

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2016 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) S McInerney R Smith S Morris M Woodward S Cole
T Watson J Smith-Milne

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman and 2 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident attended to hear the comments made by the Council members regarding the proposed housing development at Whitchurch. (Reference Section 7 of these minutes)

2. **APOLOGIES** G Litson D Williams E Curtis

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None submitted

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS HELD ON 12 JULY 2016 AND 9 AUGUST 2016

These were agreed and confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Red Telephone Boxes. The Chairman has coordinated a small working group to clean and renovate these units. Welsh water have contributed £1000.00 towards the renovation and maintenance costs.

Resilience Working Group. S Morris and the Clerk are organising the initial meeting with selected volunteer residents to discuss the elements and needs required for such a programme.

Wifi Memorial Hall. The village hall committee have applied for the required telephone line. The project is now being coordinated by our PC Vice Chairman R Smith.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The following highlights were reported.

Pritchards Lane. This has now been repaired and reopened.

Llangrove new housing development and drainage impact on Whitchurch. Investigation has shown that Welsh Water and Herefordshire planning have approved surface water and effluent discharge for these properties into the main system.

The Chairman reported the recent actions taken initiating discussions with Herefordshire planning and a proposed meeting with Llangarron PC where the Ward Councillors would also be invited to attend.

This whole matter of drainage including storm water has a potential impact on the development and progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

P Newman will send the contact details of the environment Agency to the Clerk.

The meeting agreed that the Council maintain a record of sewage / drain overflow issues as evidence in future discussions with the various agencies.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

7.1 Proposed 9 new houses at Whitchurch. Reference the public meeting held 9 August 2016. In principle Council members had no objections to this proposal however concerns continue regarding drainage issues at Whitchurch. The Council recognise the need for an investigation regarding the capacity and usage of the drainage systems (reference comments from our Chairman section 6 of these minutes). The Council are also concerned regarding the lack of pedestrian safety on the Llangarron road from Yew Tree Close to Old Monmouth Road.

7.2 Losito Stud 162007 proposal to replace redundant barn with a 4 bedroom house in a sustainable location at Losito Stud.

Following discussion Council members objected to this proposal for the following reasons. It is considered that the access continues to be insufficient for the activity of this site.

The proposed building is considered not to be in character with the area of this part of the Parish.

The public footpath has been redirected away from the official designated route. This should be reinstated to its original recorded route.

7.3 Summerset 162681 proposed alterations and extensions.

The Parish Council gave no objections to this application.

7.4 The Manse 162574 retrospective for open car port / shed / and decking.

The Parish Council gave no objections to this application.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. Comments are related to the agenda items.

Finance working group. The Clerk will circulate proposed dates to group members for the initial budget review for the next financial year 2017 / 2018.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. A meeting will be arranged with our lengthsman to review the winter schedule.

Footpaths Officer. WC1 clearance work has been started and remaining sections will be discussed with our lengthsman.

Waymarker posts and signs is the next major project for the coming months.

Website and publicity. No further comments.

Good Neighbour Scheme. Our working group is to hold a joint meeting with other related groups to discuss how this scheme can be further developed for our community.

A sponsored walk is organised on 25 September 2016 in support of Alzheimers and Dementia.

A hedgehog day is being held on 17 September 2016 at St Dubricius.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status.

Expected end September 2016 the second part of the precept payment £14000.00

Payments

Lengthsman work / all related areas for the past 2 months £2744.42

Play Area work £670.00

Clerk £483.00 Administration £48.52 Travel and meetings £47.74

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE / MONTHLY REPORT

Steering Group meeting reports have been circulated to all members.

Analysis of the question papers received from Parish residents is now completed.

The Evidence Base Summary is being finalised.

The Clerk is making contact with the residents that submitted the Land Availability paper for consideration into the Plan.

The next development stage is Vision and Objectives together with a Call For Sites.

A public consultation event is proposed for October 2016 to review the above subjects and Plan development.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

A second meeting with the responsible Cabinet member and Balfour Beatty is being arranged to further discuss and develop actions related to our local issues and concerns. It is expected to report on the outcome at our October 2016 Council meeting.

12. PLAY AREA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The area has now been cleared in preparation for the new protective fencing.

Quotation requests have sent to 4 local contractors.

Examples of base surfaces and play equipment were circulated to the meeting with a request that comments and suggestions were given back to the Chairman in the next 10 days.

Welsh Water have contributed £3000.00 towards the Play Area improvement programme and further potential grant funding will be investigated.

13. CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES / INITIAL REVIEW

It was agreed that a senior citizens afternoon tea together with entertainment would be held at the Memorial Hall (the date now confirmed as the 21 December 2016).

Members of the Parish Council are invited to attend and give assistance during the day.

Members were requested to contact S Morris with their preferred times available and assistance that can be offered.

Estimated costs represent £250.00.

It was agreed that good publicity was required to advertise this event. R Smith agreed to act as coordinator.

It was also agreed to continue the tradition of visiting the residential Homes in the Parish giving a small gift and Christmas card to each resident. Estimated cost £150.00.

14. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments were made.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Dog bin required at Ganarew

Christmas activities review

Water on the road opposite village shop

White lines (road junctions)

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 9pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

