

# WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## Committee Meeting Minutes

Hall on the Hill: 7<sup>th</sup> December 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; Malcolm Green;
2. **Apologies for absence:** Maureen Biggin; John Cooper
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of November 2016 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported excess income over expenditure of £0.47 with assets of £8,140.73. No further expenses are anticipated in 2016 and a small income of subscriptions plus interest of around £30 should materialise. Looking at 2017, the committee decided to cease using the Hall on the Hill for monthly meetings and to also cease subsidising ACRA quarterly meetings at the Hall
5. **Membership:** As predicted last month, 2016 membership subscriptions have now exceeded £1,500. For 2017: Sue Fotheringham outlined a healthier situation as far as collectors are concerned; the proposed use of "*sorry we missed you*" cards was confirmed; Malcolm Green will liaise with the Hall on the Hill to finalise arrangements over the proposed use of their letterbox; Jim Biggin will propose a set of roads and part-roads to be dropped from our lists.
6. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported no significant activity. Jim Biggin indicated that he thought the meeting due 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 would be postponed at least until March 2017 by when the future structure of our local government should be clearer. He also indicated that he will be standing down as ACRA Secretary and that March 2017 will be his last meeting.
7. **Reorganisation of Local Government:**
  - 7.1. The committee discussed a motion put before the CBC Council Meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 by Councillor Bungey calling for the immediate replacement of the Council Leader and Deputy. The committee believed the motion to be ill-advised at this time and that such action potentially lowered resident's confidence in both Councillor Bungey personally and councillors in general.
  - 7.2. The outcome of the public consultation was discussed and the committee asked the Secretary to record their appreciation of the quality and timeliness of his report "*Summary of Reshaping Dorset's Councils Consultation 2016*" that can be viewed on the website [www.wcresidents.co.uk](http://www.wcresidents.co.uk)
  - 7.3. It was noted that the proposal to form two unitary authorities had received support from 73% of the statistically weighted group of Dorset residents and that the *Bournemouth-Christchurch-Poole* proposal was consistently favoured across Dorset by 75% of the statistically weighted group of residents. It is also the strong choice of the businesses community

- 7.4. the timetable for future events still has 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Council Leaders agree their recommendations; 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – each Council issues a “*final report*”; end January 2017 (31<sup>st</sup> for Christchurch) – full Council Meetings
- 7.5. It was felt that no public meeting should be called by WCRA ahead of the January 2017 council meetings across Dorset
8. **Hall on the Hill - Defibrillators:** Malcolm Green confirmed that the equipment has been delivered and that we now await fitting and training
9. **Planning Issues:** Malcolm Green reported that a large blue storage container sited on a property at the corner of Durlleston Crescent and Hillside Drive is an emergency furniture store whilst repairs are carried out to the property
10. **Friends of St Catherine’s Hill:** Sue Fotheringham reported the autumn/winter 2016-17 management plan is on schedule (for details go to [www.wcresidents.co.uk](http://www.wcresidents.co.uk) and under environment and St Catherine’s Hill, see *update on the implementation of the management plan – September 2016*). Noted that Sue Spittle will be standing down from the committee as from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.
11. **Car Parking in Hillside Drive:** Sue Fotheringham and Malcolm Green recommended to the committee that no further action be taken until responsibility moved away from DCC and vested in the proposed new unitary authority.
12. The meeting closed at 8.45pm. Next meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017