

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT P Walshe (Chairman) D Williams J Dixon J Everard G Hiscox S McInerney S Bucknell T Roberts S Lothian W Walby R Smith M Norman J Smith-Milne

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor J Jarvis and 9 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

One minute of silence was held by the Council in respect of the Warrant Officer killed recently in Afghanistan. D Williams will attend the funeral as the Representative of the Council.

Residents representing Ashes Lane reported that the blockage problems to the lane were now 19 months old and heavily criticised Herefordshire Council for delays in coming to a resolution. The residents have great concerns as to how emergency services will be able to reach them if this was required and questioned why the lane could not be made temporarily accessible.

Ward Councillor J Jarvis informed the meeting that the ownership of the wall involved had proved to be complicated and described a recently organised site meeting with senior Herefordshire Council Officers and himself to further investigate the situation and propose action plans. It was confirmed that a Court Order regarding the collapsed wall had been served with a deadline for May 2012.

The residents stated they were dissatisfied with the slow progress to date and requested that the lane be cleared to allow access until the proper repairs and actions were taken. J Jarvis agreed to email a resident the outcome of the site visit together with proposals by Friday the 13 July 2012.

2. APOLOGIES W Lapping.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

G Hiscox planning Bankside and W Walby Memorial Hall matters which were recorded in the Register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2012

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

J Jarvis reviewed the BOATS site meeting with Amey co-ordinated by the Clerk with Council members present and that as a result of this meeting some actions involving self help had taken place.

S Lothian reported that future pothole problems would now be reported to Amey using the Iris system rather than the log number reference.

Meeting with West Mercia organised by J Jarvis with S Bucknell present

regarding traffic concerns Whitchurch Main Street has not yet taken place. J Jarvis assured the meeting he would action this.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The meeting agreed to revert to the more informal Working Groups rather than committee meetings which were agreed to take place with immediate effect.

Planning applications. S Bucknell proposed that all planning applications in the future should be submitted to the full Parish Council and no longer be the responsibility of a Planning Working Group. This was seconded by D Williams and resolved by the meeting.

J Jarvis kindly offered the use of his projector for a trial period as difficulty had been found in printing the large volume of planning applications and the related correspondence which also had a cost factor to the Council.

Finance. M Norman had circulated the Finance Meeting Report to all Council members. The meeting agreed that up to £500.00 be allocated for developing a Parish website. It was agreed to investigate the options available including established websites as examples.

The meeting agreed M Norman prepare an article and possible future articles describing the roles and responsibilities of our Parish Council.

Precept preparation. Initial discussion will start in October 2012 and members were encouraged to give their suggestions and requirements to M Norman during September 2012.

Footpaths Officer. R Smith agreed to be responsible for footpaths and signed the necessary documents within the P3 Scheme agreement. The Clerk will inform Herefordshire Council of this new appointment.

Amenities. S Lothian reviewed the following main situations:

Ashes Lane next steps required and help to residents following the status report from J Jarvis and colleagues site meeting, the report to be issued 13 July 2012.

Coffin Slide. Work is expected to start September 2012 including the Lengthsman's work to the public footpath.

Public Footpaths. A Working Group was suggested consisting of Council members and residents co-ordinated by S Lothian and R Smith.

Fencing repairs by the flyover will be actioned shortly.

Paving slabs by the notice board. The meeting agreed to take these up and drop them into the ground flush with the grass.

Play Area. A No Dogs sign has been obtained and will be installed on the play area fence. A seat for inside this area will also be investigated. The ROSPA report is expected shortly.

A litter pick up involving residents is hoped to be organised in the near future. The meeting reviewed the policy regarding minutes added to the notice board. The meeting resolved that only the agenda should be displayed and notes of the Parish Council meeting continue to be published in the Village News.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following payments were agreed:

War Memorial maintenance £100.00

Clerk expenses £24.40

St. Dubricius grass cutting contribution £500.00

Purchase 2 x Defibrillators £2294.95 from donations received.

8. PLANNING

The following applications were received for comment:

Memorial Hall alcohol sales. No objections.

Haygrove Riverside 121364F. No objections.

Vixons Hollow 121703FH. No objections but the meeting was minded of the impact of the stability of the bank.

Bankside 121628FH. No objections but the meeting was minded of the impact of the stability of the bank.

Land adjacent to Mill House 121610F 4 new homes. The meeting by majority objected to this application with concerns to the design and access statement, flood issues and sewage concerns. D Williams objected to this resolution as plans for 2 homes had already been given no objections by the Council at a previous meeting with no concerns involved.

The Spinney 121475F. No objections but the meeting was minded of the impact of the stability of the bank.

Signage Hand Car Wash 121391A. The meeting considered the proposed signage too large and not in keeping with the ANOB area.

9. ASHES LANE REVIEW OF SITUATION

Reference Item 1.

10. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

All members reported completion of the new forms required from the Localism Act 2011.

11. CODE OF CONDUCT

It was agreed that P Walshe and J Everard attend the Code of Conduct Workshop 25 July 2012 to represent and report back to the Council at the September 2012 meeting.

12. CORRESPONDENCE No further comments made.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Code of Conduct Resolution for adoption.

Notice boards.

Ashes Lane review

Initial input Budget and Precept 2013/14

Revised membership/working groups.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 10.10 pm

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT
WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL
NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2012 UNLESS THERE ARE
URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND.**

Signed.....Chairman

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