

**WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL****Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2022 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall**

**PRESENT** R Smith (Chairman) S Cole T Watson S Morris D Williams

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk) and two residents

**APOLOGIES** S McInerney L Gardner J Smith-Milne G Hassall Ward Councillor Y Watson

**1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC**

1.1 Proposed recycle bins on the Doward – Although we were expecting a Herefordshire Council representative to explain this proposal no one attended.

Discussion by pc members highlighted that when recycle bins have been used in Whitchurch, they were victims of multipurpose rubbish and fly tipping and considered that such a similar situation would repeat itself on the Doward.

1.2 Collection bins on the Doward – a resident questioned if there was a policy for green bins collection on the Doward as the system of black collection bags was causing them problems.

The pc was not aware of any revised policy and to their experience the present collection system worked well. The meeting was minded that on the Doward the normal collection vehicles could not be used on such a road infrastructure.

1.3 BOATS and roads on the Doward – maintenance by Herefordshire Council – a resident asked advice in finding copy of the magistrates' order 1995 relating to responsibility of maintenance.

The pc members again recommended the archives office where all such documents and related papers were submitted and stored - but may not show in the catalogue process.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None reported

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022**

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**4. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES**

Repairs WC59 kissing gate – the Clerk will organise the repairs necessary.

Proposed man shed – it would seem at present there is insufficient interest.

Christmas activities – S Morris reported that the Residential Homes would be visited. Carols at Grange Park 18 December and Christmas tea 21 December.

The school is having a lantern walk 13 December and will be presenting a nativity play.

Crockers Ash junction overhanging branches – BB have inspected and consider for the present time no action is necessary.

Doward U71235 – we are in contact with BB for a further inspection regarding the road slippage

**5. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

223120 Barn conversion northwest Lilac Cottage – members objected to this application Reference response details HC 855797

223146 Swimming pool enclosed and gym – the meeting objected to this application considered an overdevelopment of the site.

223226 Norton Court listed building new windows – the meeting had no objections.

**6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

This had been circulated to all pc members and is available on the pc website.

## **7. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS**

7.1 Chairman – Inspections of the parish areas / discussions and meetings with residents / review meetings with our Clerk and working groups.

Reference the request from the History Group regarding George V1 memorial tree improvements – the landowner has declined the proposal.

7.2 Finance working group – proposed budget and precept for financial year 2023 / 2024.

All papers had been circulated to pc members prior to the meeting. The meeting resolved to maintain the precept at the present level with no change to the past two years.

Members are mindful that rising household costs could cause concern to parish residents.

7.3 Lengthsman working group – winter schedule is now operating

7.4 Footpaths – several footpaths now require attention due to the heavy rain conditions – the Chairman will send proposals to the Footpaths Officer and Clerk.

7.5 Community Hub / GNScheme / Sticky Little Fingers

All activities and groups are doing well. A coordination meeting is planned with the HC Community Hub Leader.

7.6 Website / App / publicity – readership and following continues to grow.

## **8. FINANCE MATTERS**

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Reference item 7.2 resolution of the budget and precept submission for 2023 / 2024.

The Doward residents' association have offered remaining funds to our pc for consideration for a defibrillator sited on the Doward.

Payments

Clock Tower annual service £297.60

Community Hub £39.99

Parish maintenance work £150.00

## **9. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Reference was made to the Ward Parish Councils meeting with Herefordshire Council senior members convened by our Ward Councillor earlier this year where conditions of the Doward lanes were discussed and it was openly and clearly stated that there were no funds available for work on lower category roads and insufficient funds to properly service the main infrastructure roads in Herefordshire.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Residents have made contact with the Clerk where grit bins have not been replenished by BB / HC in preparation for winter. These have been reported for further attendance.

**11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** No new items submitted

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2022 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL**

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.45pm

Signed

Chairman

Date