

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2018 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman and 1 resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The resident attending requested advice regarding trimming a tree next to her property. It was explained that this was not a matter for the Parish Council and advised that contact should be made with Herefordshire Council for inspection and recommendations.

2. APOLOGIES G Litson D Williams

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D Powell and S Morris declared an interest in the planning application 180629 Whitchurch Primary School proposed building for D1 educational use on school site which were recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2018

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MEETING

Balfour Beatty site meeting – a suitable date is still being determined.

Telephone Box opposite the village shop – the village shop is considering the use of a book swap shop.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

181074 amended plans land adjacent to Wye Vale proposed new dwelling and garage

By majority the Council gave no objections.

181854 land opposite Whitchurch village school variation of condition 2 of planning permission

171044 proposed erection of 3 dwellings – conservatory to plots 1 and 2

The Council object to this application.

They consider that adding conservatories on the front of 2 dwellings would spoil the established design and aesthetic line of the whole row of buildings along this side of the road.

The new properties as they now stand fit the line and aesthetics of all the other buildings and compliment these established buildings on this side of the road.

180629 Whitchurch Primary School proposed building for D1 educational use on school site

The Council gave no objections.

181924 Kyrle Cottage Whitchurch proposed new house

The Council gave no objections.

181802 Riding Gate Symonds Yat proposed replacement summer house

The Council gave no objections.

181990 Capers Cottage Symonds Y

at proposed 2 storey side extension and internal alterations to existing dwelling

The Council gave no objections.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Reference was made to the recently adopted revised Code of Conduct by Herefordshire Council.

P Newman had recently dined at The Old Court Hotel and congratulated the hotel for its local HR9 incentive to bring people into the area.

A visit was made to a resident concerned with local road surface conditions – Herefordshire Council are now investigating the matter.

A Council member raised a question regarding land slippage on certain local roads.

The Ward Councillor responded with reference to the inspections that have taken place and the appropriate actions and safety precautions being taken until repairs can be carried out.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. Reviewed the inspections and actions being taken regarding the road condition Ferry Lane.

Finance working group. A meeting will be held shortly.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. A site meeting was recently held with the Chairman and Clerk to review the summer schedule.

Footpaths Officers. A review meeting was recently held with the Lengthsman Chairman and Clerk.

The meeting thanked the lengthsman for the prompt response taken to remove the fallen trees on WC1.

Website and publicity. The website is expanding with information and usage is increasing.

Good Neighbour Scheme. The next event is a summer lunch held on 20 June 2018 to which all Council members are invited.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The meeting resolved to adopt the recently revised Herefordshire Council Code of Conduct for Council members.

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Play area inspection and any necessary repairs £300.00

Website £116.93

Lengthsman and grass cutting scheduled work £2798.45

Clerk fee £542.00 Administration £28.85 Travel / meetings / training £45.18

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Clerk and S McInerney gave a summary of the last meeting of the Steering Group held May 2018.

The Chairman reviewed the progress and in particular the next steps required following the recent Regulation 14 public consultation followed by discussion from all Council members.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Ferry Lane – reference item 8 Chairman report.

Dropped curbs for push chairs and mobility scooters. This will be investigated by Balfour Beatty.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Reference Footpaths Officers workshop – Balfour Beatty

Reference Herefordshire Council presentation budget consultation

Reference letter received from the Local History Society. The refurbishment of the Red Telephone Box at Crockers Ash is progressing well. Other elements of the letter will be discussed by the finance working group and report to the Council at the July 2018 meeting.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No new items were raised.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 JULY 2018 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2018 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.30pm

Signed

Chairman

Date