

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor J Jarvis and one resident.

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required.

2. APOLOGIES M Norman J Smith-Milne.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

G Hiscox and J Everard Symonds Yat Planning Application.
J Jarvis Car Wash at Whitchurch.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2012

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Response Ashes Lane problems. The letter from Amey was circulated to the meeting giving the intended actions by Herefordshire Council (attached to main minutes).

BOATS response. Amey have agreed to co-ordinate a site meeting with selected Council members D Williams and S Lothian in May 2012. Ward Councillor J Jarvis will also attend this meeting.

It was suggested that a self help scheme may also be applied to this matter with advice and possible help from our Lengthsman.

Annual Parish Meeting. This has been arranged for Saturday 5 May 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall from 12 noon to 3 pm with our MP attending for part of this time. The meeting thanked M Norman for helping to arrange his attendance. The Clerk confirmed an announcement has been arranged in the April 2012 issue of the Village News.

Street party Jubilee Celebration. The road closure application has been requested and confirmation from Herefordshire Council received.

Website. P Walshe R Smith and S Lothian continue to investigate websites and installations.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. Discussions have taken place for traffic surveys to be made near the Village School.

The speed of traffic on Whitchurch Main Street continues to be a concern and after discussion it was agreed the Ward Councillor would discuss the matter

with West Mercia Police. S Bucknell agreed to attend the meeting as the Council representative.

Sponsorship grass cutting areas. The Chairman reported that this is progressing well. Lengthsman's quotations for this project were discussed with the meeting agreeing that fuel costs should be included as part of the quotations.

Ward Councillor. Report attached to the main minutes.

Neighbourhood Planning Projects. The meeting re-confirmed their resolution to remain independent of other Parishes when preparing this Plan.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The meeting agreed to purchase one Defibrillator £1154.95 using the funds raised from local businesses and residents.

The meeting resolved to give £500.00 towards the local Jubilee Celebrations. New Parish Council notice boards. It was agreed three new boards would be purchased and both the Chairman and Ward Councillor both kindly agreed to sponsor/purchase one board each.

The following payments were agreed:

Clock Tower clock service £198.00

Lengthsman £271.97

Clerk fee £1164.00

8. PLANNING

Kirkby Symonds Yat. The meeting considered that the proposed decking area was very large and obtrusive and that the size of this decking area should be re-negotiated with the applicant. It was agreed the Ward Councillor would discuss this matter with the Planning Officer.

9. REVISED STANDING ORDERS

The meeting discussed the proposals and comments proposed by J Dixon. The revisions were noted for amendment and distribution to Council Members. The new standing orders were agreed by the meeting being proposed by S Bucknell and seconded by J Everard. The meeting thanked J Dixon for this work and efforts in preparing these revised standing orders for the Council.

10. LOCAL BUSINESS DETAILS

T Roberts agreed to circulate the present list of known local business details to all Council members so that this list can be updated and reviewed as necessary.

11. LIGHTING AMUSEMENT PARK

The Ward Councillor reported that the Environment Officer was investigating this matter.

12. PARISH COUNCIL ATTITUDE TOWARDS TOURISM

It was agreed to defer this subject to the next meeting.

13. COMMUNITY LED PLAN

It was agreed to defer this subject to an appropriate time as the Neighbourhood Plan was being considered.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received and commenting on the new car wash situated at the Diner was read to the meeting. The meeting was minded that a planning application would most probably be submitted in the near future and appropriate comments could then be made.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Parish Council attitude towards tourism.
Neighbourhood Plan and Community Led Plan.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 APRIL 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.35 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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