

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2015 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) S McInerney D Williams J Dixon R Smith S Cole T Watson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman and 2 members of St. Dubricius PCC

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

The members of St. Dubricius PCC explained present problems with antisocial behavior at the Church car park area and the high volume of litter and rubbish being left in this area. The Ross on Wye Police have been informed. A black rubbish bin has been obtained from Herefordshire Council, but they will not add this bin to their collection schedule.

The Parish Council agreed to install a dog bin in the car park and will also determine when litter bin collections take place and what actions can be taken to include the Church bin.

2. APOLOGIES J Smith-Milne G Litson.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None submitted.

9. REPORT FROM FOOTPATHS OFFICER

R Smith described the problems at Hewlins Lane with a gate being installed across the entrance. Legal matters need to be considered as to what actions can be taken. The meeting agreed to purchase the publication Rights of Way to assist this matter.

R Smith will contact Balfour Beatty to investigate the water and effluent run off from the dog kennels on this lane and at the same time discuss the situation regarding the gate.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2015

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Flooding concerns Glewstone. The Ward Councillor agreed to take this matter further with Balfour Beatty.

New litter and dog bins will be delivered at the end of July 2015.

Horsebox obstruction A40 pavement. Balfour Beatty are discussing this matter with the Highways Agency. It was agreed the Parish Council should also write to the home owners.

Litter on the A40. Our Ward Councillor is investigating this matter together with other Highways issues.

Bank at Crockers Ash. Balfour Beatty have started work on this situation and S Cole agreed to contact them for further work to be carried out to make the road wider.

7. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

P Newman reviewed his report a copy of which will be sent to all PC members. Information on planning decisions made by Herefordshire Council will be sent to the Clerk for further distribution.

D Williams reported the situation regarding 2 Balfour Beatty work vehicles at Crockers Ash. The Clerk will report the matter to Balfour Beatty.

8. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

151729 Bibby Cottage proposed new garage and store with annexe over. No objections.

151742 Telecommunications Base Station. Former Little Chef proposed removal of existing 15M column mast and antennas and installation of new 17.5M mast with 6 antennas and 2 microwave dishes within existing compound area. No objections.

151175 Whitchurch Fire Station. Erection of 12M slimline arial mast and demolition of existing 10M training tower part of dangerous replacement programme. No objections.

151737 Beechnut Cottage proposed 2 storey extension and replacement single storey extension and porch. No objections.

151847 Hill Crest Works proposed free standing portal framed building. No objections.

13. SPEED PARKING AND SIGNAGE INCLUDING CROCKERS ASH

The Chairman Ward Councillor and selected Parish Council members attended a Crockers Ash resident's meeting. The Chairman summarised the various emails received from a resident at Crockers Ash regarding speed related issues. It was agreed the whole scenario of Parish matters of speed, parking and signage required addressing as a whole matter. Initially the Chairman and Clerk will outline the matters of concern for discussion and the best way forward at the September 2015 Parish Council Meeting.

4. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

It was proposed by G Hiscox seconded by S Cole and agreed by all members present that Tom Watson be co-opted onto the Parish Council. T Watson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and will prepare the Registrable Interests document for the Monitoring Officer.

9. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The first Neighbourhood Tourism Forum has taken place with 20 residents attending.

Riverside Walk. The Chairman has held a meeting with the owners of the Leisure Park regarding improving this walk and agreements for action have been made.

The first Parish Council Newsletter has now been distributed to all homes in the Parish.

The second Community Litter Pick Event will be held on 9 August 2015 starting at 10.00 am at Whitchurch Memorial Hall, being co-ordinated by resident S Lothian.

Finance Working Group. The next meeting will be decided in a few days time.

Lengthsman and Grass Cutting Working Group. All matters are progressing well.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme. This is being initiated between St. Dubricius PCC and PC members which follows from the needs from the Parish Plan.

Publicity and website. Development on the website continues.

10. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the present status of the bank account.

Payments:

Lengthsman/Grass Cutting/Footpaths work £2568.00

Clerk fee £483.00 Administration £37.63 Travel £16.80

It was agreed G Litson be appointed an additional signature on the Neighbourhood Plan bank mandate.

11. PARISH PLAN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be held on the 21 July 2015 and will focus on Environment Issues.

12. PLAY AREA/NOTICE BOARD RELOCATION

S Cole and D Williams will organise the Play Area site announcement board.

D Williams has held a site meeting with our Lengthsman for a quotation to relocate the Parish Council notice board. It was agreed other quotations will be obtained co-ordinated by the Clerk and D Williams.

The meeting agreed to purchase a new notice board estimated cost £1000.00.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Revision of Parish Councils in Herefordshire.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.00 PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.00 pm

Signed

Chairman

Date