

## WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

**PRESENT** R Smith (Chairman) D Williams S Cole S McInerney R Mutlow S Hickton

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor S Cole and 5 residents

**1. APOLOGIES** S Morris T Watson G Hassall

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** None reported

### **3. COOPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Samantha Hickton was coopted to the parish council resolved by all members and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed all other required papers.  
A warm welcome from all council members!

### **4. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC**

Residents requested if there was any further update regarding planning application 240240 following the last council meeting. The Chairman outlined the actions that had taken place as resolved at the previous meeting and our Ward Councillor explained what actions he intended to progress on the residents behalf.

A resident reported the poor state of a style on WC101 – the Clerk will report this to Herefordshire Council for action with the landowner.

### **5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2024**

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **6. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES**

Possible further defibrillator – Doward. As S Morris was not able to attend this meeting the matter was deferred to the April 2024 meeting. The meeting was minded of units already available / usage and that the discussed third red telephone box was not an option in that this unit was not adopted and was not in a safe / secure place.

### **7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

240380 Under Rock Symonds Yat extension part retrospective.  
The meeting had no objections to this application.

### **8. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT / COMMENTS**

S Cole reported that the Ward quarterly report would be prepared and distributed to Clerks.

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

Chairman - meetings attended together with Clerk – Community Hub review with Herefordshire Council team and both will be attending the workshop by National Landscapes (AONB).

Footpaths – the bridge at WC 1 is broken and in a bad state of repair – this will be reported for inspection and action.

Finance working group – a review meeting is planned end March 2024.

Lengthsman working group – the spring / summer schedule has now started.

Community Hub / Good neighbour Scheme parish activities – S Morris has reported to the Clerk that all groups are doing well.

Website / App / publicity – regular readership and app related comments.

**10. FINANCE MATTERS**

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

**11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Concerning to residents Meeks Well Lane appears to get worse with regular inspections and monitoring by Balfour Beatty assessing the full situation and resolutions required.

Llangrove Road – Whitchurch end – safety improvements have been agreed with Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire Council and are in the list for action! Our thanks to the Balfour Beatty team for all their good advice and support on this matter.

**12. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED / DISTRIBUTED**

No further comments – members encouraged to participate in any consultations should they wish.

**13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

No new items submitted.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

**NEXT MEETING**

**WILL BE HELD ON 9 APRIL 2024 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL**