

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 4th June 2014 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; CED=Christchurch and East Dorset; 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; Sue Fotheringham; Chris Gordon;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Malcolm Green; Steve Roberts;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of 7th May 2014 were approved subject to correction of their date
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that the current account stands at £279.72 and overall funds at £7178.34. The 2014 operating loss to date stands at £393.05. We are awaiting an invoice for £480.00 for our contribution to the St Catherine's Hill Orientation Stone
- 5. Membership:** Maureen Biggin reported that subs of £248 had been collected year-to-date from: Albion Road; Arcadia Road; Cambridge Gardens; Dreswick Close; Elm Avenue; Hurn Road; Katterns Close; Lees Close; Old Barn Close; Squirrel Close; St Catherine's Way; Stour Way; Surrey Close.
- 6. ACRA:** David Barnett indicated that the next ACRA meeting will be on June 10th
- 7. ACRA – Involvement in Flood Relief:** Jim Biggin showed the meeting the draft plans for Maundeville Crescent which are due to be finalised at a meeting with CBC and the Environment Agency later in June
- 8. Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green had reported no significant events
- 9. Local Hospitals:** we are still trying to find out what is happening at Christchurch Hospital with regard to the redevelopment plan. There is some suggestion that the Quality Control Commission are unhappy with Dorset Health Care.
- 10. Navitus Bay:** the meeting discussed the recent intervention by UNESCO and the latest information concerning the cable trench to be built from New Milton to Mannington. It was agreed that the UNESCO letter was highly significant because the withdrawal of Heritage status from the Jurassic Coast would adversely affect the economy of the whole area. The new information about the sheer size of the cable trench indicated desecration of surrounding countryside on a scale not previously envisaged. As a result of this adverse change in the situation when combined with the opaque and highly questionable economics of the scheme *it was resolved that WCRA would now oppose this development and would urge ACRA to do the same by registering an interest.*
- 11. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green gave a full written report that involved: an application to build 4 bungalows at 33-41 River Way that will go to CBC Planning Committee; approval of a block of flats at 40 Oak Avenue; the refusal of the resubmitted scheme

from the Crooked Beam; the wall erected without planning permission at 1 Heston Close – it was resolved that we should write to Neil Farmer of CBC indicating the level of concern being expressed by several local residents about this wall and related matters

- 12. St Catherine's Hill Management:** there are unlikely to be any significant developments before September
- 13. St Catherine's Hill Orientation Stone:** it was noted that the stone was now in place. It was suggested that if Chris Gordon could e-mail some pictures of the stone to Eileen Lancaster then they could be put on the website. The meeting thanked Chris for his hard work and congratulated him on his efforts
- 14. Closure of Christchurch Police Station:** the meeting noted that ACRA had written to Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner suggesting that he cooperate with CBC and use space available at Civic Offices Reception to provide a local service.
- 15. Local Strategic Plan:** the meeting noted that the Strategic Plan had now received full approval and reaffirmed its earlier decision to ask CBC to address our next public meeting
- 16. St Catherine's Hill WI:** the meeting expressed thanks to the local WI for donating some money to local residents who were affected by the winter flooding
- 17.** The meeting closed at 8.45 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill