

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 3rd August 2011 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); BWHW=Bournemouth and West Hants Water; CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; DCC=Dorset County Council; EDDC=East Dorset District Council; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; NE=Natural England; RA=Residents Association; 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; Maureen Biggin; Chris Gordon; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Roger Hamilton
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 6th July 2011 were approved.
- 4. Collector's Badges 2012:** John Pendrill reported that he had located badges of a suitable quality at a sensible cost
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill submitted accounts as at 6th July 2011 showing an excess of income over expenditure of £166.60 with cash at bank of £5545.06 (£5248.69 on deposit).
- 6. Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that three collectors had deposited funds during the month. John Pendrill has completed his personal collections and is thus now available to step in if a collector has problems. All outstanding collections will be reviewed at the end of August.
- 7. Delegate to ACRA:** John Pendrill reported that at the consultation meeting with Bournemouth International Airport the airport management had confirmed that: the £2.50 charge will be retained; the private access road is to be refurbished; the new junction with the B3073 is causing the predicted problems and a dialog has been opened with DCC; work is in hand to improve the quality of local heathland and possibly make it available for public access
- 8. FOSCH:** following an inspection the Fire Officer has confirmed that: vegetation needs cutting back in Sandy Lane and St Catherine's Hill Lane; the track at the back of Hillside Drive could be altered to make it suitable for access by fire fighters. The Urban Heath personnel that patrol the hill have been confirmed
- 9. ARC:** nothing new to report.
- 10. The Hall on the Hill:** more crockery is being obtained.
- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin confirmed that the use of hedgerows rather than fencing to control cattle and participation in the Queen's Jubilee Woods Project had both been mentioned to Robin Harley. The content of the letter published in the Echo from a resident complaining about work undertaken by ARC was noted. The resident has given permission for the letter to appear on the website. The target date for submitting a plan to CBC prior to public consultation remains October 2011. It was the strong feeling of the committee that there should be no need for further steering group meetings prior to the distribution of a draft plan for comment.
- 12. Website Photos of St Catherine's Hill:** the photos showing the far side of the hill are in place. Further photos are now required of the top and facing slopes of the Hill. Jim Biggin will organise a walk.

- 13. Planning Issues:** it was noted that the Montessori Nursery, Fairmile Road, planning requests had been approved by CBC
- 14. WCRA Web Site:** the site has been kept up to date and has functioned normally; usage has increased by 176% in July as compared with May; the details of local planning applications have again proved to be particularly popular. Jim Biggin has written to the local police asking for police alerts to be sent to us for inclusion on the website. Eileen Lancaster will check that the enquiries@wcreidents e-mail address is working properly
- 15. The E-Mail Newsletter:** the July letter was distributed normally. It was noted that future Newsletters could contain outline details of forthcoming events at The Hall on the Hill
- 16. Renewal Collections 2012:** the proposed changes submitted by Jim Biggin were considered. It was resolved that Jim Biggin would draft a specimen renewal certificate and a specimen newsletter for non-e-mail members
- 17. Our Public Meeting October 2011:** Jim Biggin confirmed that CBC representatives will attend this meeting and give a presentation
- 18. Hospital Consultation Meeting:** it was noted that the consultative meeting had been deferred until later this year
- 19. The Legal Position Associated with Clearing Snow:** with responsibility for road gritting switching to DCC and the general shortage of money it was considered advisable to chase CBC for the promised legal position paper related to the advisability or otherwise of residents clearing snow from paths and pavements
- 20.** The meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill