

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 6th July 2016 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;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of June 2016 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported excess expenditure over income of £453.80 with assets of £7,686.46.
5. **Membership:** Sue Fotheringham reported collections were now arriving regularly from collectors. The reorganisation caused by the loss of three collectors was in hand.
6. **Reorganisation of Local Government:**
 - 6.1. Jim Biggin confirmed that Dave Barnes, CBC Strategic Director, has reserved the date of the WCRA Public Meeting scheduled for Thursday 20th October 2016 in his diary
 - 6.2. David Barnett outlined the ACRA special meeting of 29th June and confirmed that feedback had been positive. The paper discussed can be read on the website at www.wcresidents.co.uk
 - 6.3. Jim Biggin informed the committee of the unexpected resignation of Colin Dewsnap as Chairman of Christchurch Citizens and his withdrawal from the ACRA sub group set up to review the reorganisation business case
 - 6.4. It was noted that the high level financial review originally promised for delivery by end March 2016 has still not appeared
 - 6.5. The report, published by MPs in the Commons Public Accounts Committee, that questioned the adequacy of proper local arrangements for scrutinising devolved services in local government was welcomed
 - 6.6. The action of two major Property Funds, Standard Life and Aviva, in imposing a waiting period on the surrender of units was noted and its possible impact upon the value of commercial property held by local authorities was discussed
 - 6.7. The referendum vote by the UK on 23rd June to leave the European Union and the subsequent Treasury actions to ease fiscal targets previously set for 2020 were discussed.

7. **ACRA:** David Barnett gave a brief report on the June 2016 ACRA meeting, minutes of which can be found on the website at www.wcresidents.co.uk
8. **DCC and local buses:** the letters to DCC from WCRA and ACRA on this topic were welcomed. The letters can be read at www.wcresidents.co.uk . It was noted that Cllr Margaret Phipps, Cllr Sue Spittle and Jim Biggin would be meeting DCC Leader Cllr Robert Gould on 26th July. Jim Biggin cautioned not to expect too much from this meeting. He agreed to publish minutes of the meeting.
9. **Refuse on the Quomps:** it was noted that the bins would not be replaced until September 2016. The committee was at a loss to understand this decision. Jim Biggin indicated that Cllr Margaret Phipps would be writing a piece for the July e-newsletter
10. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported a meeting scheduled to discuss Safety and Security including Fire Regulations. The purchase of defibrillators remains in hand.
11. **Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported: **River Way Caravan Park** application was passed with a proviso that the owners must maintain a register of residents that CBC will be able to examine each year; a dispute over the placement of windows at **2 Huntingdon Gardens**; an issue with Natural England over boundary changes at **64 Hurn Way**; a dispute in **Whitby Close** over the alleged use of a house extension to house short term holiday makers; a large scale redevelopment proposed at **80 Hillside Drive**; the new traffic calming measures announced for the **Marsh Lane school** that can be seen on the website www.wcresidents.co.uk
12. **Local roads:** David Barnett indicated he had been in touch with DCC about the untreated weeds growing in local roads and was awaiting their reply
13. The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 3rd August 2016 at 7.30pm.**