

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting held on 8 October 2019 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) G Litson S Morris T Watson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor Y Watson

1. GENERAL COMMENT

As the Parish Council members present were not quorate it was agreed to hold an informal meeting and any considered actions / proposals would be submitted to the full PC meeting November 2019 for comment and resolution.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required.

3. APOLOGIES

S Cole S McInerney D Powell D Williams J Smith- Milne

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None submitted

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2019 AND 10 SEPTEMBER 2019

Both sets of minutes will be submitted to the November 2019 PC meeting for approval.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

192679 The Wainhouse Symonds Yat further planning detail submitted for consideration Council members continued to consider that there was still not complete / sufficient information. Although the level of development has been reduced it does still result in substantial excavation work and at the same time as serious problems with land slippage and road works closures on the Doward. Caution is recommended of any such additional works until the present problems are resolved. The Council also feel that the proposal has an impact on the general heritage of the area and properties nearby.

193059 Kohima Ridge Symonds Yat two storey extension with internal alterations landscaping / access to site including decking and parking area.

Parish Council comments have been submitted to Herefordshire Council planning 27 September 2019.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report had been circulated to all Council members and is also available on the PC website.

In addition highlights were made regarding the following matters.

Animal welfare

Wye View Lane

Symonds Yat Business Group

Monmouth recycling facilities

Village school – talk on local democracy and related project

AONB visit together with our PC Chairman

8. REPORTS RECEIVE

Chairman – an extremely busy month covering 14 Parish related matters.

Finance working group – budget papers and explanatory notes had been circulated to all

members. The proposal of a precept request for £50000.00 was agreed by the members present and will be submitted to the November 2019 meeting for group resolution. Lengthsman and grass cutting working group – a review meeting is planned Footpaths Officers. Work assignments have been given to our lengthsman. Website and publicity. Use of the websites reviewed. Good Neighbour Scheme. The new group for young mothers and toddlers is very well received and appreciated.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

Budget / precept 2020/2021 – reference section 8.

Payments

Lengthsman scheme work / footpaths / grass cutting £2124.96

Website £284.91

Chairman expenses £47.25

Clerk fee £567.00 Administration £20.60 Travel £32.22 Training / workshops £108.00

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE Plan referendum set for 14 November 2019

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Improved signage to Symonds Yat West is required. A meeting will be held with Highways England early next year and this will be raised as an agenda item.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED No further comments made.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA No new items submitted.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date