

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT D Williams (Chairman) J Dixon T Roberts S McInerney W Walby P Walshe.

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk).

1. **OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** No required.
2. **APOLOGIES** M Norman W Lapping.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

4. **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS**

The Chairman welcomed all members and the following new members were co-opted onto the Parish Council, being proposed by T Roberts, seconded by S McInerney and agreed by the meeting. The co-opted members were: G Hiscox S Lothian S Bucknell J Smith-Milne R Smith (representing Ganarew together with S McInerney) and J Everard.

Each new member signed the Declaration of Office and was given the Register of Interests form to complete and return to the Clerk.

5. **PRECEPT 2012/13**

This was the main purpose of the meeting to discuss and resolve the Precept request for the next financial year.

The Clerk distributed a review of the accounts and estimated spend to March 2012. The accounts were reviewed by subject with discussion and comment as to how costs may vary over the next 12 months. The meeting was minded that budget reductions to Herefordshire Council could mean that additional work and costs may need to be considered by the Parish Council. The meeting was also minded that several projects and activities could be encouraged where local businesses and residents either sponsor or take on work such as selected grass cutting areas, litter picking and general housekeeping in the Parish thereby helping to reduce costs to the Parish Council budget.

The meeting resolved by majority vote (1 vote against) being proposed by S McInerney and seconded by T Roberts that the Precept for 2012/13 should be increased from the present £7000.00 to £9000.00. A proposal by J Dixon to maintain the Precept at £7000.00 was not supported by the meeting.

6. **PLANNING**

The following applications were considered for comment:

Rose Cottage Great Doward. 2 storey extension. No objections.

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Site adjacent Mill House Whitchurch. 5 new houses and associated site works. The meeting objected to this proposal. It was considered too large for the land area involved and that the proposed entrance was not suitable in relation to the location in the Village and traffic passing this entrance. Llanellen Great Doward. Proposed new bay window and entrance canopy, first floor bedroom and extension to replace flat roof over garage. No objections.

7. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Website.

Re-structure of Working Groups and Appointed Officers.

Clock Tower financial review.

Ashes Lane progress update.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.10 pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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