

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 1st July 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; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Chris Gordon; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** none
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of May 2015 were approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that to date income now exceeded expenditure by £206.77 whilst assets stood at £7826.65.
- 5. Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that: Albion; Arcadia; Aston Mead; Beech Avenue; Canberra Road and Close; Cedar Avenue; Chestnut Avenue; Closes off Bronte (East); Elm Avenue; Endfield Road; Flambard (North); Hillside (East and West and Closes); Old Barn Close; Springfield; Stourcroft; Stour Way (including Squirrel Close); had all been collected.
- 6. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported on collections received to date; Sue Fotheringham agreed to do the Maundevilles
- 7. ACRA:** David Barnett reported highlights of the ACRA meeting (full minutes are on website www.wcresidents.co.uk). In subsequent discussion the evolving situation at DWP gave rise to concern, particularly the current effectiveness of managerial control as distinct from simply monitoring. Also the £60,000 cost to Council Tax payers of the Beagle-Stoney Lane-Morrison situation
- 8. Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green undertook to raise the issue of poor ventilation in hot weather
- 9. Christchurch Hospital:** nothing exceptional to report – building work continues
- 10. Bournemouth-Poole-Christchurch Public Consultation:** Sue Fotheringham reported that this consultation would be used to consolidate previous consultations
- 11. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported that the proposed development at **40 Bronte** has been refused again. It was noted that Bournemouth Water has obtained permission to convert some grassland behind **Marsh Lane** into reed beds.
- 12. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** Chris Gordon reported that History Day will be 27th September this year.
- 13. St Catherine's Hill Arson:** Chris Gordon confirmed that the debriefing meeting at which the fire service, CBC, and others reviewed this major incident was useful, particularly as it related to: the use of appropriately annotated maps; better disseminated information on access routes and issues; the system of on-site two way communication; proper

vehicle passing-places and access to the Gun Club as well as other parts of The Hill. It was noted that there had been subsequent fires started deliberately and it was hoped that culprits would be apprehended and prosecuted.

- 14. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that: a tree specialist is to inspect the site; the dip wells continue to be monitored and are not showing any unusual water flows; the RSPB are considering undertaking a survey of ground nesting birds; the loss of animal life caused by the arson was less than had been expected partly due to the size and success of the rescue operation and partly by the fire only burning the surface and not penetrating deep into the heather.
- 15. New School at Marsh Lane:** Steve Roberts reported the Marsh Lane Action Group had supplemented the WCRA E-Newsletter with a circular highlighting the DCC presentations at The Hill on the Hill scheduled for Friday 3rd July between 3.30pm and 7.00pm. The rather unsatisfactory response received from DCC regarding the future capacity of Middle and Senior Schools was noted. Concern was expressed regarding the midges known to inhabit the site and their effect upon the children. The intervention by Chris Chope MP in parliament was also noted. *It was resolved that* after the DCC presentations of 3rd July we would consider writing to appropriate bodies voicing any concerns
- 16. May Local Elections:** it was noted that Cllr Travis Fox had been replaced by Cllr Margaret Phipps whilst Cllrs Bungey, Neil and Spittle had been re-elected. Cllr Margaret Phipps is well known to us and thus no effort to introduce ourselves is required
- 17. Hurn Road - No Right Turn:** noted that DCC intends to remove the no right turn close to the Marlow Drive roundabout for an experimental period from 27th July. We will contact local residents
- 18. Bailey Bridge Site:** noted that this site is now up for sale
- 19. Defibrillators:** Chris Gordon reported that a defibrillator for The Hall on the Hill will cost around £1,200. *It was resolved that* Chris will suggest to Friends of St Catherine's Hill and to The Hall on the Hill Committee that each of us contribute £450 to buy the device and provide a small surplus to meet initial running costs
- 20. Navitus Bay:** noted that the Inspectors had passed their secret recommendation to Ministers and that a decision is expected in September 2015
- 21. Roeshot Hill Quarry:** noted that lorry movements were now likely to run at 150 per day, the majority of which will affect the B3073.
- 22.** The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 5th August 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill