

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2019 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

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

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Yellow lines – no parking. These have now been completed.

5.2 Dropped curbs at two locations. Our Ward Councillor has kindly agreed to discuss this with Balfour Beatty in an attempt to progress the matter forward.

5.3 Clock Tower. The Chairman reported on the recent correspondence with Historic England who confirmed that they are not responsible for such a building and recommend that we approach the National Trust for their comments.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

192278 The Old Bakery Whitchurch proposed 3 bedroom dwelling with access egress parking and maneuvering.

Council members objected to this application as they considered that the access was not suitable for such a proposed dwelling.

192004 Number 4 Old Court Bank proposed 2 storey extension.

Council members had no objections to this application providing that all boundary hedges were preserved.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

In addition Y Watson highlighted.

Discussion with planning regarding the barn conversions Llangarron / Whitchurch who will respond with a formal letter.

Together with another Ward Councillor held a meeting with the Cabinet Member regarding the Rural Transport Strategy.

AONB Management Plan – there will be a future public consultation.

Tourism – suggesting that each Parish has a Tourism representative.

Arranging an informal meeting with all stakeholders regarding the road closure on the Doward.

Investigating single use plastic.

Meeting with the Director of Public Health regarding more affordable housing.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

8.1 Chairman. Reference the Action Points item 5.

8.2 Footpaths Officers. The lengthsman has inspected all footpaths as a part of the annual schedule and a large number of waymarker posts have gone missing which will be replaced. The public footpath near to The Old Court Hotel is blocked.

WC 1 is also requiring clearance.

8.3 Finance working group – a review meeting will be held in September 2019.

8.4 Lengthsman and grass cutting working group – all curbs in the village require cleaning. Entrance to Grange Park – the lengthsman has been requested to clear the long weeds and grass around the trees.

8.5 Website and publicity – The Chairman and Clerk will attend a website seminar organised by Herefordshire Council.

8.6 Good Neighbour Scheme – A boat trip is booked for 2 October 2019 all Council members are welcome.

It is hoped that a mothers and toddlers group will start in September 2019.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

Payments

Lengthsman scheme scheduled work including grass cutting £2879.76

Clerk fee £567.00 Administration £13.04 Travel £16.96 Meetings £45.0 Training £50.00

Website matters £389.91

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

We are still waiting for the start of the external examination for Regulation 16.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the discussion with Highways England and the corresponding notes issued on the Council website.

The meeting discussed the recent severe parking problems in the area of Wye Knot to The Paddocks causing road blockage.

The Ward Councillor agreed to investigate the matter further.

12. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

The meeting was minded that there is a water pollution problem on the Garron Brook.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Tourism Parish representative

Christmas activities review

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

NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2019 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT MATTERS TO ATTEND.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.08pm

Signed

Chairman

Date