

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) D Williams T Watson G Hassall S Cole

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and one resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The resident attending mentioned the following points.

1.1 Possible litter bin at the Ferry point crossing. A consideration could be given but at the location proposed this is regularly prone to severe river flooding and the subsequent loss / damage of the bin due to the strong currents. Perhaps the ferry operator could take the opportunity to address this concern with a litter receptacle collection bag at this point during the season and clear up at the end of the day. This would then resolve any concerns regarding litter in this area.

1.2 Food bank. Local food banks are already well established and operating with contact details available on local and county websites / telephone contacts operating with discretion.

1.3 More pc detail on the Doward App. This is being developed by our designated Council member with highlights of our information in keeping with the App content. Full Council information and business will remain on the pc website which is very user friendly – the meeting being minded that the App is essentially a local vocal point for residents.

1.4 To name a lane on the Doward. Such an application needs to be made to Herefordshire Council for consideration.

2. APOLOGIES

Ward Councillor Y Watson Councillors S Morris J Smith-Milne S McInerney L Gardner

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None reported

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 8 March 2022

These were agreed and confirmed by the members and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Parking Symonds Yat – appropriate qualified inspection has yet to take place.

Response resulting from HC Ward group meeting – slowly responses are happening.

Community Hub – the grant application submitted by the Chairman and Clerk has been accepted - with funds being paid early April 2022.

Flash flooding – Balfour Beatty have now inspected all relevant drains / they have been fully cleaned and jetted / and reserve chambers cleared of silt. Inspection did not show any blockages as had been reported to residents by the fire brigade. However it has been observed by residents that in the extreme wet weather the drains become covered / blocked by debris and therefore prevent water removal from the road increasing the flow onto the main street.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

221084 Kyrle Cottage Whitchurch – design and material alterations to planning consent.

The meeting gave no objections to the application.

221036 Highview Doward – agricultural building.

The meeting gave no objections to this application.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The report has been circulated to all pc members and is available on the website.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

Chairman. A review of our activities of the past year is being prepared ready for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Footpaths. Nothing new to report this month.

Finance working group. They will be meeting April 2022 to review the year end accounts and audit preparation.

Lengthsman working group. Summer schedule now operates. The group have reviewed the grass cutting schedule to be more realistic to parish needs.

Community Hub / Good Neighbour Scheme / Sticky Little Fingers. The recent grant will allow an expansion and development of activities and experiences to benefit our community.

Website and publicity. Thank you to Graham Hassall for coordinating our input to the Doward App and developing further coverage.

Jubilee Celebrations. The community group including our delegated two Council members are active with event plans.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account year ending 31 March 2022.

Payments

Subscription to Open Spaces £45.00

Lengthsman scheme parish maintenance work £940.80

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Reference - Item 5 Action points from the minutes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND CIRCULATED

Police event – property marking 19 May 2022 at St Dubricius car park – with free cups of tea.

Our appointed CPO continues to regularly visit our parish and is concerned with the constant double yellow line parking on the main street and areas at the local school.

Herefordshire Council invite us to comment on their Local Plan consultation. However the basis as presented for our parish is to say the least inadequate and they have been informed accordingly !

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Annual Parish meeting

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

All will be held by resolution of the Council 17 May 2022

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 17 MAY 2022 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.40pm

Signed

Chairman

Date