

## **WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

**General notes from 14 February 2023**

**The pc meeting was not possible as it was not quorate**

### **Attending**

**D Williams (Vice Chairman) S Cole T Watson S McInerney  
Ward Councillor Y Watson K Shilton Clerk and 1 resident**

### **Apologies**

**R Smith (Chairman) J Smith-Milne G Hassell S Morris (emergency)**

### **Notes**

Our Ward Councillor gave a review of recent meetings and responses regarding Herefordshire Council.

New funding has been achieved by HC to support Public Rights of Way maintenance. Senior management and the newly appointed Council PROW officer have held a site inspection of lanes on the Doward with Chairman and Clerk attending. A statement regarding the maintenance of BOATS by Herefordshire Council is expected shortly.

The Ward Councillor highlighted once again the noticeable absence of resident's comments when planning applications were submitted - that no one submitted comments regarding the poor state of the Doward lane infrastructure so important to residents and services commuting. This would support the frequent reporting from the pc and the Ward Councillor.

There is a conflict of expectations of the Doward road users against the obligations of Herefordshire Council.

Following the expected issue of the HC statement regarding maintenance of BOATS in Herefordshire - should residents continue to have issues - then this is a civil matter for them to pursue against HC.

It is not a Parish Council matter nor one regarding the Ward Councillor or the government MP.

The AONB Monmouth office have recently announced that they have appointed a planning officer who will assist if required with advice for Parish Councils on planning matters.

D Williams was pleased to report that our pc have achieved a partnership with BB to provide grit mix delivered to an appointed store (E and I Williams) to help parish residents top up grit bins during the winter months.

This is in addition to the one annual service given by BB.