

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor Y Watson and 2 residents

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

St Dubricius representatives presented a proposal of dates for possible Jubilee Celebrations including Sunday church services.

This will be suggested to the Jubilee Planning Team – the representatives from the Parish Council being S Morris and L Gardner.

Land at Grange Park. S Morris will continue to try to determine ownership of this area.

2. APOLOGIES S Cole D Powell L Gardner

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

R Smith declared an interest in planning application 220648 Ivy May Cottage which was recorded in the register.

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

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 The Chairman reviewed the Ward parish meeting with Herefordshire Council senior officers organised by our Ward Councillor and the outcome from this meeting.

5.2 The Doward ring road has now been inspected and works marked – as a result of the item 5.1.

5.3 Footpath WC1 is to be inspected by the HC enforcement officer together with the landowner.

5.4 Parking situation Symonds Yat - our Ward Councillor has organised an inspection with Herefordshire Council.

5.5 Flash flooding / drains inspection. The request although given a reference by Balfour Beatty appears to have been lost in their system!

The Clerk will repeat the request and actions required.

5.6 Community Hub grant application – this has been completed by the Chairman and Clerk and submitted for consideration.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

220648 Ivy May Cottage proposed single storey extensions

The Parish Council gave no objections to this application.

220277 Ridgeway Crescent No1 retrospective application for a shed to use as hair salon

The Parish Council gave no objections to this application.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Our Ward Councillor continues to assist residents on the Doward regarding BOATS and related traffic problems and road conditions.

Wye Valley Society have received a grant – respective to climate change.

Education programme on light pollution.

Traffic consultation – Herefordshire Council – encouraged comments.

Traffic management system – Twenty is Plenty – Herefordshire.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

8.1 Chairman. Attended meetings with the Clerk / Ward parish meeting and detailed response to their summary report / Community Hub grant / relevant site meetings.

8.2 Footpaths. Finally achieved enforcement officer inspection WC1.

8.3 Finance working group. Preparing for year end and action points for the new financial year.

8.4 Lengthsman working group. Preparing lengthsman administration papers and grant ditch work application HC / BB for the new financial year.

8.5 Good Neighbour Scheme / Sticky Little Fingers. Reference Community Hub grant application.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the useful help telephone numbers available should be added to the main notice board as well as available on our website.

8.6 Website and publicity. Doward App reporting on the issues with local common land. The Chairman thanked G Hassall for all his involvement with this initiative.

8.7 Jubilee Celebrations. S Morris and L Gardner are working hard on forming a working group and associated activities.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments:

Lengthsman parish maintenance work £1097.40

Website and hosting £108.00

Defibrillator donation £1195.00

Clerk fee £667.00

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

Reference above related items and comments.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED

Defra report on air pollution is available to the public from their website.

Traffic Regulation Consultation Herefordshire – available for comments from members.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No new items reported

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2022 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.50pm

Signed

Chairman

Date