



JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 7th February 2018 at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: BBC= Bournemouth Borough Council; CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; DCC=Dorset County Council; DPCC=Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; PBC=Poole Borough Council; PC=Parish Council; RA=Residents Association; SSSI=Site of Special Scientific Interest (Town Common and St Catherine's Hill for example)

1. **Present:** Chairman Jim Biggin; David Barnett; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Liz Oliver
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of January 2018 were confirmed
3. **Annual Accounts 2017:** David Barnett reported the final interest earned figure from Teachers had arrived and he presented the 2017 final accounts. These were unanimously approved and were signed off by David Barnett as Treasurer and Jim Biggin as Chairman before being posted to the website
4. **Accounts 2018:** there were no financial movements related to 2018 in January
5. **Local Authority Reorganization:** the committee discussed recent developments.
 - 5.1. Jim Biggin reported on: the two January meetings of the Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole Joint Committee (reports are on the website); the CBC "*alternative to 2(b) paper*" that had been strongly attacked by DCC, Bournemouth and Poole Councils and that the Secretary of State had indicated was most unlikely to be implemented, not least because it failed to meet Central Government criteria for such submissions; the revelations made by CBC CEO David McIntosh that CBC Leader Councillor Flagg had misled the Secretary of State over the actions of CBC officers; other inaccurate and misleading remarks made by Councillor Flagg to the Secretary of State.
 - 5.2. The committee discussed the possibility that CBC Councillors would act in the best interests of Council Tax payers at their February Council Meeting by withdrawing their opposition to Future Dorset and agreeing to participate fully in its implementation, seeking the best outcome for Christchurch taxpayers. They reluctantly thought this unlikely and agreed that if CBC went to the other extreme of investigating a judicial review then we should revisit the question of "irrational expenditure" under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
6. **The LGA Report on CBC Planning:** the committee discussed the recent LGA report into CBC Planning Department and Council Committee. It was felt that CBC officers had acquitted themselves well and are to be congratulated. The revelations as to the questionable conduct of certain councillors matched the experience of committee members who had watched such meetings. It was decided to feature the report prominently in the February E-Newsletter
7. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that various improvements to windows and fire doors are either complete or in hand. He has assisted John Spittle to progress the repairs needed to the car park and pedestrian areas.

- 8. Friends of St Catherine's Hill:** Sue Fotheringham outlined some problems associated with the ten-year plan that CBC are dealing with. She described the experimental use of drones to view the SSSI from the air
- 9. Community Governance Review:** Jim Biggin outlined the outcome of our poll of over 1,600 e-newsletter subscribers. Only 40 had responded and a sizeable majority were: not in favour of a Parish Council; not prepared to pay extra to fund it; not prepared to stand for election. The committee decided to tell CBC that there is very little local interest in a Parish Council for Jumpers and St Catherine's wards
- 10. Spring Meeting:** Jim Biggin confirmed that Councillor Spencer Flower had agreed to give a presentation on the Fire and Ambulance Service.
- 11. Membership Cards 2018:** Jim Biggin undertook to draft the 2018 Membership Card as soon as practical given other pressures
- 12. Renewal of Website licence:** Jim Biggin was authorised to renew the licence
- 13. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next meeting Wednesday 7th March 2018