



JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 8th May 2019 at 7.30 pm

In these minutes: BCP=Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole Unitary Authority; CTC = Christchurch Town Council; DUA=Dorset County Unitary Authority; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; 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; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Eileen Lancaster;
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of April 2019 were confirmed
3. **Accounts 2019:** noted that £500 had be transferred from Teachers BS to our HSBC current account and that no other transactions had taken place
4. **Council Elections May 2019:**
 - 4.1. The committee congratulated Sue Fotheringham on being elected to the new CTC
 - 4.2. The committee discussed the outcome of the BCP election: locally (where our candidate came third); the Christchurch representation (one Conservative, one Liberal, and eight old CBC anti-merger Councillors standing as independents); the new council overall which is hung with Conservatives three short of a majority and Liberal Democrats the second largest grouping.
 - 4.3. The committee decided that (a) it must continue to support Sue Fotheringham in any way possible and that (b) it should now wait and watch developments in both BCP and CTC, keeping the situation under constant revue
5. **Administration of the Election Count:** the count had been attended by Jim Biggin, Maureen Biggin and Sue Fotheringham. They were universal in their criticism of the arrangements:
 - 5.1. There were inadequate rest arrangements with people forced to sit on windowsills
 - 5.2. No food was available to purchase
 - 5.3. The PA system was poor and occasionally gave loud and potentially ear-damaging feedback noise
 - 5.4. Resource management was non-existent with teams of idle tellers flicking elastic bands at one another seated next to teams that were snowed under ploughing their way through piles of paper
 - 5.5. The systems used to count the votes were straight out of the 1930's with not a computer in sight. Tellers could be seen adding up on their fingers or sometimes small calculating machines. It took from 10.00 to 18.30 to count a 33% turnout. If the turnout had been 66%, they would still have been counting at midnight
 - 5.6. Results were announced by a teller taking a piece of paper to an announcement station which caused the disruptive mass movement of affected people around the counting hall. Computer driven display screens at strategic sites would have stopped all of that.

6. **Hall on the Hill:** Eileen Lancaster confirmed that blinds are to be fitted to the conservatory roof and side windows
7. **St Catherine's Hill:** Sue Fotheringham related how the Fire Service had been called to deal with four men camping on the Hill who had lit a campfire. People holding a barbeque on the Hill were also dealt with promptly by the Fire Service. They stressed that such activity is not allowed and that any resident spotting such activity should call 999 immediately. She also informed the committee that professional dog walkers using the hill are to be monitored.
8. **Special Painting remembering ANZAC troops:** the special painting of History Day on the Hill commissioned to remember ANZAC troops has been taken to the NZ High Commission and now hangs in the embassy. A copy can be seen in The Bunker Café on Marlow Drive
9. **Maintenance of Website:** Eileen Lancaster's confirmed that the website was now up to date
10. **Book Swapping:** It was noted that the Crossways facility had been recently vandalised. Malcolm Green has concluded that there is nothing we can sensibly do to assist the resident.
11. **Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 7.30pm