

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G. Hiscox (Chairman,) R. Smith D. Williams S. Morris M. Woodward G. Litson S. McInerney T. Watson and J. Smith-Milne.

ATTENDING K. Shilton (Clerk)

1. **OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC** Not required.
2. **APOLOGIES** E. Curtis and Ward Councillor P. Newman.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** S. McInerney and R Smith which were recorded in the register.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2016

These were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

New Notice Board: The Chairman explained that in view of the fact that it had not been possible to install this using volunteers, the Lengthsman (who had the necessary expertise) had been asked to provide a quotation. J.Smith-Milne objected to this without other quotations being sought. It was explained that it had been considered expedient to get this done quickly. Assurance was given that future work would be appropriately specified and put out for competitive tender.

Visitor Maps: The work for these was being progressed.

Councillors' Training: Potential dates for this were being sought.

6. **REPORT FROM THE WARD COUNCILLOR** This was not available.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

- **160375 Old Nurseries site in Crocker's Ash** application had been withdrawn.
- **160525 Goodes Cottage on The Doward** There were no objections.
- **160448 Solutions House in Whitchurch** application for retrospective change of use. There were no objections but points of inaccuracy were noted.
- **Position statement on Ganarew Residential Home development.** S.McInerney reported on concerns with drainage facilities.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman: Attention was drawn to the excellent work that R. Smith had done to upgrade the Parish Council website and also in preparing the latest Footpaths report. The March 2016 edition of the Parish Newsletter would be distributed shortly.

The Finance Working Group would be meeting soon.

The Lengthsman's Group had met to confirm the spring and summer programme. **The Footpaths Officer** presented his report. It was agreed that action needed to be taken to address the poor condition of WC1 the Riverside Walk.

Website and Publicity were discussed with a view to encouraging website use.

The Good Neighbour Scheme: An update was given by S. Morris.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Good Neighbour Scheme: The Council agreed to offer funding to the GNS for their Memorial Hall rent.

Whitchurch Memorial Hall: The Council agreed to offer funding for WiFi facilities for the Memorial Hall, this to be confirmed by discussion with the Mem. Hall Committee.

Details of income & expenditure are provided in the Parish website.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

G. Litson summarised recent activity of the Steering Group and presented information about the upcoming Community Consultation on 14 and 15 May 2016.

11. "THE VILLAGE NEWS"

The meeting decided that in future there would be no need to report Parish Council meetings in this publication.

12. RED TELEPHONE BOXES

The Whitchurch and Ganarew History Society had approached the Council with a view to making use of the phone boxes to publicise local historical information. The Chairman will meet representatives of the group.

13. ROAD AND TRAFFIC ISSUES

A meeting with Herefordshire Council's Cabinet Member for Roads is to be arranged to seek support regarding Parish concerns.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

This had been previously circulated.

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Wifi update Memorial Hall

Litter on the A40

The meeting started at 7.00 p.m. and ended at 9.10 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

Signed

Chairman

Date

