

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 2nd November 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; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green;
2. **Apologies for absence:** John Cooper
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of October 2016 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported excess expenditure over income of £168.53 with assets of £7,971.73. The excess expenditure was caused by our contribution of £442.70 to the defibrillator unit to be purchased for the Hall on the Hill. The temporary loss is not viewed as being financially significant.
5. **Membership:** Sue Fotheringham reported that membership subscriptions should reach £1,500 by year end, about £300 less than 2015. Whilst the loss of collectors is the largest single cause there have been some losses in the vicinity of Marsh Lane caused by WCRA refusing to oppose the new school. This was discussed and the committee saw no reason to regret its policy of seeking the best possible arrangements for members close to the new school in terms of building design, traffic management, etc. whilst supporting the building of the school. Jim Biggin also confirmed that because of other pressures (and particularly Local Government reorganisation) the usual follow-ups on regular members who were not in when the collector called had not been actioned this year. It was agreed that next year we will give collectors "sorry we missed you" cards.
6. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported no significant activity.
7. **Reorganisation of Local Government:** Jim Biggin reported on:
 - 7.1. the completion of the public consultation in which across Dorset 9,960 people replied to the general public open survey and a further 4,192 people replied to the specially selected households survey. He indicated that this level of response represented a margin of error for any results of less than 1.5% with a 95% confidence level (go to www.wcresidents.co.uk and under Local Government Reorganisation read a paper entitled *Interpretation of Results of Public Consultation – October 2016* for an explanation of these terms)
 - 7.2. the timetable for future events which has target dates of: 1st December 2016 – verbal presentation of evidence to Council Leaders; 5th December 2016 – report published to all Councillors; 15th December 2015 – Council Leaders agree their recommendations; 23rd December 2015 – each Council issues a "final report"; end January 2017 (31st for Christchurch) – full Council Meetings.

- 8. Hall on the Hill - Defibrillators:** Jim Biggin confirmed that WCRA has paid its contribution towards the defibrillators. Malcolm Green undertook to find out when an actual order was placed
- 9. Hall on the Hill – other matters:** Malcolm Green reported that internal redecoration will take place over Christmas and the New Year.
- 10. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported ongoing issues at 39-41 River Way and Links Drive.
- 11. Friends of St Catherine’s Hill:** Sue Fotheringham reported on yet another character building meeting. On a positive note the autumn/winter 2016-17 management plan has been implemented (for details go to www.wcresidents.co.uk and under environment and St Catherine’s Hill, see *update on the implementation of the management plan – September 2016*)
- 12. Car Parking in Hillside Drive:** the committee discussed three areas of concern: parking on the hill that runs down from Orford Close to the junction with Hurn Road where parked vehicles are forcing drivers heading for Hurn Road over to the centre of the road with the raised possibility of collision with vehicles leaving Hurn Road and accelerating up the hill; parking at the junction with Aston Mead by people visiting the woods which restricts the width of the road and interferes with driver’s line of sight; parking at the crest of the hill between Marlow Drive and Woodbury Close which forces drivers heading towards Valley Close into the middle of the road on a blind bend. The various courses of action were discussed and Sue Fotheringham and Malcolm Green undertook to make recommendations to the committee
- 13. Booking the Hall on the Hill:** Jim Biggin was authorised to book the hall for 2017 meetings
- 14.** The meeting closed at 9.00pm. Next meeting Wednesday 7th December 2016