

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 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;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; Chris Gordon; Malcolm Green;
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of February 2016 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - 4.1. **2015 Accounts** David Barnett presented a formal set of year end accounts showing total assets of £8140.26 plus an analysis of expenses to accompany the accounts. These were formally signed by him as Treasurer and Jim Biggin as Chairman. A copy will be posted to the website
  - 4.2. **2016 Accounts:** David Barnett reported that the invoice received from the Hall on the Hill to cover hire of the hall (which was for twice the amount paid in 2015) had been corrected. Assets now stood at £7985.60 and expenses exceeded income by £154.66. It was agreed that the annual membership fee should remain at £1 per household
5. **Membership:** Sue Fotheringham reported that the non-e-mail newsletter had been printed and would be distributed to our volunteers for delivery shortly. A slight change to the layout of the Renewal Notice has been incorporated in the design.
6. **Reorganisation of Local Government:** Jim Biggin outlined developments since the last meeting including: the letter from Chis Chope MP to ACRA that played down the amendments to The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill at clauses 3,15 and 16 which has now been enacted; the recruitment of Colin Dewsnap, retired CEO of CBC, to the financial review team; the failure of CBC to reply to the e-mail on Treasury Management caused by a hitch in CBC systems that had now been corrected; the discussions with Dave Barnes, CBC Strategic Director, on his presentation at the WCRA public meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April
7. **ACRA:** noted the next ACRA meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> March
8. **New School at Marsh Lane:** it was noted that both CBC and DCC have approved the plans and we are now waiting on The Secretary of State
9. **Hall on the Hill:** In a written report Malcolm Green informed us that The Hall committee have now received a quote from Newman Flooring to refurbish the wood floors in the Hall areas; all fire door closers have been checked and the kitchen door closer has been replaced; half tiling the walls in male & female toilets is under consideration by the committee.

- 10. Planning Issues:** In a written report Malcolm Green highlighted planning application 8/16/0043 **Meadow Bank Caravan Park:** the owners of the Holiday Park wish to have the restriction of opening times lifted (at present the site is closed from 31st October to 1st March annually). Some concern has been expressed by local residents that if the restriction is removed it will potentially enable the owners to make the site available for permanent occupancy 365 days a year, which will possibly lead to the site infrastructure being upgraded (paved roads, street lighting, etc.) and thus to an increase in traffic movement in the Stour Way/River Way area. Due to the sparse amount of information provided on the application, Councillor Sue Spittle is considering "calling in" the application to the planning committee.
- 11. St Catherine's Hill Management Plan:** it was noted that Robin Harley's progress report has been posted to the website. The report confirms that ARC has funding problems.
- 12. WCRA Spring Meeting:** Jim Biggin indicated that he would circulate the results of his discussion with Dave Barnes described above
- 13.** The meeting closed at 8.15pm. Next formal committee meeting is on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm**, at the Hall on the Hill