

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR WHITCHURCH

This meeting was held on 5 May 2015 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT

Council members G Hiscox (Chairman) J Dixon D Williams R Smith S Cole G Litson and K Shilton (Clerk)
Residents None

APOLOGIES S McInerney

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 6 MAY 2014

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Parish Council Chairman G Hiscox.

2. REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Respects to past Council member Bill Walby. The meeting held one minute silence in respect to the long serving Council member Bill Walby.

New agency Balfour Beatty. It was agreed that the new service agency appointed by Herefordshire Council was working well and in particular the liaison with the locality steward. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had declined the proposal from Balfour Beatty for selected pot hole repairs be included in our lengthsman scheme.

Clock Tower. New weather resistant lights have now been installed.

Maintenance in the Parish. The successful lengthsman scheme has been further extended to increasing grass cutting in selected areas and verges. Litter pick events have been organised and will continue on a regular basis through each year. Further litter bins and dog bins have been purchased and installed and these will be monitored for effectiveness and if so required further bins will be purchased for the Parish.

Red Telephone Boxes. The Council members are minded that these adopted telephone boxes require some renovation and new uses found.

Public footpaths. The meeting thanked Roger Smith for all his diligent efforts in walking our many footpaths and working with our lengthsman to clear paths for residents and visitors to our Parish to enjoy.

Newsletter. It is intended to produce a Newsletter on a quarterly basis and delivered to each household in the Parish highlighting the work and activities of the Parish Council.

Council membership. Vacancies presently exist on the Parish Council and over the next months it is anticipated new members will be coopted.

The Chairman thanked all present members and the Clerk for their work and efforts over the past year.

3. PARISH PLAN REVIEW

J Dixon reported that following the Parish Plan development the following projects were being organised and coordinated.

Litter pick events
Martial Arts
Community Help
Information packs for residents
Traffic related matters

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT

J Dixon reported that the Parish Council had resolved to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish and a Steering Group made of Parish Council members and residents was being formed. The first public meeting event to inform residents what this Plan was about and its objectives and advantages took place on 26 February 2015.

5. WEBSITE AND PUBLICITY

G Litson and R Smith have been appointed to coordinate these activities and in particular develop the websites for the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan.

6. MATTERS FOR FURTHER ACTION / CONSIDERATION

Red Telephone box renovation and new uses
Play Area development
Community litter pick days
Improved car parking in the main village
Memorial garden
Road traffic situations and road conditions

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8pm

Signed

Parish Council Chairman

Date

