

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2021 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S Cole S McInerney S Morris D Powell T Watson G Hassall
J Smith-Milne

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor Y Watson and 1 resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The resident described together with photographs the recent flash flooding that had occurred following heavy rainfall at the Main Street near Woods of Whitchurch and The Crown. The resident considered that a contributing factor to this situation was water run off from the building site on Llangrove Road.

Ward Councillor Y Watson had been in contact with Herefordshire Council planning who had agreed to investigate matters at the build site further.

The Clerk was requested to write to planning highlighting the flash flooding issue.

The Parish Council confirmed that the incident / problem was also registered with Balfour Beatty for inspection of the drains and actions as required.

2. APOLOGIES D Williams

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were reported.

Resignation of Graham Litson. The meeting was minded that Graham Litson had resigned from the Council and a cooption process had been initiated.

The Chairman also took this opportunity to welcome Graham Hassall as a new Council member.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 OCTOBER 2021

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Community Police – will contact the Clerk with possible actions.

5.2 Dropped curbs – a new set of dropped curbs have been installed at the fly over.

However, it is a problem to determine what safe measures can be taken at other specific points in Whitchurch village. The matter is registered with Balfour Beatty and is assigned for consideration with their Asset Team.

5.3 Flooding issues Whitchurch main street – reference item 1 of the minutes.

5.4 Condition of Boats – Ward Councillor to coordinate a meeting with Herefordshire Council.

5.5 Routine brook inspection by Chairman and Clerk – this has been carried out and one situation of overhanging branches reported to the landowner by Balfour Beatty.

5.6 Old Ross Road – overgrown hedges – this is registered by Balfour Beatty who will contact the landowners.

5.7 Christmas activities – all in hand. Due to concerns regarding covid a tea party will not take place this year. Other options of a tree / Christmas celebration were briefly discussed, and the matter will be considered by the finance working group in January 2022 and proposals submitted to the Council.

5.8 Dog bin – a new additional dog bin has been purchased and installed on the Doward.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

Applications 213916 and 213919 had been received by the Clerk shortly before the meeting and were not yet available on the HC website for viewing. Comments will therefore be submitted to the Chairman and Clerk.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report will be circulated shortly. Updates were given on the condition of Drag Road and Wye View Lane and proposed actions following further discussions with Balfour Beatty.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

8.1 Chairman / Footpaths Officer. Regular inspection of the parish highlighting the recent flash flooding on the Main Street and the landslip at Sandyway Lane.

Footpaths have been walked – WC 1 a branch needs removing – landowner is aware. WC 1 the Chairman will make further contact with the BB enforcement officer.

8.2 Finance working group. A meeting is planned for January 2022 to review matters.

8.3 Lengthsman working group. Winter maintenance schedule employed, and a new schedule of bin (litter and dog bins) collection initiated.

8.4 Website and publicity. Reading our pc website continues to grow. The function of Facebook for the pc was discussed and G Hassall will investigate further.

8.5 Good Neighbour Scheme and Sticky Little Fingers groups are delighted to be able to meet again with growing attendance.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Remembrance Day wreath £17.99

Clerk fee £667.00

Dog bin £121.61

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Reference Item 5 of the minutes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Condition WC 1

Cooption of Council member – February 2022 cooption

Being minded of Village Hall defibrillator installation

Herefordshire Local Plan consultation – possible collaboration with other Ward Parish Councils

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.10pm

Signed

Chairman

Date