



JUMPERS AND ST CATHERINE'S HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 5th June 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; Malcolm Green; Eileen Lancaster;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Sue Fotheringham;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** the minutes of the meeting of May 2019 were confirmed
4. **Accounts 2019:** noted that £96 had been paid to renew the business registration of our name and £20 of subs had been banked. No other transactions.
5. **Collection of subscriptions:** Sue Fotheringham had reported that all collections were now out with the collectors.
6. **Christchurch Town Council:** Sue Fotheringham had reported a quiet start for the new council with many still feeling their way. The new Town Clerk has created a good impression. Sue has been appointed to the Planning Committee, the precise powers of which remain unclear
7. **BCP Council:**
 - 7.1. Jim Biggin outlined the rainbow coalition that formed the Cabinet with some people apparently appointed to reflect their political allegiance rather than their skills and knowledge. The committee discussed this, and, in some instances, it was felt that this would throw undue weight and influence upon the council officers. It remains to be seen if such a diverse group can effectively act together in a positive manner over time
 - 7.2. Jim Biggin outlined the plan to harmonise Council Tax by April 2021 that would involve a loss of income to BCP of £2.5 million in tax year 1920-21. That loss of income will contribute to a projected funding gap of £15 million in that year. Individual departments are to be set targets for expenditure reduction including £7.8 million for Adult Social Care and £2 million for Children's Services. These two departments are largely driven by external demand, which has risen remorselessly over recent years, and within the old Dorset County Council caused them to consistently overspend their budgets with transfers out of reserves used at year end to balance the books. It was not clear to the committee exactly how BCP intends to counter this countrywide phenomenon.
8. **Hall on the Hill:** it was noted that the AGM will be on 17th July. Eileen Lancaster outlined concerns over the use of car parking spaces by people who are using the hall occupying spaces meant for shoppers. The committee registered a degree of sympathy.
9. **St Catherine's Hill:** no major developments.
10. **Christchurch Food Banks:** following representation by Maureen Biggin, it was agreed to use the e-newsletter to ask members to contribute to these prior to the school summer

holidays when children who were normally fed at school would have to rely upon home provisions.

- 11. Recruitment to the Committee:** two potential candidates were discussed, and Jim Biggin was asked to approach them both.
- 12. Termination of Meeting:** the meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30pm