

## WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

**PRESENT** P Walshe (Chairman) R Smith S Bucknell W Lapping M Norman G Hiscox W Walby J Dixon T Roberts D Williams S Lothian.

**ATTENDING** Ward Councillor J Jarvis.

**1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** Not required.

**2. APOLOGIES** J Everard J Smith-Milne S McInerney K Shilton (Clerk)  
In the absence of the Clerk J Dixon kindly agreed to take minutes of the meeting.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

P Walshe planning application which was recorded in the register as soon as it was available due to the absence of the Clerk.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2012**

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES**

**BOATS.** D Williams confirmed that cold tarmac had been delivered and stored at his premises with the view to be used in repairing potholes on The Doward on a self help basis. S Bucknell was concerned that this would set a precedent and could involve possible liability process for any negligent actions.

J Dixon distributed to all members attending the meeting a copy a written statement of a decision by Herefordshire Council on 10 December 2008 in which they acknowledged and confirmed the Councils absolute statutory duty to maintain BOATS under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 so as to be safe and fit for the ordinary traffic which may reasonably be expected to use them. It was explained that the statement goes on to say that the Council cannot exercise any discretion whether or not to comply such as taking into account the cost of repairs. J Dixon asked why in view of this statement we were considering self help to repair the roads. J Jarvis responded that money was required elsewhere and J Dixon proposed a letter threatening legal action be sent by the Council to Amey/Herefordshire Council but the meeting declined this proposal. S Bucknell proposed a meeting be arranged with the Council and J Jarvis agreed to arrange this.

Chairman. P Walshe had attended most of the Jubilee Celebrations and also considered that the Parish Council should work more closely with the School to foster a better relationship.

Ward Councillor. J Jarvis highlighted the following points:

The application for road closure at the Jubilee had not been correctly made. Formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan was encouraged.

The Parish Warden Scheme was now being promoted.

J Jarvis is working with S McInerney on the impact of the bridal path at the Ganarew Care Home.

J Jarvis stated he had received 4 complaints about grass cutting/kerbs/hedges. He had invited the complainants to attend the Parish Council meeting but they had declined.

Armed Forces Day will be on 25 June 2012.

A 6 screen cinema is to be built in Hereford.

Financial Committee Report. M Norman reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2012.

Amenities Committee Report. S Lothian highlighted the following points:

The Lengthsman is now clear on his duties.

S Lothian and D Williams will meet the Hereford Probation Community Payback co-ordinator together with J Dixon to review the Coffin Slide on 13 June 2012 and assess which work can be done under this scheme. It was agreed to pay the Lengthsman up to £50.00 to assist in clearing this area. The Committee will consider the cost of slabs by the notice board and report their recommendations to the full Council.

Planning and Environment Committee Report. S Bucknell reviewed the minutes and recommendations of the meeting held on 29 May 2012.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The bank mandate renewal for T Roberts and D Williams was approved.

A proposal to purchase 2 new litter bins costing £518.00 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following payments were agreed:

Repairs to the Clock Tower light £35.00

Clerk's fee £1200.00 and expenses £41.78

## **8. PLANNING**

Proposed developed of semi detached houses on land adjacent to the Fire Station. D Williams reported that this was the third application on this land which is outside the village envelope. S Bucknell considered it was not a comprehensive application in that the remainder of the land is stated to be developed. An issue arises under Section 278 in that traffic waiting to turn right into the development could cause dangerous queues on the A40. J Dixon reported the visibility from the proposed access to the right south east to the island was approximately 15 metres. Vehicles coming off the island at 30 mph would take approximately 23 metres to stop according to the Highway Code and it would be dangerous. In addition the School is in close proximity. The meeting therefore resolved a refusal to this application.

D Williams was concerned about waste disposal at the car wash at The Star Café car park. The Clerk would be asked to write to Hereford Council regarding this matter.

## **9. PLAY AREA**

The condition of the Play Area was referred to the Amenities Committee.

S Lothian was given permission to purchase a No Dogs sign up to a cost of £10.00.

S Lothian would also obtain a price for 5 litter pick up sticks, he presently has 2 which he reported were put to good use over the Jubilee weekend.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE** No further matters were discussed.

**11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** None.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.35 pm.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 10 JULY 2012 AT 7.30 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.**

Signed.....Chairman

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