

WHITCHURCH AND GANAREW GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 at Whitchurch Memorial Hall

PRESENT R Smith (Chairman) G Litson S Morris S McInerney D Williams

ATTENDING K Shilton (Clerk) Ward Councillor P Newman

1. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC Not required

2. APOLOGIES T Watson M Woodward

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None submitted

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2017

These were agreed and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE MINUTES

Funding workshop. The response regarding grant availability had been circulated to all members. S Morris will consider the matter further. The meeting agreed that an approach to the local supermarkets for the GNS Christmas party was a good idea.

Litter bin play area. This has now been delivered and will be installed shortly.

Quarterly Newsnotes. These have been circulated to all subscribers.

6. REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Paul Newman highlighted :

The latest position regarding Fracking.

Herefordshire Council budget consultation. A saving of £10.6 million is required.

Reference was made to the Grenfell Tower fire. It was confirmed that the County had no high rise buildings and that investigations were being made as to the cladding used on public buildings.

7. PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been submitted.

8. REPORTS RECEIVED

Chairman. The first Council Newsnotes have been circulated.

Meetings with the lengthsman and Balfour Beatty will take place in August 2017.

Finance working group. They have reviewed year to date payments against budget. The second precept payment will be received September 2017.

Lengthsman and grass cutting working group. All scheduled maintenance and grass cutting is progressing well.

The tree at Grange Park has been crowned. D Williams kindly donated a concrete seat to go beside the tree. The Clerk will organise installation with the lengthsman.

On the lane to the Parish Church there is an overhanging tree. The Chairman will investigate.

Footpaths Officers. Footpath clearance continues. WC 96 is blocked preventing walkers access. This has been reported to Balfour Beatty for enforcement.

Website and publicity. The Newsnotes will be included on the website.

Good Neighbour Scheme. The PCC have organised a sponsored walk for 24 September 2017. From September 2017 plans will start for the Christmas activities.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk reviewed the status of the bank account.

Payments

Litter bin play area £236.16

Lengthsman work and grass cutting £777.60

Footpaths work £666.00

Tree surgeon work £120.00

Clerk fee £525.00 Administration £38.36 Travel £10.96 Training £20.00

10. ROADS AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

A meeting will be held in August 2017 with Balfour Beatty to review various matters.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE / MONTHLY REPORT

G Litson reviewed the Plan development. The draft Plan continues to make progress together with an appendix Housing report. This will include proposed Settlement Areas and Boundaries for new housing development.

12. RIVER ACTIVITIES

Meetings with land owners will take place over the coming months.

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED

There were no further comments.

14. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 2017

Whitchurch weekend – initial thoughts and strategy

Litter in the Parish – suggestions from Council members

Christmas activities

Consideration for the meetings to be held every 2 months

**NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7PM AT WHITCHURCH
MEMORIAL HALL**

**NO MEETING WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST 2017 UNLESS THERE ARE URGENT MATTERS
TO ATTEND**

The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 8.20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date