

Minutes of Meeting held on 13 July 2009 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present.

Mr M Jones, Mr A Phillips, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs R Sparey Mrs C Trew , the clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies.

Mr D Atkinson, Mr R Smith, Local Policing Team Rep (Holidays)

As there was no Chair or Vice Chair present the Council proposed Mr Phillips take the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and Ordinary Meeting held on 18 May 2009 and Extraordinary Meeting held on 16 June 2009.

The Minutes were agreed and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

4.Lengthsman Scheme – Michelle Morgan, Herefordshire Council co-ordinator for the Scheme with a brief presentation

Ms Morgan gave out a comprehensive information pack to the councillors which detailed the administration involved in running the Scheme. Funding at £110 per km, Council to choose own lengthsman, training given to administrator and lengthsman if required, three quarters of grant received in April, evidence needed of spending before last quarter paid out. The Council agreed to discuss this further as an Agenda item at next meeting. The Chair thanked Ms Morgan for attending.

5. Matters arising from previous meetings

Glasshouse road – Andrew Middlecote, Highways confirmed that an engineer had looked at the road to cost repair - £15000 for carriageway patching and £74,000 to overlay. No funds in budget this year, however, he will ask for a scheme to be added to next year's program subject to budget

Parish Plan – Confirmation received that a grant of £1500 had been awarded to the Council to undertake the Plan

From the floor Mr Howard(Chair- Steering group) gave a brief report on the Planning for Real event which took place on 4/5 July. 140 people attended with some 500 issues raised which will be carried forward as part of a questionnaire to be hand delivered to every household in September.

6. Correspondence

Letter of complaint received about noise of wind turbine at Garway School. Noted.

Copy of letter sent by Garway School Governors in response to correspondence received about noise. This issue has since been resolved with the turbine working with noise reduction features fully commissioned.

7. Planning Matters

Previous Applications –

DCSW2009/0557/F Cwm Maddoc : **Refused**

DCSW2009/0887/F Mount Pleasant: **Permitted**

DCSW0009/1030/0 Land adjacent to Sun Cottage, Garway Hill: **Withdrawn**

New Applications –

DCSW2009/0851/F Oldfield Farm, Garway Hill. Construction of steel portal frame building with fibre cement roof for storage of straw and hay bales: **Prior approval not required**

DCSW0009/1302/F Garway Court, Garway. Proposed livestock housing building.

The council support the application.

8. Financial Matters

Invoice received from Garway Village Hall for hire of hall October 08 – May 09.

Agreed to pay £70.00

Vat claimed April 08 – March 09. Notice of Vat repayment of £198.27 credited to bank account.

9.ROSPA Report- Childrens Playground - to consider any remedial work outlined by report.

Site inspected and found in good order. Encroaching brambles/thorns to be cut back- clerk to contact Monmouthshire CC to undertake job when strimming in area.

bark surface requires topping up. Councillors will look at amount needed before next meeting.

10. Parish Council Risk Schedule – Council to complete

The Council completed the risk schedule – noting that a tree inspection on Garway Common may be beneficial before winter. Clerk to contact H/Council.

11. Clerks wages and expenses

Proposed Mrs Trew and seconded Mr Phillips to pay expenses of £49.89 and wages of £237.50 to June. Unanimously agreed.

12. Parish Matters

Garway Hill Commoners Assoc. reported graffiti on inside walls of tower and signs painted outside it. The Commoners will remove it as soon as a suitable method is found that doesn't damage the brickwork.

A camper van was illegally parked on the hill – this has now moved away, however, the Assoc. feels that replacing the old gate with something stronger and more suitable will stop this happening again. They will come back with costs for an Agenda item next meeting.

A request for dates of meetings to be displayed in Broad Oak was agreed.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 8.45pm.

