

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 4th November 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; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Chris Gordon; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** David Barnett;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of October 2015 were approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that to date income now exceeded expenditure by £365.92 whilst assets stood at £7985.80. The auditor had asked that their appreciation of the small leaving gift be minuted.
- 5. Membership:** Maureen Biggin confirmed that: Ambleside; Bosley Close; Bronte Bungalows; Chalfont; Cross Way; Darwin; Essex; Fairmile; Flambard; Grasmere; Hampshire Close; Lincoln Avenue; Links Drive; Marsh Lane; Norfolk Avenue; River Way (South); Rivermead Gardens; Sandy Lane; St Catherine's Hill Lane; have all been collected.
- 6. Collectors:** Maureen Biggin gave details of the last two collectors still to complete their collections, one of whom has indicated they will not be able to collect next year
- 7. Reorganisation of Local Government:** Jim Biggin outlined developments since the last meeting including ACRA meetings with DCC (Councillor Robert Gould) and CBC Executive. Notes of these meetings will be placed on the website. The situation remains complex with two separate schemes now being evaluated. The behind the scenes influence of Whitehall remains unclear.
- 8. ACRA Blog:** Jim Biggin reported that all the comments made so far fully supported WCRA position.
- 9. ACRA Fozard Affair:** Jim Biggin reported that NHS England had refused to answer the ACRA letter and had indicated that ACRA should send it to The Ministry of Health. This has been done but no reply other than an acknowledgement has been received.
- 10. Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green was thanked for the purchase of a replacement plug-in microphone that had been used to good effect at the Autumn public meeting
- 11. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green had nothing major to report.
- 12. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Chris Gordon reported that cattle on the hill were again under consideration. The cattle would wear a special tag which would interact with underground cables to stop the cattle from straying
- 13. FOSCH:** Chris Gordon gave details of a commercial organisation teaching small children to light a fire on the Hill in direct contravention of signage indicating the prohibition of

such recklessness. Apparently pictures of the children sitting around the fire had been posted on Facebook. The committee was of the unanimous view that such behaviour was unacceptable. *It was resolved that* Jim Biggin should write in the first instance to the commercial organisation to obtain further and better particulars.

- 14. New School at Marsh Lane:** Jim Biggin reported that a progress report from DCC had been received and distributed via the October e-newsletter. Steve Roberts indicated that he had been advised that several new traffic management features were being incorporated into the scheme. We now await the full planning application.
- 15. Autumn Public Meeting:** another full house for an interesting meeting. Jim Biggin confirmed that he had written to thank all three speakers
- 16. Spring 2016 Meeting:** the date is confirmed as Thursday 21st April. Chris Gordon will now contact Dick Preston.
- 17. Committee Membership:** with the exception of Malcolm Green all present confirmed their intention to continue as committee members in 2016-17. Everybody undertook to look for suitable new candidates.
- 18. Hall on the Hill Bookings:** Jim Biggin was authorised to book the hall for our meetings and ACRA meetings in 2016
- 19. Junction of Hillside Road and Aston Mead:** Sue Fotheringham was authorised to progress a project designed to see if local residents would be in favour of double yellow lines at this junction.
- 20.** The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill