

## **Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 13 September 2010 in Garway Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### **Present**

Mr D Atkinson (Chair), Mrs S Partridge, Mr M Jones, Mr C Strange, Mrs C Trew, Cllr R Smith, Chris Gooding (Parish Plan Co-ordinating and Commissioning Officer, Herefordshire Council), Mr M Howard (Chair Parish Plan Steering Group), the clerk and 10 members of the public.

### **1. Apologies**

Mrs R Sparey

### **2. Declarations of Interests**

Mr D Atkinson. Personal. Member of Parish Plan Steering Group. Signed the interests book.

### **3. Parish Plan – review Final draft Report submitted by Steering Group and to consider Adoption of Garway Parish Plan by the Council.**

The Chair asked Mr Howard to give a brief update from last meeting. The Steering Group and Action Groups met on 31 August. 19 attended. Motion to approve plan as it stood – 15 for, 2 against 1 abstained 1 no vote. Amendments had been made to address some of the issues raised at last meeting – a Summary of which the Chair handed out to councillors at the start of the meeting.

The Chair introduced Mr Gooding who noted that the Steering Group had followed and was following the Parish Plan process. There was an opportunity to incorporate a Communication Plan to go alongside each Action Plan and that further consultation will follow to look at each action in more detail.

The Chair asked Cllr Smith who had previously had involvement in carrying out a Parish Plan for his experiences. - The Parish Plan is a mandate for the Parish Council – removes any doubt of the issues in the Parish and a tool that service providers cannot argue with. Noted that another Housing Needs survey may be advisable.

There then followed a detailed discussion with members and the following points made:

Questionnaire – some questions appear to be directed - a yes/no option may have been more suitable

Why was the Planning for Real event results not available?

Concern that the Summary not available before meeting

Further opportunity to consult on matters that had a 50/50 response

Followed by a Proposal for rejection of the Parish Plan by Mr Jones – the Parish Council will need to be alive and need to question what is being brought before it by the Action Groups. Proposal not supported.

Proposal to Adopt the Plan. The Members were concerned that they hadn't had sufficient time to study the Summary so a Proposal was put forward by Mr Strange to postpone for 1 week enabling them to read it in depth. Voting 4 in favour and 1 against. Carried. Meeting to be held on 20 September.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

