

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

The Hall on the Hill: 2nd October 2013 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; DPCC=Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner; DWP=Dorset Waste Partnership; EDDC=East Dorset District Council; FOSCH=Friends of St Catherine's Hill; HENRA=Hengistbury Head RA; 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; David Barnett; Maureen Biggin; Chris Gordon; Malcolm Green;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Roger Hamilton; Eileen Lancaster; Steve Roberts;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 4th September 13 were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that as at 30th September we had funds of £7,284.03 and had an income surplus year-to-date of £495.32.
5. **Collectors:** Maureen Biggin reported that during September: Blyth Close; Bosley Way; Bosley Close; Canberra Close; Canberra Road; Cross Way; Darwin Avenue; Driftwood (The Grove); Dukesfield; Durlston Crescent; Fairmile; Foreland Close; Hillside Drive (East); Hillside Drive (West); Lees Close; Links Drive; Maundeville Crescent; Maundeville Road; Normanton Close; Oak Avenue; Orford Close; Perth Close; River Way (Central); River Way (south); Rivermead Gardens; St Cats Hill Lane; Stourcroft Drive; Stourvale Avenue; Suffolk Avenue; Valencia Close; Valley Close; Whitby Close; Woodbury Close; collections had been completed. All first-time collectors have finished and reported back.
6. **Delegate to ACRA:** minutes of the ACRA meeting are at www.wcresidents.co.uk.
 - 6.1. Following a meeting with DCC Highways (minutes at www.wcresidents.co.uk) ACRA has written to Chris Chope MP about the £100,000 wastage caused by Central Government and their insistence upon advertising road works in the local press.
7. **The Hall on the Hill:** an order has been placed for renewal of the electrics following investigative work done by Malcolm Green; ways of improving the ventilation are being investigated
8. **Local Hospitals:** There is no further news on the Poole-Bournemouth merger.
9. **Navitus Bay:** no major developments
10. **FOSCH:** the history day was well attended
11. **St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** initial felling licences have been submitted but are not yet in the public domain; the results from the dip wells have been passed to the hydrologist who will give guidance on mitigation of the effect of drainage; some work is

planned on the ponds; ARC have an intention to improve the surface of St Cats Hill Lane; ARC are talking to Malmsbury Estate about planned signage

12. DCC-New Bus Services: Jim Biggin reported that Councillor Margaret Phipps is still lobbying on our behalf. She will produce an interim report for the October Newsletter and the final conclusions are now scheduled for DCC Cabinet in November

13. DCC-Highways: Jim Biggin drew attention to the fact that:

13.1. DCC do not agree with DPCC Martyn Underhill about their responsibility at the scene of an accident

13.2. Funds are so restricted that DCC have barely enough to meet their legal obligations

14. DCC-Trees: Jim Biggin reported discussions with DCC about the trees in Hurn Road and in particular the trees in between the main road and the service roads either side of the Marlow Drive roundabout. A letter from WCRA outlining developments had been printed and delivered to every house in Hurn Road. DCC will now produce a schedule of work that we will post to our website

15. October Public Meeting: the posters were approved with slight amendment; Maureen Biggin will organise refreshments

16. October Newsletter: this should be printed and available for distribution by 5th October

17. New Committee Members: the need for any new members will be discussed next month once it is known who intends to stand for re-election in February 2014

18. Waste Collection in St Cats Hill Lane: after a somewhat convoluted chain of events spread over the last few months, residents have now been issued with wheelie-bins

19. The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill