

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Notes taken at the meeting held 10 September 2024 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall. The proposed parish council meeting could not be held as the members attending were not quorate.

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) S Morris D Williams S Hickton

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and 6 residents

Our appointed Ross on Wye CPO officers (2) also attended

APOLOGIES Ward Councillor S Cole and members R Mutlow G Hassall T Watson

1. REVISION / UPDATE PAPERS COUNCIL MEMBERS INTERESTS

The members attending had completed new Declarations forms as required by HC Monitoring Officer.

The Clerk will submit these to Herefordshire Council.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

2.1 Planning application 240240 Grange Park development.

A resident described the recent correspondence between Balfour Beatty and HC planning regarding the water drainage issues to this proposed development.

Balfour Beatty continue to be very concerned on this matter and do not consider the latest proposals from the developer are sufficient.

A copy of the correspondence was given to the Clerk and is held on the minute file.

The parish council will also write to planning fully supporting these concerns.

2.2 Recent fatality A40. A resident raised this matter along with other such past situations.

D Williams described the reasons for the recent situation and further discussion described the conclusions to past situations. The council have held meetings with Highways and their traffic assessment together with police investigations. It is considered unlikely road management will change other than the regular speed assessment in our parish area.

2.3 Two residents were concerned regarding the contraflow proposals A40 and the consequences to their area of the parish. They had attended the Monmouth public information day. The Chairman explained that they had regretfully been misinformed on certain matters and read out to the meeting the correspondence between the parish council and the senior Highways engineer together with the comments / needs of other parish residents and facilities requiring consideration during this time period.

2.4 Ross on Wye Community Police Officer attending for resident discussion relating to parish matters. The Chairman and Clerk hold regular workshops with our CPO the last review being with the Clerk the previous week - the highlights being described to the meeting.

Crockers Ash residents attending described their concerns relating to traffic / potential speed and noise issues. The CPO reviewed what matters could be done both by residents and police and how some suggestions were not possible.

It most pleasing to announce that one resident attending had joined the initiative Street Watch and the police encouraged more residents to follow this example to increase synergy between police and public on parish matters.

3. ALTERNATIVE MEETING DATES OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2024

The Clerk described the reason for this proposal to allow the Chairman and Clerk attend Hereford Council workshops. The members present accepted this suggestion and the Clerk will seek resolution from all members.

The proposed dates being 15 October and 19 November 2024.

Signed

Chairman

Date

