

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2014 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) S Cole R Smith S McInerney D Williams T Roberts G Litson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk)

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES

J Smith-Milne J Dixon S Lowthian and Ward Councillor J Jarvis

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None submitted

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2014

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MEETING

Lengthsman / pot hole trials with Balfour Beatty. The meeting was disappointed to receive only drafted notes from Balfour Beatty and not a letter from Herefordshire Council making clear the lengthsman work issues and liability implications on this matter. The meeting remained resolved not to participate in these trials.

Crime Prevention public meeting organised by Ross on Wye Police. This will take place on 29 July 2014 at 7pm at Whitchurch Memorial Hall.

Parish matters and action points reported by the Clerk.

M Jenkins will investigate a No Tipping sign

S Lowthian will organise a litter pick up day or weekend involving residents

S Lowthian and our lengthsman will attend a site meeting near The Paddocks Hotel and prepare a quotation for consideration by the Council.

Clock Tower lights require replacement.

Overgrown hedges and branches up to Crockers Ash. It was agreed a site meeting should be organised with our Locality Steward.

6. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. New litter and dog bins. Locations will be selected and organised by the Chairman / S Lowthian / Lengthsman

The results from the Parish Plan demonstrate the greater need and use of litter bins and dog bins in the Parish.

The Chairman attends our Member of Parliament drop in clinics when they are available and will attend the Herefordshire Council Budget Meeting and presentation on 24 July 2014. Other Council members were invited to attend.

Ward Councillor. No report received.

Finance Working Group. T Roberts reviewed the latest report and comments from the Finance Working Group meeting which had been circulated to all Council members.

It was agreed that a site meeting should be made as soon as possible with our Locality Steward to discuss issues in the Parish.

The Chairman and T Roberts will conduct a survey of further areas requiring grass cutting and report this at the September 2014 Council meeting.

It was agreed by all members present that a review meeting should take place with our Lengthsman to discuss the present work involved and new projects to improve the appearance of the Parish.

Footpaths. R Smith reviewed the latest report which had been distributed to all Council members prior to this meeting. There are only a few remaining footpaths to be walked and inspected for any actions required.

Website/Publicity Working Group. A meeting will be held in the next few days.

It was proposed that more members should be included into this working group. G Litson will prepare a flyer to further make aware the Crime Prevention Public Meeting.

World War One Commemoration. D Williams reported that a further co-ordination meeting would take place during August 2014.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the bank account status.

The following payments were agreed:

Lengthsman work £583.20

New litter and dog bins £942.00

Clerk fee £483.00 Administration £44.60 Travel £19.95

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

The Teepee locations have been reported to Herefordshire Council Planning. Jecks Mount Symonds Yat. Building work is active but the Parish Council have not received any information or planning applications. This also will be reported to Herefordshire Council Planning.

9. PARISH PLAN UPDATE

J Dixon reported that the objective was to have the draft available by the end of August 2014.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting agreed that actions would commence once the Parish Plan had been completed.

11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

No further comments were made.

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA None submitted

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.03 pm

Signed.....Chairman

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