Draft Minutes of Meeting Monday 3rd June 2013

The meeting opened at 1930 with 19 members present. The Chair welcomed members.

- 1. Apologies were received from Brenda Shelley, John White, Marion White and Lyn Kerrigan.
- 2. Elliott Marx reported on the success of the **Druitt Hall 60th Anniversary celebrations** with singers, guests, dancing, decorations cake and queues to the High Street. The meeting thanked Elliott and the other volunteers for organising the celebration.
- 3. **The minutes** of the monthly meeting held on Monday 14th May 2013 were reviewed and it was noted that in page 1 2/7a "unit" should be "until". With this amendment the minutes were accepted by the meeting. As there was no separate agenda for this meeting it was agreed to treat the "matters arising" as the agenda for 3rd June.

4. Matters Arising:

- a. **Kings Hotel.** Chair reported that a meeting for local residents, CCA representative, council representatives and hotel management was planned to discuss ongoing issues relating to Priory Suite but there was no date yet and this needed to be followed up.
- b. **Vicarage**. Amateur archaeologists now feel shut out from developments in the town. An approach could be made to local planning officers to request that for future developments that a managed amount of local archaeology be agreed. It was also proposed that we ask for copies of the County Archaeologists reports on local developments be sent to the Red House Museum and the Archaeological Society and that Fred Neal, CBC Champion for Heritage, be copied in on this request. Does anyone know what happened to the Victorian streetlamps in the vicarage development?
- c. **Bowling Pavilion**. Peter Fenning reported that he had spoken with the Licencing Officer about this and that opening hours were restricted, with close at 8.30, that the pavilion be used for pre-booked functions only, that there should be a minimum of 2 members of staff on duty and that there should be a communication system with the main hotel. During discussion a CCA member suggested that the hotel should be charged if an "anti-social behaviour visit" was necessary. PC David Williams offered to get a copy of the licence so that CCA could be clear about what could and could not be done.
- d. ACRA. It was reported that the chair and secretary of ACRA appeared to be supporting the CBC proposal that the demolition costs of Druitt Hall should be borne by DHAL, even though CBC had previously budgeted to pay for demolition themselves. Meeting agreed that CCA should write to ACRA to find out what organisational authority they had for this agreement and also to state CCA position that the demolition costs should be paid by CBC.
- e. **Supermarkets**. It was reported that Morrisons / Beagle site had withdrawn their appeal and the other two sites were expected to go ahead. It was also reported that the "106 contribution" for the Bailey Bridge and Somerfield sites was expected to be £1.5m and CCA should ask where this money was to be spent.
- f. Saxon Square Car Park. PC David Williams reported that a patrol plan had been developed and implemented but frequently this found cars parked up and no offence that the police could deal with. Camera evidence had been successfully used in a dangerous driving prosecution in the top car park but was less useful in the lower car park. Also cameras did not, of course, pick up noise. The meeting agreed that CCA would again request barriers for the car park.
- g. **Druitt Hall**. Liz and Rob reported that Druitt Hall was now "coming to life" and taking bookings but more would be taken with better cleaning and working toilets. Also the "dripfeed" of information about how long the hall would remain open was off-putting to those who wanted longer term commitments. The planning application had 3 400 letters of support and as many as possible would help counter the council's view that there was a lack of support. The meeting noted the apology from the leader of the council to Alistair Somerville Ford over comments made.
- h. **Church Lane**. The chair told the meeting he had not yet had the opportunity to write to Dorset CC about the worn-out lines and the suggested lowering of the speed limit and would do so as soon as possible.

5. Any other Business.

- a. Discussion of streets where lighting was switched off at night as this was thought to be unsafe and CCA agreed to write to CBC requesting one light in three be left on.
- b. Letter to Sue Newman still needs to be done.
- c. It was reported to the meeting that an application for retail units and accommodation, including a three storey building, had been made for the Corn Factor site. This could be called in from delegated powers to committee meeting by local councillors but only if they have received letters of objection. Objections need to be made by 25th June. Plans can be seen on the "dorsetforyou" website. Meeting agreed that CCA would write to Cllr Hall about this
- d. Chair thanked PC David ... for his attendance and contribution to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2050 followed by a CCA celebration of the 60th anniversary of Druitt Hall. The next meeting is Monday 2nd September 2013, 1930 in Druitt Hall unless advised otherwise.