

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 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; Maureen Biggin; Sue Fotheringham; Malcolm Green; Chris Gordon; Steve Roberts;
2. **Apologies for absence:** none
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of December 2014 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported that the current account stands at £1158.48 and overall funds at £8057.46. The final 2014 accounts can't be produced or audited until the December-January bank account statements have been received along with the annual Teacher's Building Society statement which should show interest earned of approximately £45.
5. **Transfer of Funds:** David Barnett recommended a transfer of £500 out of current account into Teacher's Building Society and this was unanimously approved
6. **Membership Subscription 2015:** David Barnett recommended a subscription of £1 per household for 2015 and this was unanimously approved
7. **Chairman's Statement 2014:** the draft was approved subject to some changes of wording
8. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported that the Christchurch Citizens representatives have resigned. The discussion on matters discussed by CBC Councillors in camera had been particularly enlightening. The ongoing uncertainty over the various proposed supermarket sites was regretted. The news that DCC are using transfers from reserves to fund current expenditure had caused some disquiet
9. **Hall on the Hill:** Malcolm Green reported that some redecoration had taken place
10. **Christchurch Hospital:** nothing major to report. Sue Fotheringham reported that Bournemouth A & E appears to be coping well at the moment.
11. **Navitus Bay:** Steve Roberts reported that hearings continue and are not scheduled to finish until 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Inspectors will then retire into purdah to consider their verdict to be delivered after the General Election
12. **Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported that the CBC Enforcement Officer has visited **1 Heston Close** and developments are awaited. **The Crooked Beam Restaurant** has ceased trading. **The Gun Club** has applied for renewal of its facilities and Malcolm Green will obtain more details of what this involves
13. **St Catherine's Hill Management and FOSH:** Chris Gordon reported that the implementation of the plan was progressing well.

- 14. Dudmore Lane:** Chris Gordon and Sue Fotheringham both reported significant activity amongst the itinerant population. *It was resolved that* we would ask CBC for an update and status report on their relationship with this community
- 15. New School at Marsh Lane:** noted that a local Action Group has been formed but has yet to fully define its objectives. We continue to work closely with DCC Councillor Margaret Phipps who has provided a catchment area map for the proposed school that has been posted to the website.
- 16. Collectors Brochure:** the new printed brochure was circulated and met with approval
- 17. Dorset Police:** following the break-in at Nisa Store on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 the failure of Dorset Police to use the e-mail Dorset Alert system to ask local residents for help was noted. Also their failure to ask us to help them. A similar thing had happened following a break-in at Highcliffe. ACRA have written to the Police asking for clarification.
- 18.** The meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill