

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) M Jenkins D Williams R Smith T Roberts
S McInerney G Litson S Lowthian S Cole

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk)

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES J Dixon J Smith-Milne Ward Councillor J Jarvis

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

S McInerney declared an interest in the planning application Ganarew Care Home 143568F which was recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2014

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

No Tipping sign. This has now been prepared by M Jenkins who will liaise with S Lothian for installation.

It was agreed that rather than prepare a text for landowners regarding their responsibilities the Clerk would obtain printed brochures on this matter from Balfour Beatty.

Red Telephone Boxes. Following discussion the most favoured uses for these units would be storage for a defibrillator and as an information centre including Tourist Maps. Each unit (3) would be given a specific use.

It was agreed S Lowthian would investigate possible solar power and costs to these Red Telephone Boxes.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The Chairman thanked T Roberts and colleagues for the work given to the Christmas arrangements in the Parish.

Regretfully no additional police funding is available from Herefordshire Council as originally proposed.

The pavements near to Daf-y Nant will be cleared of leaves by our lengthsman.

Finance working group. The next meeting will be held on 27 January 2015 to review the third financial quarter of 2014.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. Severe pot holes were reported on Ashes Lane, Leaping Stocks Lane and Saw Pits Lane and other roads on the Doward.

Following discussion it was agreed D Williams and M Jenkins lead the project to highlight these conditions to Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty for inspection and required action.

Footpaths Officer. R Smith reported blocked footpaths on Hewlins Lane and

Yew Tree Lane. It was agreed the lengthsman be instructed by R Smith to clear these footpaths to allow public use.

Website and publicity working group. It was reported that J Dixon will leave this group due to the heavy workload involved in developing the Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish.

G Litson is seeking more volunteers to help with the website and will make contact with students who may be interested in a website development.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status and recent transactions.

The following payments were agreed.

Lengthsman work £402.00

Christmas gifts Residential Homes £128.21

Clock Tower service £198.00

Clerk fee £483.00 and administration £43.67

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

Ganarew Care Home 143568F construction of unit to form assisted living accommodation.

The Parish Council have no objections but are very concerned that the proposed bund to divert water drainage is not sufficiently adequate and in its proposed form could lead to flooding onto the adjacent land and properties. The Parish Council recommend that this is therefore revised and improved accordingly.

9. PARISH PLAN INITIAL SELECTED PROJECTS

Bulb planting at selected areas of the Parish is already active.

The following projects were selected and Council members as project leaders appointed.

Litter pick up activities. S Lowthian

Martial Arts S Lothian

Information pack for new residents and local news and events publication on the website / Village News / Notice boards R Smith and G Litson

Community Help T Roberts until 30 April 2015

Roads / speed concerns / parking G Hiscox will initially lead this project

G Litson will as soon as possible provide all the above leaders with the contact details of residents who have expressed an interest to help form working groups for such Parish Plan projects.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting was informed that J Dixon has been appointed Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. G Hiscox has been appointed Project Manager and K Shilton the Administrator and Financial Controller.

The meeting resolved that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group should purchase as soon as possible items necessary to start this project including appointing a qualified planning advisor for the necessary segments of the programme.

11. PLAY AREA

The appointed working group will meet during January 2015 to inspect the area and prepare proposals for the short and longer term use of this facility.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

It was agreed that when appropriate the use of Speed Indicator Devices should be investigated as part of the Parish Plan programme.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA None

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 10 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY 2015 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.15pm

Signed

Chairman

Date