

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Informal meeting notes from 11 February 2019 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall
As the members were not quorate a formal Parish Council meeting could not be held

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S Morris S McInerney G Litson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman

1. **APOLOGIES** D Williams S Cole T Watson D Powell J Smith-Milne

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None reported

3. **OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** Not required

4. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2019**

Members present were minded of the minutes and formal submission / acceptance will take place at the next Council meeting on 12 March 2019.

5. **NOTES TO THE ACTION POINTS**

Clock Tower – a meeting for legal advice has taken place with specific actions suggested.

Dropped curbs – a further meeting is required and the area highlighted to Balfour Beatty.

Road markings – a meeting is required.

Good Neighbour Scheme – possible mini bus service – investigations continue.

Permanent Christmas tree – safety implications to traffic at the cross roads – land ownership.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

No new applications had been submitted for comment.

7. **COMMENTS FROM THE WARD COUNCILLOR**

Sadly it was reported that Councillor Jenny Hyde had recently died.

A full Herefordshire Council members meeting will take place this week – the budget being a main subject.

A referral for a planning committee to discuss the application land rear Old Court Farm has been made.

Doward C1257 road closure situation – a press conference together with residents and the MP J Norman has taken place in an approach to move matters forward.

The full report details are attached to these notes and are available on the PC website.

8. **GENERAL COMMENTS FOR INFORMATION**

Chairman. Reference meetings regarding the Clock Tower.

The badly overhanging branches on the road to Crockers Ash have been cut back but further work in other areas is still required.

Grit bins and their locations / filling continue to be ongoing.

The Parish Council needs a Tree Officer which can be an appointed resident with interest in such matters.

Footpaths. Further clearance work of fallen trees and branches is required following the recent strong winds.

Finance working group. A meeting will be held to commence reviewing the past financial year.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. All matters are working well with specific projects grit bin related and ditch / drainage projects.

Website. Usage continues steadily.

Good Neighbour Scheme. A Community Police visit is arranged for 6 March 2019.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

G Litson gave an overview of the next stages towards the Plan completion and Referendum. The Chairman read out a letter prepared by D Williams (at his request) regarding his thoughts towards the Plan and in particular the matter of addressing Affordable Housing so that young people could then remain in the Parish.

G Litson agreed with the principles of the letter highlighting that with regret no land owner had offered land which would initiate such housing – although this had been a part of the public consultation. The meeting was minded however that Affordable Housing as an element was included in the Plan to allow The Parish Council at some stage in the future such development if there was sufficient need.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Reference the report from the Ward Councillor – road closure C1257.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reviewed a recent conversation with the past Chairman of the Local History Society regarding their plan to commence the refurbishment of the second Red Telephone Box at Symonds Yat West. They had requested if the Council would authorise work to clear the footpath near this unit to allow better access.

The meeting supported such an action to help the refurbishment.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA No items were reported

The informal meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8pm

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 12 MARCH 2019 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

Signed

Chairman

Date