

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall**

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

ATTENDING 2 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Planning application 193593 – The applicant explained the reasons for this application as a dwelling for his own personal use.

Vehicles blocking turning area at junction of Sawpits Lane and Ashes Lane. A resident explained the nature of the problem and requested the installation of a No Parking sign. Chairman agreed to take the matter up with Hereford Council.

2. APOLOGIES J Smith-Milne D Williams D Powell T Watson. Apologies were also received from Ward Councillor Watson.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 October 2019

These were agreed.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Dropped curbs required. Our Ward Councillor is discussing this matter with Balfour Beatty. Christmas tree has been ordered. Gifts for residents of care homes have been purchased. Red Telephone boxes. Resident of dwelling next to Symonds Yat West box has requested that the box be turned around so that the door opens out into road rather than towards his property. Budget / Precept 2020/2021 was approved and agreed.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

193593 2 Sandiway Villas, Sandiway Lane, Whitchurch. Proposed new bungalow. The Council members were unable to pass comment as it was agreed that there was insufficient detail with regard to drainage, vehicle turning spaces, visibility splays and landscaping.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The Ward Councillor's monthly report had been circulated to all members.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

8.1 Chairman. Attended Good Neighbour Scheme coffee morning.

Attended the Public Rights of Way briefing in Hereford.

Had site meeting with Balfour Beatty localities steward to discuss flooding in the village.

8.2 Footpaths Officers. Chairman met with Herefordshire Council Public Rights of Way officers and has arranged for them to determine correct line of footpath WC1 between The Paddocks and Old Ferrie Inn (once the floods have receded).

8.3 Finance working group. Nothing to report

8.3 Website and publicity. Number of people visiting the websites has increased substantially following announcement of NDP referendum.

8.4 Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. Scheduled work continues.

8.5 Good Neighbour Scheme. The boat trip on the river Wye was cancelled due to the high level of river water. A visit by Fire and Safety officers to last week's meeting was well attended and very enjoyable. The Mothers and Toddlers Group (Sticky Little Fingers) meetings are proving to be popular, with new residents joining.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

No report due to absence of clerk.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Referendum for Parish residents is to be held on 14 November 2019.

G Litson attended the Core Strategy review meeting in Hereford and was pleased to report that assuming the plan is agreed to in the public referendum, then no changes will need to be made to it for at least the next 2 years.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Flooding of roads adjacent to the river Wye was discussed. S Cole asked if the PC had an Emergency Plan in place. Chairman responded that due to the large amount of work involved in drawing up and maintaining such a plan, that it was agreed in the past not to do this, but to hold £1000 of parish funds in place for any emergency.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

None received.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Review need for Emergency Plan

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date