

WEST CHRISTCHURCH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Committee Meeting Minutes

St Catherine's Hill: 4th January 2017 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;
2. **Apologies for absence:** John Cooper
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes of December 2016 were approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** David Barnett reported excess income over expenditure of £19.56 with assets of £8,159.82. These are interim accounts until such time as Teachers Building Society informs us of the interest earned on our account. The interim accounts will not be posted to the website to avoid confusion with the final accounts.
5. **Membership:** the committee discussed various initiatives for 2017. Jim Biggin will circulate a list of roads broken down by area and the committee will meet to allocate collectors to roads according to the principles discussed. Sue Fotheringham thinks that the idea of residents leaving subscriptions in a box at the Hall on the Hill could cause as many headaches as it solves. It was agreed that we will not pursue this idea.
6. **ACRA:** David Barnett reported no significant activity. Jim Biggin confirmed that he had informed ACRA of his decision to stand down as Secretary and Chairman from March 2017 after 13 years running it and its predecessors.
7. **Reorganisation of Local Government:**
 - 7.1. The committee discussed the failure of the motion put before the CBC Council Meeting held on 13th December 2016 by Councillor Bungey calling for the immediate replacement of the Council Leader and Deputy.
 - 7.2. The committee discussed the very strange resolution that had been passed by CBC Councillors on 13th December 2016 directing the Leader of the Council to put some unrealistic and irresponsible proposals to other Council Leaders and the subsequent outright rejection of those proposals by Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole. It noted that the WCRA report analysing this had been posted to the website.
 - 7.3. Jim Biggin reported on his discussions with David McIntosh CBC CEO about the use of Facebook in CBC and the role that social media could play in a reorganised council. He confirmed that he had created a trial Facebook page called West Christchurch
8. **Public Meeting Spring 2017:** it was agreed that we will ask Richard Renault to give a presentation on the Health Service in Dorset to bring us up to date with the latest developments

- 9. Hall on the Hill – Ownership:** Malcolm Green described the problems that could result from the forthcoming pooling of assets as part of local government reorganisation and particularly the ending of the lease from CBC to the Hall Trustees. It was agreed that Malcolm Green will write to the Trustees urging them to negotiate a new lease with CBC as quickly as possible
- 10. Hall on the Hill - Defibrillators:** Malcolm Green confirmed that the equipment has been installed and that we now await training
- 11. Chairman’s Statement 2016:** the statement was approved for posting to the website and distribution in the e-newsletter
- 12.** The meeting closed at 9.15pm. Next meeting Wednesday 1st February 2017