

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk)

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES Ward Councillor Y Watson S Cole J Smith-Milne
S McInerney has requested a 3 month leave of absence – the Council members granted this and wished him well.

It was with sadness that the meeting had learned of the recent death of past Council member Malcolm Littlewood.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared an interest in planning application 220867 Conwaye House which was recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 17 MAY 2022
NOTES FROM THE MEETING 14 JUNE 2022

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

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Parking problems Symonds Yat – Ward Councillor to action inspection.

Parking problems Main Street – law enforcement - the police no longer issue parking tickets as this has now been assigned to Herefordshire Council. Our CPO is in contact with HC and has requested a site visit.

The meeting requested that the Clerk follow this up as a matter of urgency to determine when such a visit from the parking attendant is possible.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

221900 Ferndale alterations and extensions – the members support the application but have concerns regarding the increase in traffic on what is a narrow and already busy lane.

220867 Conwaye House – creation of exhibition space and workshop – the members gave no objections.

221900 Hill House demolition / extension to garage and rebuild wall – the members gave no objections.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Our Ward Councillor had submitted the monthly report and additional update notes to the Chairman and Clerk.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

8.1 Chairman – this month has seen an increasing amount of residents reporting their concerns on the parking problems / situations in the parish and due to the holiday season the increased traffic / visitors together with further parking problems.

8.2 Footpaths – WC59 the kissing gate at the north end needs replacing as it is now almost impossible to open / close even with strong determined men !

The Clerk was requested to report the matter.

8.3 Finance working group – a review meeting will take place shortly.

8.4 Lengthsman working group – a review meeting will also take place shortly

The Clerk was requested to report to HC / BB the overgrown hedge near Rockleach Cottage where the situation is causing dangerous problems to vehicles on this narrow lane with a severe drop from the road edge.

8.5 Community Hub / Good Neighbour Scheme / Sticky Little Fingers

The details of all known parish community events and activities have now been submitted to the Community Hub coordinator.

A regional Hub workshop will take place on 20 July 2022.

Sticky Little Fingers sessions at the village school have kindly been offered and allowed to run through the school holiday.

S Morris described a new project and activity being proposed – A Man Shed type concept – which is hoped to start in the Autumn. G Hassall will make this known on the local App.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status – next precept payment September 2022

Proposals from the finance working group

Play area – new table tennis table – picnic table and benches – smaller table and benches with checkers boards.

A SID device at the bottom of Llangrove Road should our grant request be unsuccessful.

This would have to be approved by HC traffic and BB.

The meeting approved all the items - being proposed by D Williams seconded by T Watson and agreed by all members present.

Agreed Jubilee Tree concept – following discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk investigate possible choices suitable for the village location.

Payments

Lengthsman scheme parish maintenance work £1413.36

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Ward Councillor Chairman and Clerk recently held an informal meeting to review realistic possibilities towards the improvement of Wye View Lane with reference to the numerous correspondence and discussions that have taken place between ourselves and the residents.

Our Ward Councillor has in particular taken a huge amount of time on this matter including discussions with Herefordshire Council and Balfour Beatty.

A letter will be sent to the residents explaining what steps can be taken as an initial approach – if they wish to do so – and offering some short-term examples towards traffic control.

11. CORRESPONDENCE DISTRIBUTED

No further comments

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Community Hub – Men's Club concept

Replacement post box

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2022 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8pm

Signed

Chairman

Date