

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT G Hiscox (Chairman) D Williams G Litson R Smith S Morris M Woodward S Cole T Watson

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman and 1 resident

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

Bridleway GN14 Ganarew. The resident attending explained that a site meeting had taken place at the Ganarew Care Home however since this meeting no progress had been made to enable the use of the definitive path.

A misunderstanding had taken place between the Ward Councillor and the Parish Council in that at the Council meeting on 14 June 2016 it had been agreed that the Chairman, Footpaths Officer and Clerk would prepare recommendations to submit to Balfour Beatty in an attempt to resolve the bridleway situation. The Ward Councillor had in the meantime written to Balfour Beatty supporting the definitive route of this path.

Following discussion it was agreed to draw a line under this misunderstanding.

(Subsequently at a recent meeting with Balfour Beatty's Locality Steward, the Parish Council representatives were told that the matter is now with the Enforcement Officer to investigate)

2. APOLOGIES E Curtis S McInerney and J Smith-Milne

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2016

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Red Telephone Boxes. Representatives from the council and the history society will assess what repairs are necessary to these units. This will be presented at the next council meeting.

Maps for the Red Telephone Boxes and tourist notice boards. It was agreed to use the maps submitted by our Footpaths Officer.

Resilience Plan. A meeting is to be held with local residents.

Bridleway GN14 Ganarew. Reference item 1 of these minutes.

Litter on the A40. Clearance is taking place in stages by Balfour Beatty.

Wifi at the Memorial Hall. A telephone line installation is required before the application for wifi can be made. R Smith will discuss this with the Memorial Hall committee.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

The following points were highlighted.

Congratulations were given to the organisers of a recent party held at St Dubricius Church.

Herefordshire is considering joining a stand-alone region.

A short review was given of Herefordshire Council budget and funding.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

161781. Solutions House - change of use from residential / office to residential / restaurant retrospective. The meeting gave no objections.

161384. Sterretts Caravan Park - variation of condition 2 of planning permission.
The meeting gave no objections.

The Chairman minded the meeting of an approach by a planning consultant wishing to present proposals for 10 new homes at Whitchurch. The meeting agreed to hold a public meeting on the matter on 9 August 2016 at 7pm at the main room of the Memorial Hall.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman.

The next Newsletter will be available in 6 weeks time.

The financial contributions from Welsh Water were confirmed and gratefully received by the Parish Council.

Financial working group. The financial external audit has been approved.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group.

The bus shelter at Ganarew requires cleaning.

Delbourne Farm. The unacceptable situation caused from this location has been reported to Balfour Beatty for investigation and action.

At Little Doward a drain on land is possibly broken. The Clerk will investigate the procedure for such a situation.

The area around the Clock tower requires some gardening maintenance. D Williams will discuss the matter with Woods of Whitchurch that they may take on this small area.

Steps at Ganarew require clearing by our lengthsman.

Footpaths Officer.

Footpath 100 will be reinstated.

The lengthsman has been instructed to clear the footpath near St Dubricius and also at the Riverside Walk.

Website and publicity.

The welcome pack for new residents will be made available on the Parish website.

R Smith attended a recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to assist in coordinating future information onto this website.

Good Neighbour Scheme.

S Morris and M Woodward attended a recent workshop and found this beneficial for further new ideas and making new contacts.

A future public meeting is being considered for input for new ideas and suggestions to further benefit the scheme.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Lengthsman and grass cutting work as scheduled £1652.00

Clerk fee £483.00 Administration £48.96 Travel £41.63

News notes subscription £37.50

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE / MONTHLY REPORT

Reference was made to the latest minutes circulated to all Council members.

G Litson reported that the returned question papers from households including affordable housing response papers had now been delivered to Data Orchard for analysis.

11. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

The Chairman made reference to the paper circulated to all members which had also been sent to Herefordshire Council Cabinet member and Balfour Beatty highlighting the needs and concerns of the Parish.

A site meeting will take place in the near future to review and action these matters within a defined programme.

12. PLAY AREA UPDATE

The Chairman is receiving quotations for fencing and installation based on the specification issued.

Further land and tree clearance is required.

The objective is to complete these actions by end September 2016.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED No further comments made.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Review of the Christmas activities

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL

NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2016 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT BUSINESS MATTERS TO ATTEND

A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL OF 10 NEW HOMES WILL TAKE PLACE ON 9 AUGUST 2016 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH MEMORIAL HALL. THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE APPOINTED CONSULTANT.

Any other planning applications received by then will also be considered by the council.

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date