

## WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2024 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

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

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor S Cole and 3 residents

**APOLOGIES** T Watson G Hassall

The meeting was saddened by the recent death of S McInerney.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** S Morris planning application 240909 which was recorded in the register.

#### 1. IN MEMORY OF SEAN MCINERNEY

The meeting gave a one-minute silence in respect of our past member Sean McInerney.

#### 2. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WHITCHURCH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING GANAREW

The Chairman had circulated his report prior to the meeting and is available on the pc website.

Reports / activities of the Council Good Neighbour Scheme and the Memorial Hall had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and are also available on the pc website.

The Ward Councillor report will be circulated later this week with apologies due to computer problems. This will also be available on the pc website.

Residents asked regarding any further developments regarding the planning proposal Grange Park. It was explained that the various matters / concerns were on going with the planning officer.

#### 3. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

3.1 Appointment of Chairman – D Williams proposed R Smith continue as Chairman seconded by S Morris and agreed by all members present.

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3.2 Appointment of Vice Chairman – R Smith proposed D Williams continue as Vice Chairman seconded by S Morris and agreed by all members present.

3.3 Appointment of Officers and working groups – the proposed officers and working groups and Council representatives had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was resolved by the members present.

3.4 Register of Interests – the members were minded to review their declared interests and inform the Clerk accordingly.

3.5 Lengthsman scheme grants – the Clerk reported that for this new financial year our grant application had been submitted and accepted by Herefordshire Council.

A PROW grant scheme was also expected, and an application would be made.

3.6 Financial matters – the year end accounts 2023 / 2024 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting and approved by the finance working group and audit.

3.7 Dates of future meetings – it was agreed that meetings continue on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm with the exception of August and January unless there were urgent matters to attend. The members agreed that no meeting would take place in June as all major subjects would be discussed / reviewed at this meeting with no new matters expected.

#### 4. ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4.1 Further opportunity for public discussion – not required.

4.2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 April 2024 – these were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4.3 Action points from the minutes – a further defibrillator is being considered pending a suitable location on the Doward. This would be part funded by the Council.

4.4 Planning matters and applications

240909 Grange Park single storey extension – the meeting gave no objections.

240878 Rose Bank extension – the meeting gave no objections.

240922 Nutshell side extension – the meeting gave no objections.

240982 land at Doward Hotel new build bungalow – the meeting objected to this application as it was outside of the settlement boundary of the agreed Neighbourhood Plan.

4.5 Reports / updates

Chairman – the situation at Meeks Well Lane causes further concern as it continues to worsen with service delivery companies now stopping visits as they consider the situation too dangerous.

Following the recent heavy rain falls the Chairmen and lengthsman will inspect / clear all drains / grips and gulley positions.

Crockers Ash red telephone box is now badly covered with ivy. History Group will be approached.

4.6 Finance matters – the Clerk reviewed the bank account status. Future projects to be proposed and considered.

4.7 Roads and traffic matters – no further comments.

4.8 Correspondence received / distributed – no further comments.

4.9 Items for the next agenda – speed on the A40 Whitchurch

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.40pm

Signed

Chairman

Date

**NEXT MEETING**

**THIS WILL BE HELD ON 9 JULY 2024 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.  
NO MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT MATTERS TO ATTEND.**