

**Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14 January 2008 at 7.30pm in Garway  
Primary School.**

**Present.**

Mr A Phillips (Chair), Mr M Jones, Mr D Atkinson, Mrs C Trew, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs R Sparey, Mr R Smith(Herefordshire Council), Mr K Parry, the clerk. Mrs L Whistance. (Garway Hill Commoners Assoc)

**1. Apologies.**

No Apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Item 10 - Mr D Atkinson. A & A Pest Control. Prejudicial. Mr Atkinson signed the interests' book.

**3. Minutes of meeting held on 3 December 2007**

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising**

No matters arising

**5. Affordable Homes Survey – to consider response to draft report presented by Mr Keith Parry, Rural Housing Enabler for Herefordshire at meeting held on 3 December 2007.**

The Housing Needs study had identified a need for the provision of new affordable housing, with a mixture of both type (family, flats) and tenure (rent and shared ownership) required. Key points discussed were: the need for flexibility, would St Weonards residents qualify for housing in Garway?, as the time scale for planning could be up to two years would those expressing a need still be in the same situation at that time.

Mr Parry's response was that the final tenure mix and number of dwellings would be determined by the developing Housing Assoc. working in partnership with the Parish Council, after assessing the number of applicants meeting the local connection criteria, their financial means to meet rent and mortgage costs and site and planning considerations.

Mr Phillips then proposed that the Parish Council formally adopt the housing survey report as a basis for further investigation allowing the process to go ahead. Agreed unanimously and carried.

Mr Parry would now visit Garway in late February with a planning officer and members of the Parish council to identify any suitable sites.

If successful then an afternoon/evening open exhibition would be held in the village for full public participation with members of the Housing Association in attendance.

**6. Correspondence**

Review of Licensing Act 2003 consultation. Previously circulated. No comments from council

DVD entitled River Tales produced by Age Concern with county residents sharing memories and knowledge of the rivers of Herefordshire. Circulated.

E mail from Mr Howard re Garway web site. It was proposed by Mrs Trew and seconded Mr Atkinson that the council will put the adopted minutes on the site.

## **7. Planning Matters**

DSCW2007/3651/F Daren Barn, Broad Oak. proposed conversion of existing redundant barn to provide new dwelling. Previously circulated and **supported**.

DCSW2007/3173/F Yew Tree Farm, **Application withdrawn**

DCSW2007/3648/F Rivendell, Fairview, Detached double garage. - amended plans. Previously circulated. **As before supported provided the proposed building line was in keeping with the existing building line.**

DCSW2007/3854/F The Haskells, Broad Oak. Agricultural storage building.

**Supported**

DCSW2008/0076/F Upper Town, Garway. Two storey extension to dwelling.

**Supported.**

DCSW2008/0060/F Garway Primary School. Installation of a nursery/classroom unit on school site. **Supported.**

Although not a planning matter concern was noted about parking outside the school blocking the road. The Chair would discuss the matter at the next Governors meeting.

## **8. Financial Matters**

None

## **9. Garway Common – Council to explore the most economical method of clearing ditches on the Common**

Two ditches for clearance.

Road crossing by Cae Duff and ditch from Noke to play area.

Mr Jones will be undertaking work with a digger in the spring and was willing to clear the Cae Duff ditch. It was agreed to consider the Noke/play area at a later meeting.

## **10. Pest Control – village hall: to consider invoice received and proposed increase in charges.**

Mr Atkinson left the room

Invoice received from A & A to cover period July/December including extra work carried out on infestation and supply of three internal boxes. £152.00

Agreed to pay.

Due to the increase in internal and external boxes the price per visit will be increased to £35. Proposed Mr A Phillips that the council approve this increase. To be reviewed in six months. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to send letter to Village Hall Trustees requesting maintenance as per A & A's report at previous meeting is carried out.

Mr Atkinson then rejoined the meeting.

## **11. Garway Hill Commoners Assoc. – brief update on hedging, fencing ect.**

Mrs Whistance reported that Pontrilas YFC had put a newt hibernaculum around Black Pool. Fencing/hedging was due to start shortly.

## **12. Parish Matters**

Mr Smith gave a brief outline of the proposed closure of primary schools. Garway and St Weonards will be merged into one school at Garway following the review by Herefordshire council.

The capacity for Garway would be 105 and it would become a feeder school to John Kyrle. Consultation period finishes in March.

A Community Forum will be held in Much Birch on 12 February, Mr Smith asked councillors to express any preferences for topics they wished discussed and he would try and arrange it on their behalf.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.27pm