

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 3rd December 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; CQC=Care Quality Commission; 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; Sue Fotheringham; Chris Gordon; Steve Roberts;
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Malcolm Green;
- 3. Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of November 2014 were approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that the current account stands at £1333.48 and overall funds at £8232.34. The 2014 operating surplus to date stands at £660.95. A provision for creditors of £500 will be created in the year-end accounts. Plans for the 2014 audit are in hand.
- 5. Membership:** the final collections for the year were from: Cross Way; Hurn Way; Links Drive; Springfield Avenue; Stourcroft Drive; Wilton Close. In addition a further 50 members were enrolled via the "sorry we missed you" system. In total membership stood at 1807. In all 3 collectors resigned during the year and 3 new people were recruited.
- 6. ACRA:** David Barnett reported that ACRA is due to meet next week.
- 7. Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that following discussion of the latest Fire Risk Assessment and a practical demonstration, the Hall Committee had agreed to move the drop-down projector screen in the main hall to allow free access to the fire escape route. The Hall is to be redecorated over Christmas.
- 8. Christchurch Hospital:** work appears to be progressing
- 9. CQC Inspection of Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals:** the follow-up visit revealed that only 2 areas of concern now remain and the overall effect of the CQC on the two Hospitals is seen as beneficial to patients. At this point Sue Fotheringham left the meeting.
- 10. Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that the initial hearings by the Inspectorate were nearing completion. The late introduction of the "mini-plan" and the press reports of concerns over bad publicity at EDF Energy were discussed by no conclusions reached
- 11. Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported that the appeal by **1 Heston Close** against the CBC Order to knock down the wall that has been built at the front of the property has been turned down. The CBC Enforcement Officer will now contact the residents. **The Crooked Beam Restaurant** has been granted permission to convert the ground floor into 2 flats.

- 12. St Catherine's Hill Management and FOSH:** Chris Gordon reported that the new contractor has started and work is progressing smoothly. All waste is being chipped with 60% already processed and removed. CBC and ARC are planning the next stage.
- 13. New School at Marsh Lane:** noted that the letter and plan sent to some local residents by SBW had been placed on the website. In a letter to a resident in Walcott Avenue DCC had confirmed that the access point shown on that map is the one that will be used for the new school. The potential conflict between those wanting the school for their children and local residents who would object to the disruption of their neighbourhood was again discussed. At the November meeting it was decided that we should await (a) first the actual purchase of the land and (b) second the publication of detailed plans, before we took any action as an organisation. *This stance was reaffirmed because experience has taught us that to lobby prematurely is counterproductive.* It was also felt that unless a suitable alternative site could be identified WCRA should not oppose any reasonable plans at Marsh Lane but should rather seek to obtain the best and safest outcome. This particularly related to the local road system.
- 14. Collectors Brochure:** the draft a brochure that collectors could use when dealing with new residents was approved. Jim Biggin will now obtain price quotations
- 15. DCC Council Leader:** the events surrounding the resignation of Cllr Spencer Flower and his replacement by Cllr Robert Gould were discussed. Jim Biggin will contact Cllr Robert Gould once the overall picture is clearer
- 16.** The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 7th January 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill