

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S McInerney S Morris S Cole J Smith-Milne

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor S Cole and 1 resident

1. APOLOGIES D Williams T Watson G Hassall

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None Reported

3. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 MAY 2023

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Hopefully the replacement post box will soon be installed.

5.2 Play area – conducting site meetings with various suppliers.

5.3 Community Commissioning Model speed roundels – waiting quotation.

6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been submitted for comment.

Land adjacent to Ferry Inn car park – it appears clearance work is being carried out and a hedge removed. The Council were not aware of any notification and will investigate further.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Herefordshire Council following the elections are reviewing several subject matters and the respective budgets including the roads programme. This also reflects BOATS as a part of the review.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

8.1 Chairman – Much time has been involved with BOATS related correspondence and respective site meetings and inspections.

The Chairman and Clerk conducted a full site appraisal of the play area following a shock quotation – since withdrawn with apology for errors. Further actions continue with revised needs and value in use.

8.2 Footpaths – WC1 is now relatively clear ! Being mindful that winter weather will cause respective problems.

8.3 Finance working group – September 2023 planned for a budget review – members were invited to offer proposals.

8.4 Lengthsman working group – we have submitted a new grant application for 2023 / 2024 together with a request for additional match funding.

8.5 Community Hub – the Chairman and Clerk have a meeting with the manager to review progress.

Good Neighbour Scheme - hope to start a new games session this Autumn and also an additional coffee / chat for school parents and residents.

8.6 Website / publicity – all fully upgraded and revised with information.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status.

Second precept payment expected September 2023.

Reference item 8.4 budget review 2024 / 2025.

S Morris asked on behalf of St Dubricius if a seat of remembrance could be provided on the grass area Grange Park. The meeting was minded that land ownership was not fully known but for any consideration the church should write to the Clerk with the reasons and location suggestion – being aware a seat was already provided.

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

BOATS – reference item 8.1.

The meeting discussed a proposal from J Smith-Milne of possible help with a contribution should all residents on a BOAT jointly agree to have a contractor carry out works.

However research with residents has shown that few would be willing to consider such an approach and in addition other parish residents strongly object to such singular action and use of parish funds.

It was agreed to wait for the HC review – item 7 – and the proposals within the statement made by HC on the maintenance of such lanes.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED

Letter to all pc members and Clerk – use of a photograph on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

The Chairman explained the immediate actions taken by himself and Clerk when this matter was brought to our attention earlier this year. The meeting fully supported these actions – the matter being caused by resident members of the NPlan steering group.

Following discussion and agreement the Clerk was requested to respond to the photographer that appropriate actions have been taken and an explanation given which should end this matter. Should correspondence continue then the Council will consider involving our solicitors.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA No new items submitted

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.45pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

NEXT MEETING

**TO BE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.
NO MEETING IS PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2023 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT
BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND.**