

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2020 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk)

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Visit from our Community Police Officer. This was an introductory visit to discuss any local crime incidents or issues and the intention is to visit each Council meeting.

It was suggested that the Officer may also wish to attend a meeting of the Good Neighbour Scheme.

2. APOLOGIES T Watson S Cole Ward Councillor Y Watson

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

R Smith and D Williams declared an interest in planning application 194176 Boxbush which was recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2020

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Dropped curbs - we are waiting for an update from our Ward Councillor and Balfour Beatty.

5.2 Neighbourhood Plan – transfer to the Council website. For technical reasons it was agreed to maintain the present established information links.

5.3. Newsnotes – these will be distributed in the near future.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

6.1 200107 Coppett View Symonds Yat proposed non material amendment to planning permission 182948 – proposed extension and detached garage – removal of the detached garage from the application and conditions relating to that part of the application specifically conditions 4 and 5.

The meeting gave no objections.

6.2 200058 Units 3 and 4 Stoney Hill Industrial Estate change of use from B8 to B2 use.

The meeting gave no objections.

6.3 194424 Hill Cottage Symonds Yat construction of 2 bedroom dwelling.

The meeting had concerns regarding this application.

Until the nearby landslip problems are resolved the Council recommend that no further building work should take place.

This application is not compliant with the Parish Group Neighbourhood Plan.

Some details are considered missing from the application submitted.

6.4 Street lighting new development Yew Tree Close.

The meeting resolved that no street lighting was required.

6.5 194176 Boxbush replacement decking and replaced concrete paving and retaining wall – retrospective.

The meeting gave no objections.

6.6 194187 proposed non material amendment to 163068 – residential development of 9 detached dwellings and semi detached dwellings with associated roads / drainage / new hedgerow and tree planting – amended to address HC Section 38 road adoption requirements.

The meeting gave no objections.

6.7 200175 Tuck Mill Barn erection of single storey replacement dwelling.

The meeting objected to this application.

The proposal will block the public right of way WC 96.

There is no detail of drainage intentions on the application submitted.

6.8 200146 The Ark Symonds Yat proposed single storey rear extension for replacement bathroom.

The meeting gave no objections.

6.9 Grant of premises license Budgens.

The meeting gave no objections and approved the license application.

6.10 Doward Farm – enforcement appeal – the meeting was minded that an appeal has been made.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR No report was available

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

8.1 Chairman. A big thank you was given to everyone involved helping to install the Christmas tree and all of the Christmas activities that had been organised.

Improvements to the village hall wifi have now been made.

The Newsnotes are in the final stages of preparation and will be distributed shortly.

8.2 Footpaths Officers. The Chairman attended the recent Local Access Forum and is also preparing for submission to register the missing or unmarked footpaths in our Parish.

8.3 Finance working group will meet on the 26 February 2020 to discuss specific issues for recommendation / consideration to the Council members at the March 2020 meeting.

8.4 Lengthsman working group and Parish maintenance. Several blocked ditches have been reported to Balfour Beatty who will speak with the landowners to repair / action these matters.

8.5 Website and publicity. Content on our website increases as does the number of applications to the website.

8.6 Good Neighbour Scheme and Sticky Little Fingers. Both groups are increasing attendance. S McInerney was thanked for his kind donation of wine for the Christmas party as well as everyone who helped at the party.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

Payments

Lengthsman scheme maintenance work £2801.22 Footpaths work £240.00

Clock Tower service £198.00

Clerk fee £567.00 Administration £14.98 Travel £14.72 Meetings / Training £30.00

10. ROAD AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Clerk has written several times to Highways England for a follow up meeting regarding the A40 Whitchurch but to date has not had a response from them. It was agreed to make a further attempt and remind them that this meeting came from their suggestion.

Landslip on the Doward. The meeting was minded of the recent letter from Herefordshire Council / Balfour Beatty and the responsibility of work by the landowner.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

Flooding village school grounds. The Council thanked the school for all the actions that had been taken. The Chairman had also arranged a site meeting with Balfour Beatty. Regretfully it appeared that until the present wet weather subsided further investigation was not possible. A resident had commented on an odour in the area of Daf Y Nant. It was considered that this was most probably from recent excavation of works nearby where it is known that there is soil contamination.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Fly Tipping issues – Whitchurch

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 MARCH 2020 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.30 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date