

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman W Bloxsome Data Orchard
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group member E Heyes

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES J Smith-Milne S Cole

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION TO REGULATION 15

G Litson and Data Orchard reviewed the amendments made to the Draft Plan – reference agenda item 4 of this meeting - and the associated documents that are required for submission to Regulation 15.

The Chairman gave each Council member the opportunity to comment followed by a resolution by majority (with one Council member objecting to the principle of the Plan) that the Plan be submitted to Herefordshire Council for Regulation 15. This resolution being proposed by S McInerney and seconded by T Watson.

E Heyes NPlan Steering Group member thanked G Litson (Chairman of the Steering Group) for his commendable work and efforts in developing the progress of the Plan for the Parish.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2018 AND THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT PARISH COUNCIL AND STEERING GROUP MEMBERS MEETING HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2018

Both sets of minutes were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Review meeting with our lengthsman. The Chairman and Clerk will be meeting with the lengthsman shortly.

5.2 Clock Tower latest developments. The Chairman reviewed all of the recent research to try to determine defined ownership and land registration.

The meeting fully supported the recommendation that the Chairman and Clerk meet with a legal advisor to establish guidance and advice.

5.3 Road conditions / concerns Dry Arch A4137. The Chairman and Clerk attended a meeting with Balfour Beatty management to discuss this matter. They have agreed to initiate investigations on the safety issues of this part of the A4137.

5.4 Stray dogs in the Parish. This matter referred to dogs in the area of Dry Arch.

5.5 Christmas activities. All aspects are organised. T Watson is satisfied that the Christmas tree (kindly given by a resident) can be transported to Whitchurch Main Street. He reported that some of the tree lights were no longer working and it is likely that new ones may be required by next year.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

183872 Buck Street Cottage Symonds Yat proposed side extension.

The Council gave no objections.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

P Newman reported that he had attended the WW1 Commemoration and congratulated everyone involved for their efforts on this special remembrance.

He continues to give support to the residents / residents action group regarding the problems at Symonds Yat West.

This was followed by discussion of the Council members where it would seem that the matter had regrettably no short term solution.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

8.1 Chairman. Attended with the Clerk Herefordshire Council Summit meeting and a meeting with Balfour Beatty management on local parish issues.

Attended together with Council members the WW1 remembrance service and the recent NPlan Steering Group meetings.

Regular Parish inspections continue particularly monitoring the problems at Symonds Yat West and discussions with local residents and holiday let owners.

8.2 Footpaths. Regular inspections have found and actions made for the removal of trees and large branches on WC 74 WC7 and WC37.

On WC1 two gates have been installed to replace old and dangerous stiles.

Attended a meeting of residents regarding recent land slide problems Meeks Well Lane.

8.3 Finance working group. The budget for 2019/2020 has been submitted to Herefordshire Council.

8.4 Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. A review meeting will take place shortly.

8.5 Website and publicity. The meeting was reminded that submission material was required for the Parish Newsnotes.

8.6 Good Neighbour Scheme. The Christmas party event will be held on 19 December 2018.

The Scheme members thanked the Ward Councillor and Parish Council members for their support over the past year attending meetings and outings.

8.7 War Commemoration. The meeting agreed being proposed by S McInerney and seconded by G Litson that the Council present a wreath each year and also contribute £25.00 to the RBL poppy appeal.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Lengthsman and grass cutting scheduled work £2306.40

Clerk fee £567.00 Administration £26.24 Travel meetings / training £26.48

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Dry Arch road safety concerns – reference item 5 and 8.

Dropped curbs. The Chairman and Clerk are working with Balfour Beatty to fast track the possibility of two additional dropped curbs to assist mobility scooters and push chairs.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

AONB response consultation paper. The meeting agreed that the Chairman approach two residents to assist in the Council response.

A resident has written with concerns regarding overhanging branches on the road to Crockers Ash. The Council are aware of the situation / problem and are working with Balfour Beatty to have the branches cut back.

At Hoddle Farm heavy rain results on water from the road going onto farm land. The matter will be investigated with the assistance of our lengthsman.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Road markings flyover Whitchurch and at the bridge near VW and Lowthers
Other road marking situations in the Parish

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2018 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH
MEMORIAL HALL.**

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.12pm

Signed

Chairman

Date