

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 4th April 2012 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); CBC=Christchurch Borough Council; DCC=Dorset County Council; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; EDDC=East Dorset District Council; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; NE=Natural England; PC=Parish Council; RA=Residents Association; SBW=Sembcorp Bournemouth Water; 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; Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; John Pendrill; Janet Robson;
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 7th March 2012 were approved.
3. **Matters Arising:** the March Newsletter has been distributed to non-e-mail members
4. **Treasurer's Report:** John Pendrill reported an excess of expenditure over income of £636.37. He indicated that was higher than usual at this time of the year because of additional printing. He undertook to provide a full analysis for the next meeting. Cash at bank is £5,626.62 (£4,000 on deposit at Teachers BS)
5. **Collection of Membership Subscriptions:** Maureen Biggin reported the recruitment of 3 new collectors to cover Bosley Road and associated roads, Old Barn Road and associated roads and River Way North (following the death of Bill Wooten, River Way has been split into River Way (South) – Roger Hamilton; River Way (Central) – Jim Biggin; and River Way (North)). As a result Maureen Biggin has taken over Hill Side Drive (West) and Aston Mead. This has enabled Jim Biggin to take over Canberra Road and Darwin Avenue. The new Membership Renewal together with collection sheets and new badges will be distributed over Easter
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** a meeting had been held in March. The minutes have been posted to the website.
7. **FOSCH:** nothing to report.
8. **The Hall on the Hill:** the fire alarms and fire extinguishers have been tested
9. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** Jim Biggin confirmed that:
 - 9.1. The March drop-in day was poorly attended
 - 9.2. The overall level of response was so poor by mid-March that a reminder e-mail had been sent to all e-mail members living in the roads on The Hill and in Marsh Lane. This had produced an increased response. The view was expressed that this e-mail should have been sent to the entire e-mail membership rather than selected roads. Jim Biggin outlined his reasons for not doing that but confirmed that no additional cost would have been involved.
 - 9.3. The volume of written material sent to CBC is not known at this stage
 - 9.4. CBC has been asked to produce an overview summary analysis as quickly as possible. We have offered to help with this exercise
 - 9.5. The next formal step will be a meeting of the new Management Committee to consider the outcome of the public response

- 10. Planning Issues:** Roger Hamilton confirmed that: the New Inn site has permission for one block of flats and will request permission for a second similar block; the situation at California Chicken remains unresolved; a new application has been submitted for the Meteor Site on Somerford Road; a request for a change of use at 7 The Grove has been refused; 9 The Grove will be the site of new flats; 170-174 Barrack Road will be apartments and a shop
- 11. One-way System at Clarendon Road:** in the light of the development of the New Inn site at Clarendon Road John Pendrill put forward the case for creating a one-way traffic system at Clarendon Road and Portfield Road. *It was resolved that* he should contact CBC and put forward this as a suggestion to ease traffic problems at the site
- 12. 151 The Grove:** Roger Hamilton reported that CBC has confirmed that the new fence is higher than it legally should be and is thus causing a traffic blind spot at the dangerous junction of Fairmile Road and The Grove. The matter is now in the hands of the CBC Enforcement Officer
- 13. WCRA Web Site:** Eileen Lancaster reported a surge of activity on the website with St Catherine's Hill and the new waste collection procedures both being very popular. The 2536 web pages examined was easily the highest yet. The even distribution of activity across other parts of the site suggested a number of first time visitors. The response form dedicated to the issues surrounding the new waste collection procedures has generated a number of interesting replies which will be analysed and passed on to interested parties.
- 14. Hospital Consultation:** Janet Robson confirmed that the Poole-Bournemouth merger will almost certainly proceed. *It was resolved that* we can do little more than keep a watching brief on developments
- 15. Christchurch Hospital Development:** Janet Robson had discovered proposals contained in the February-April 2012 issue of Christchurch Hospital News for considerable changes at Christchurch Hospital. *It was resolved that* Eileen Lancaster will contact communications@rbch.nhs.uk to obtain an electronic version of these proposals to be posted onto our website; *and further that* Janet Robson will summarise her findings for distribution to our committee as quickly as possible
- 16. Local Parking Management:** it was noted that DCC are attempting to take over the monitoring of local on-street car parking and are proposing to use a camera car to facilitate this. The consensus of the committee was that this had little appeal for Christchurch and *it was resolved that* Jim Biggin should contact CBC to outline our concerns and to offer our support in resisting this change.
- 17. Waste Collection:** Eileen Lancaster had discovered that the new Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) intends to include a computer chip in one of the waste collection bins. *It was resolved that* she should pursue the reasons for this by contacting DWP
- 18. Safety Considerations at Wilverley Road:** Roger Hamilton contrasted the somewhat unsatisfactory arrangements that exist at Wilverley Road with those operating at Millhams Road. *It was resolved that* Roger Hamilton will contact DWP to explore the issue further.
- 19. Election of County Police Commissioner:** it was noted that this will take place on Thursday 15th November 2012
- 20. The Localism Act 2011:** it was noted that a preliminary meeting had been held with CBC to discuss the ramifications of this legislation. One question that had arisen was the need for a County Council once the Act came fully into force.

- 21. The Proposed Wind Farm:** the letter from CBC Chief Executive David McIntosh was briefly discussed and the holding position adopted by CBC noted
- 22.** The meeting closed at 9.20pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill