further resolved that* we would be prepared to contribute £500 to the fund.

- 11. New School at Marsh Lane:** DCC have indicated that currently the capacity of local senior schools is adequate but that the situation must be kept under review as the current infants and juniors come of age. There have been no new developments since our last meeting with DCC.
- 12. April Meeting:** Jim Biggin reported the difficulties encountered in finding a speaker as the legal departments of DCC, CBC, etc. have issued instructions that officers must not give public presentations so close to Election Day. Steve Roberts' agreement to give a talk on the History of Christchurch was warmly welcomed.
- 13. October Meeting:** it was agreed that we will ask the Airport to give a presentation
- 14.** The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill