

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2013 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) S Cole J Dixon D Williams S McInerney T Roberts W Walby M Jenkins S Lowthian B Hendley G Jones

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) and one resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

A resident commented on the Losito Stud planning application particularly the footpath to walk her dog. The meeting explained that providing the dog was on a lead there was no problem.

The public footpath near The Crown has a stile that requires attention. The meeting recommended contacting the Public Rights of Way department.

2. APOLOGIES R Smith J Smith-Milne and Ward Councillor J Jarvis

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

S Cole reference play area financial payment for grass turf which was recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

W Walby requested greater respect by all Council members towards the Chairman during meetings. The Chairman thanked W Walby for his comments and the spirit in which they were given.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

J Jarvis maps of the Parish. The Chairman reported that J Jarvis was waiting for the information from Herefordshire Council.

Footpaths. R Smith had reported to the Clerk that clearance and inspection of footpaths continues.

D Williams reported that a resident had confirmed that he was willing to cut back branches on his property to assist in clearing the footpath next to the property of S Lowthian. S Lowthian also confirmed that he was willing to clear branches and debris from his property on this same path.

G Jones requested an explanation as to how the footpath scheme worked. This was explained by Council members.

Other action points. Reference was made to the email sent to all Council members following the June 2013 meeting.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. Thanks were given to S Cole for all his work and efforts on the Play area and the progress that was being achieved.

Web site possibilities continue to be investigated. It was agreed when a web site was established this would be maintained by J Dixon and B Hendley.

Ward Councillor. No report received.

Lengthsman. The Chairman S Lowthian and M Jenkins have held a meeting with our lengthsman to review the schedule of work and the separate grass cutting areas designated. A specification for the next twelve months will be prepared.

A litter bin is available free of charge from another Parish. After discussion it was agreed the lengthsman should be consulted as to which areas of the Parish may require additional litter bins.

The salt/grit bin near to Little Kilne House has been stolen. M Jenkins agreed to action this matter to replace the missing bin.

Finance working group. T Roberts reported that a working group meeting would be held prior to the September 2013 parish Council meeting.

7. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported on the latest bank account status.

The new bank mandate and signatures have now been confirmed for both the PC working account and the Parish Plan account.

Payments

The following payments were agreed.

AED Community First Response equipment £465.00. This money is from the accumulated defibrillator fund .

Clerk fee £400.00 and expenses £8.10

Lengthsman work £526.80

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS None received

9. PLAY AREA PROGRESS REPORT

The Chairman reviewed the work completed to date and the next stages of work to take place with the objective to reopen the Play Area as soon as possible. S Cole agreed to co ordinate the work needed for the areas requiring matting. S Lowthian has made initial investigations for grants but reported that due to work commitments could not progress this matter further. B Hendley agreed to continue the investigation.

D Williams commented on the good example shown of self help approach to this area of the Parish and hoped this could continue with other designated projects.

10. PARISH PLAN

J Dixon reviewed the main work areas to date and the preparation and advertising for the Planning For Real event weekend for residents and their families. It was agreed a display board at this event show the duties and responsibilities of the Parish Council together with our financial accounts and budget plans.

11. TRAINING

The Chairman reviewed the next known training programmes.

12. DOWARD SEVERE POT HOLES

G Jones expressed concerns on the volume of pot holes and the method of repair and work inspection. Following discussion it was agreed that J Dixon prepare a letter to be signed by the Chairman and sent to the Director responsible at Herefordshire Council for his response in terms of resolutions and actions to this problem.

G Jones abstained from this decision and will independently request under The Freedom of Information Act copies of the contracts from Amey and the newly appointed agency.

13. IDEAS TO BRIGHTEN UP THE VILLAGE

It was agreed that this was an example for possible sponsorship from residents or local business companies.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The meeting was minded of the recent letter from Welsh Newton PC regarding cross over boarder health care.

Llangarron PC. The Chairman and our lengthsman will investigate the cause of the water on the road between Whitchurch and Llangarron.

An invitation has been received from Ross Town Council to attend a meeting on the devolution of services. Regretfully this clashed with the PC meeting being held 9 July 2013 .

Ganarew. S McInerney reported a serious problem of overhanging tree branches over a pavement causing residents to walk on the busy road.

The meeting agreed action should be taken and the Chairman and lengthsman would investigate and resolve this matter.

It was agreed that other similar situations in the Parish should be reported to the Chairman for co ordination.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Flooding problems W Walby

Road safety concerns Crockers Ash D Williams

16. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on 17 September 2013 at 7pm at Whitchurch Memorial Hall.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.32pm

Signed

Chairman

Date