

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and two residents.

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A representative of the Jubilee Celebration Committee requested the Parish Council apply for a street closure for 3 June 2012.

It was reported that tree branches in the brook near the flyover require removing.

2. APOLOGIES S McInerney J Smith-Milne W Lapping Ward Councillor J Jarvis.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST P Walshe website proposal.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2011 AND 24 JANUARY 2012

Both sets of minutes were proposed separately each being agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

J Dixon expressed his disappointment regarding the lack of progress and action to repairs on Ashes Lane. After discussion and being minded of the notes distributed on behalf of the Ward Councillor on this subject, it was agreed that the Clerk write to Amey requesting explanations for the delay to repairs and their plan of action. It was agreed J Dixon assist the Clerk on the detail of this correspondence.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The proposed changes to Ward Councillor areas was reviewed including the proposal suggesting that Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish Council join with Goodrich and Walford Parish Councils for the formulation of a future Development Plan. The meeting resolved that they did not wish to join with the other Parishes but remain as Whitchurch and Ganarew Parish Council with their own Development Plan.

Village Warden Scheme. The meeting resolved not to participate in this proposed scheme.

Annual Parish Meeting May 2012. It was agreed the Clerk reserve one half page in the Village News for April 2012 issue to announce the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed M Norman contact the office of our MP to invite him to the proposed Parish Meeting.

Ward Councillor Report . Due to illness of the Ward Councillor the Clerk distributed his report to the meeting.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The status of the account was reviewed.

The precept for 2012/13 has been received and accepted by Herefordshire Council.

Clock Tower accounts. P Walshe distributed and reviewed the accounts to the meeting.

The following payments were agreed:

Lengthsman £410.00

Clerk advisory time Clock Tower £30.00

Woods of Whitchurch Clock Tower promotion £25.00

M Littlewood printing of Clock Tower literature £299.67

M Littlewood Clock Tower re-opening costs £364.25

Clerk's Manual £35.00

NPower £38.04

P Walshe Clock Tower expenses £53.33

8. PLANNING

The following applications were received for comment:

Losito Stud retrospective. The meeting strongly objected to this application and recommend the area is reverted to its original form.

Beach Cottage. First floor extension replacement garage and stores. No objections.

1. Wye Cottage. Variation to Condition 2. to allow for residential use. No objections.

2. Sandyway Villas extension store and workshop. No objections.

9. WORKING GROUPS AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

It was agreed to defer this matter until May 2012 and then review both the structure and appointment of Officers.

10. WEBSITE PROPOSAL

The meeting agreed that a website was a good idea and P Walshe S Lothian and R Smith were appointed to investigate matters further.

11. STANDING ORDERS

It was agreed the recently co-opted members should have the opportunity to study the revision papers and J Dixon agreed to organise and circulate these to the new members.

12. TRAINING PROGRAMMES

As an initial step it was agreed to invite HALC to give an initial training session to Council members.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

R Smith and S Lothian agreed to attend the AONB Workshop 15 March 2012. The meeting was informed of the seminar regarding Vision to 2020 being held 2 March 2012.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Contribution towards the Jubilee Celebrations.
- Local business details.
- Lighting at the Amusement Park.
- Standing orders.
- Parish Council attitude towards tourism.
- Community Lead Plan (formally known as Parish Plan).
- New notice boards.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.25 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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