

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2018 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S McInerney G Litson S Cole D Williams T Watson S Morris D Powell

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman and 11 residents

1. COOPTION OF A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

D Powell was coopted onto the Council being proposed by S Cole seconded by S Morris and agreed by all members present.

D Powell signed the Declaration of Acceptance and will complete the required Declaration of Interest papers.

D Powell agreed to have her name and contact detail on the Council website.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident expressed concern regarding the present situation / system for water drainage and sewage. The Chairman explained the policy taken by the Council and the recent submission of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan to Welsh Water as a part of the consultation process which included the potential and approved new dwellings in the Parish.

3. APOLOGIES J Smith-Milne

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

174617 The Old bakery conversion of existing outbuilding into a 3 bedroom dwelling with access egress parking and manoeuvring.

Some residents requested clarification / confirmation that this proposed dwelling would have the same footprint and height apex as the original building. This was confirmed by the owner and agent.

The Council gave no objection based on the above confirmation.

174306 Brookside outline planning for 5 houses on pasture land associated with Brookside.

The meeting could not determine any significant difference from this application to the previous submission.

The Council objected to this application for the same reasons given at the 13 February 2018 Parish Council meeting.

180958 XA2 land opposite the village school application for approval of certain details reserved.

The meeting was minded that comments were not being invited by Herefordshire Council planning.

174138 Wye Valley Visitors Centre.

This application was only received on the day of this Council meeting. It was resolved that comments would be deferred to the May 2018 Council meeting to allow members to fully consider this application.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Balfour Beatty site meeting. This meeting will take place shortly to review / gain advice on several matters.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

P Newman welcomed the new Council member.

A site meeting has taken place – Little Doward Hill Fort – and hopefully this will initiate future progress to encourage increased visitors including a potential new brochure of this historic site. Work to reopen the Black Bridge continues.

P Newman will attend the next Good Neighbour Scheme meeting and the History Society meeting.

9. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. A site meeting has been held with our lengthsman. The summer schedule will now come into operation including grass cutting.

G Litson thanked the Chairman for his time and work revising the Neighbourhood Plan website for the Regulation 14 public consultation.

Finance working group. A meeting is planned to review the financial year ending 31 March 2018 and preparation of the audit process.

Footpaths Officers Report. The recent poor weather has slowed down work but no new blocked footpaths have been reported.

At Portland House a new Finger Post is required.

Website and publicity. Reference report from the Chairman.

Good Neighbour Scheme. There are future plans to hold a summer party and also a boat trip on the river Wye.

10. FINANCE MATTERS

VAT refund for January and February 2018 received £894.95

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Website £46.80

Lengthsman scheme scheduled work £1277.0

Clerk fee £542.00 Administration £29.60 Travel / meetings / training £16.44

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE / MONTHLY REPORT

G Litson reported on the submission for Regulation 14 consultation of the Draft Plan and the necessary procedures to be followed.

12. SAFEGUARDING POLICY AND PUBLICATION

The Clerk reviewed the reasons and requirements regarding this policy.

The meeting resolved to adopt this policy and publish on the website and notice boards.

13. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS – PARKING RESTRICTIONS NEW PROPOSALS

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow residents to address the Council.

The residents described the contributions / suggestions given to the Balfour Beatty consultant and they were very pleased that these had been included in the new proposal submitted to the Council.

The Ward Councillor reported that he also fully supported the proposals made by the residents.

The Chairman opened the meeting to Council members.

The meeting resolved to fully support these latest parking restrictions proposals for Whitchurch.

14. AMENITIES IN THE VILLAGE

S Morris expressed concern regarding the few amenities now available in the Parish particularly taking into account the proposed Housing Policy of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting supported these concerns and would after further thought and consideration make this an agenda item at a future meeting.

15. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

A letter has been received from the Local History Society describing the progress being made to the refurbishment of the Red Telephone Box at Crockers Ash including a risk assessment report. The Chairman thanked the Society on behalf of the Council for the positive progress being made.

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The telephone box opposite the village shop – May 2018 agenda
Amenities in the Parish – future agenda item

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 8 MAY 2018 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL BEING

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR WHITCHURCH AND FOR GANAREW
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman

Date