

**WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2012 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall**

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

**ATTENDING** K Shilton (Clerk)

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

**2. APOLOGIES** None.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2012**

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES**

BOATS site meeting. The clerk has requested Amey to contact our Chairman to arrange a suitable date.

Ward Councillor meeting with West Mercia Police, S Bucknell attending. No information to date.

Freedom of Information response regarding Meeks Well Lane was given to J Dixon.

**6. REPORTS RECEIVED**

Chairman. New notice boards have now been received.

Website continues to be investigated. It was agreed P Walshe J Hiscox S Lothian and R Smith form a Working Group to develop a general concept and ideas. J Smith-Milne agreed to investigate local web makers and their estimated costs.

The Chairman suggested that some Working Groups be formed to help co-ordinate the needs and activities in the Parish. The following groups were initially agreed:

Lengthsman work R Smith J Everard G Hiscox.

Play Area P Walshe W Walby.

Neighbourhood Watch possible formation S Bucknell.

Tourism matters J Smith-Milne.

BOATS J Dixon. S Lothian

Ganarew matters S McInerney R Smith.

Footpaths S McInerney will make maps available and the Clerk will contact past Council Member I Knight to determine if his copy is also available.

J Dixon reported continued concerns regarding the area at Coffin Slide and in his opinion little progress was being made by Amey. It was agreed to include this matter in the BOATS inspection with Amey during 2012.

It was agreed Council Members by opportunity walk footpaths and examine their condition together with gates and stiles and report where repairs or action is required.

Ward Councillor. No report available.

## **7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Clock Tower final funding payment received £205.00.

The following payments were agreed:

Lengthsman £270.00

Lengthsman footpaths work £816.72

HALC subscription £301.83

## **8. PLANNING**

Land adjacent to Windrush New dwelling. The meeting objected to this application being particularly concerned for safety to traffic on this area of road and for the safety of proposed new home owners.

Kirkby revised decking area application. No objections were given to this revised application.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

For the Neighbourhood Plans Workshop 23 May 2012 at Weston under Penyard the following members agreed to attend.:

S Bucknell Workshop 3

S Lothian Workshop 3

G Hiscox Workshop 4 reserve M Norman

J Dixon Workshop 5 reserve J Everard

## **10. PARISH COUNCIL ATTITUDE TOWARDS TOURISM**

Discussion involved the types of tourism available in the Parish and the quality offered together with the variety of tourists and their attitudes to the offerings and their reasons for visiting the Parish area.

Concerns were expressed for the condition of the Parish area and how over the years it had sadly deteriorated. This included the Fairground with noise and lighting issues and refuse problems.

It was considered the Wye Valley Walk required upgrading.

It was agreed that Council members use the Parish Meeting held on 5 May 2012 to approach both the MP and Ward Councillor for a plan of action. The meeting agreed the following resolution towards tourism:

The Parish Council supports appropriate tourism in keeping with ANOB status in the area and are pleased to work with local providers to improve the quality

of offering to visitors and assist the responsible Agencies to enforce any necessary controls required.

The Chairman recommended that each member prepare a list of concerns or matters considered good practice so that these can be consolidated for future consideration and discussion with the appropriate authorities.

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS AND COMMUNITY LED PLANS**

S Bucknell reviewed the main stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process including the need to appoint a suitable Working Group and possible involvement of a consultant to guide the process to a proper conclusion.

**12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

School roundabout parking and associated problems.  
Litter bins/litter pick up/dog fouling problems.

The meeting started at 7.30 pm and ended at 9.50 pm

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 15 MAY 2012 WHICH WILL BE THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AND ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AT 7.30 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.  
A PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 5 MAY 2012 AT 12 NOON AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.**

Signed.....Chairman

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