

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S McInerney J Smith-Milne D Williams S Morris G Litson T Watson

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

2. APOLOGIES M Woodward S Cole

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in the planning matter item 7.1 Doward which was recorded in the register.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

This item was brought forward so that the residents attending could be informed of these matters.

7.1 Inspection by Enforcement Officer – Doward

A visit has been made and the landowner informed that a retrospective planning application will be required.

7.2 173556 The Ledge proposed timber summerhouse supported by timber structure.

The Council gave no objections.

7.3 173428 The Arc demolition of existing unauthorised 3 storey extension to be replaced with a 2 storey extension.

The Council gave no objections.

7.4 173817 Land at Springfield proposed residential dwelling.

The Council in principle have no objections to the application but have concerns regarding the access and they are also minded that the proposed property is outside of the Settlement Boundary being prepared in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

7.5 174086 Daf Y Nant garage removal of conditions to allow opening hours 24 hours.

The Council gave no objections.

7.6 174011 Trewan Farm proposed construction of 3 x 3 bedroom detached houses.

This application is outside of Whitchurch Parish and the Council therefore defer any comments to the responsible Parish Council.

174172 Westside Symonds Yat proposed loft conversion and alterations to existing balustrade to be building regulations compliant.

The Council gave no objections.

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON THE 10 OCTOBER 2017

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Christmas activities update. Further small gifts have been purchased for Residential Home residents.

S McInerney has kindly donated mulled wine for the Christmas tea party and the Chairman has kindly donated wine for the same event.

S Morris has obtained a £20 voucher from M and S towards the event.
Christmas tree installation and lighting will be organised by the Chairman and T Watson.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

P Newman highlighted the following matters.

Some £17.5 million savings are required from Herefordshire Council between now and 2020. A letter of support (supporting the Parish Council letter) for potential improved Broadband has been sent in anticipation of funding from the EU.

Given assistance to the Council regarding the Doward – Enforcement situation.

Submitted notes for the PC Newsletter.

Attended recent meetings of the History Group and declared that he is now a member of this Society. He reported on the recent contribution from the Council of £1000.00 to the History Group and how they were disappointed that this was to be used by them for both the WW1 Commemoration and refurbishment of the Red Telephone Boxes.

The Chairman minded the meeting that fundraising by other organisations in the Parish was very successful and that the History Group should also perhaps consider similar actions.

It was proposed to discuss the matter further at the December 2017 meeting however in the meantime our Chairman has received confirmation from the History Group that they have now obtained separate funding for the Red Telephone Boxes.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The full length of the stream Whitchurch has been inspected and is free of any debris. The 3 Red Telephone Boxes have also been inspected.

A letter has been prepared supporting possible improved Broadband (from potential EU funding).

The Chairman and Clerk have inspected the Clock Tower.

Finance working group. The proposed budget for 2018/2019 prepared by the finance working group had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting. The Chairman of the working group reviewed the main elements of the report.

The meeting resolved to accept the proposed budget and the precept of £37750.00 for the financial year 2018/2019.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. Winter schedule is in full operation with increased work on grips to ditches and clearing drain covers.

The meeting thanked D Williams for contributing a new bench for the entrance to Grange Park.

On the Doward certain hedges require attention which are causing problems to road users. The Chairman and Clerk will investigate the matter.

Website and publicity. It was agreed that local groups should be encouraged to add their events and activities onto the Council website.

Good Neighbor Scheme. Community First had attended a recent meeting. It was encouraging that more people were attending the meetings.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Precept for 2018/2019 resolved – reference finance working group report item 8.

Payments

Lengthsman scheduled work and maintenance £1249.20

Clerk fee £525.00 Administration £62.59 Travel / meetings £55.18

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Further quotations are being prepared by Balfour Beatty – reference Parish Council meeting 12 September 2017.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE / MONTHLY REPORT

G Litson reviewed how the housing numbers and Settlement Boundary lines were being revised and when this was completed the Steering Group would present all the main elements to the Parish Council this being a requirement towards Regulation 14.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

The meeting was minded of the recent Travelers Sites Consultation recently issued by Herefordshire Council.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Christmas activities – final review

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman

Date