

## WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk) and 1 resident

#### 1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The intended visit of our local CPO Ross on Wye did not occur due to other priorities.

**2. APOLOGIES** Ward Councillor Y Watson J Smith-Milne

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None reported

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2022 NOTES TAKEN 14 FEBRUARY 2023

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

National Grid review meeting - The Chairman and Clerk reviewed the actions that have been taken to improve the efficiency of supply and the further planned improvements.  
Herefordshire Community Hub – we are now officially registered as a Hub activity.

#### 6. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

230370 land north and east of telephone exchange – approval of reserved matters.

The Council gave no objections to the application.

230464 land at Ashgrove Symonds Yat proposed new dwelling

The Council objected to this application – reference comments submitted to planning - 497976229

230200 Norton Court proposed garage.

The Council objected to the application as submitted for consideration.

Reference comments submitted to planning 497625912

230239 Portland House Whitchurch general renovations

The Council gave no objections to the application.

#### 7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The monthly report and correspondence had been circulated to all members and is also available on the pc website.

#### 8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND WORKING GROUPS

Chairman – reviewed the various site meetings attended (some with Clerk) and the meetings and correspondence with residents.

Reference was made to the recent statement made public by Herefordshire Council regarding the maintenance of BOATS in the County. This is also available on the pc website.

Finance working group – a group meeting is planned April 2023

Lengthsman working group – summer working schedules will start April 2023

Community Hub / Good Neighbour Scheme / Sticky Little Fingers - all very active and progressive. The Memorial Hall will be holding a celebration event on the 2 / 3 / 4 June 2023 everyone is welcome!

App and publicity – Thanks to Graham Hassall for all his diligence keeping people informed.

Clerk – reviewed the stages of nominations for May 2023

## **9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status.

The meeting reviewed the planned / agreed projects taking place in the new financial year.

Community Commissioning Model with BB Llangrove Road speed warning signs

Jubilee Tree celebration and memory of our late Queen now to be sited near the play area.

Play Area – various improvements to make it more friendly and inviting to both children and parents family participation.

## **10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Working with Balfour Beatty the pc now has a top up point in the parish for winter grit.

The Council thanked the Williams family for their kind help allowing a site facility for this initiative.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Chairman and Clerk informed the meeting of the recent complaints made by a resident to HC and BB regarding work on the A40 and repairs on the Doward.

Our Ward Councillor has been most helpful - participating and moderating these matters so that a satisfactory conclusion has been reached.

## **12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Village post box – when will service resume?

Overgrown branches over pavements

Coronation – pc financial participation to organised events.

## **NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 11 APRIL 2023 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL**

The meeting started at 7.45pm and ended at 8.30pm

Later start than usual due to administration matters

Signed

Chairman

Date