

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2015 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk)

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

J Smith-Milne planning application 150264 proposed new dwelling. The Council member left the meeting during discussion on this application.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2014

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

The Clerk has received brochures from Balfour Beatty advising landowners on ditches hedges and footpaths.

BOATS maintenance. D Williams and M Jenkins continue to liaise with Balfour Beatty and specific roads requiring attention have been reported to this agency.

Red Telephone Boxes. S Lowthian reported that solar panels to these units could cost up to £500 per Telephone Box. It is questionable if they would be successful due to poor lighting restraints. R Smith reported that a regular supply of books could be made available as a potential use for a Telephone Box.

Website. Development continues with input from G Litson and maintenance from R Smith.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. No further report other than agenda items.

Ward Councillor. Report received and circulated to Chairman.

Finance working group. T Roberts reviewed the 3 quarter finance report and that the next meeting would be held on 31 March 2015.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. S McInerney reported on a site meeting with Balfour Beatty regarding a landslip at Lewstone. A report has been requested so that future actions and repairs can be agreed regarding this situation.

Further maintenance situations were reported . Road to Crockers Ash branches need cutting back. Landslip problems at Wye View Lane and Washings Lane.

Footpaths Officer. R Smith updated the meeting of recent problems. WC 68

is slipping onto a residents garden. A full footpaths report was circulated to all members. Footpaths Officer and lengthsman are inspecting several footpaths for maintenance and clearance.

The Footpaths Officer has also attended a Tree Warden Workshop.

Website and publicity. Development continues the main publicity being for the public meeting for the Neighbourhood Plan 26 February 2015.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status.

VAT refund £2264.51 received.

Parish Plan account represents £86.25 which will be required for the selected future projects.

The Clerk has attended the latest lengthsman scheme and footpaths review meeting organised by Balfour Beatty.

The following payments were agreed.

Lengthsman work including footpaths £522.00 and £918.00

N Power £30.88

Clerk fee £483.00 travel £23.92 and administration £29.98

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

Comments received from Council members on applications during January 2015 have been sent to Herefordshire Council planning.

143824 Marsden House apartments and dwellings

143807 Shotley parking platform to serve dwelling

The following application was agreed to be circulated again to members to give comments to the Clerk.

150045 Orde House proposed change of use of land to residential and erection of 2 holiday lets.

The following application was discussed.

150264 The Old Court Hotel proposed new dwelling. The Council gave no objections.

9. PARISH PLAN PROJECT COORDINATION

J Dixon reported that some 102 residents had shown willingness to be involved in the projects and this list had been circulated to all Parish Council project leaders.

S Lowthian is organising the first litter pick up day on 22 February 2015 starting at 10am at Whitchurch Memorial Hall. The meeting thanked The Old Court Hotel for supplying hot drinks to all participants.

The Chairman reported for road speed / parking issues a small working group will be formed over the next weeks.

Information Pack. This has to be developed (GL and RS)

Community Help. This has to be developed (TR)

Martial Arts. Interest appears to be low at this present time (SL)

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (NP) UPDATE

J Dixon highlighted that the first public meeting would be held on 26 February 2015. All council members were invited to attend. The event is being widely publicised including hand delivery of invitations to every household in the

Parish. A special website is being developed. A Lottery Grant application for £10000 has been prepared for submission.

The Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is being prepared by Herefordshire Council.

The Play Area working group are investigating fencing materials and costs.

The meeting resolved that this area should have improved safety measures and that the working group present their proposals as soon as possible.

11. LEISURE CENTRE / FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO RIVER

The Chairman reported that a meeting is to be held to discuss what possible development and improvement can be made.

12. SCHOOL ROUNDABOUT WATER SUPPLY

The meeting resolved that the costs for the necessary water supply estimated at £400 would be compensated by the Parish Council.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments were made.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Elections May 2015 applications and publicity

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2015 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date