

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 January 2009 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present.

Mr M Jones (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs R Sparey, Mr R Smith (Herefordshire Council), CSO Fiona Witcher, the clerk and 2 members of the public.

CSO Witcher noted 1 burglary since last meeting and reminded council that next PACT meeting would be held at Much Birch on 26 February

1. Apologies

Mr A Phillips, Mrs C Trew.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 1 December 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

Road safety on A49. Cllr. Smith had received the report from Highways Agency on road safety, in particular the junctions between Much Birch and Harewood End.

Improvements were proposed at junction of A49/A4137 but not A49/C1262, or C1234 and B4348. This was a disappointing response; however Cllr Smith noted that the serious issues on this road would continue to be highlighted.

5. Correspondence

Parish Freighter – notification had been received from Herefordshire Council that as part of re-tendering of the Waste Management Contract it has been decided that from July parishes who wish to continue with the Parish Freighter service will need to bear the full cost recovery. This will be an increase from £38.78 to £380.00 per visit. Mr Atkinson proposed that the clerk write expressing disappointment with this decision as this was a widely used service in the Parish. Seconded Mrs Partridge and agreed. Council will also look into the hire of a skip as a replacement.

6.Planning Matters

DCSW2008/1259/F Little Whitelands Farm, Broad Oak. **Permitted**

DCSW2008/2413/F Garway Court **Permitted**

DCSW2008/2557/E Tennessfield. Relocation of terminal poles. **14/90 notification – no objection by Herefordshire Council**

DCSW2009/0019/F Sun Farm, Garway. (site adjoining parish). Construction of new bungalow with garage. **Support**

7. Financial Matters

None

8. Council to consider information received from Herefordshire Council re Garway Commons and the Lord of the Manor.

Proposal by Mr Atkinson to leave the matter in abeyance for the time being. Seconded Mrs Sparey and agreed unanimously.

9. Freedom of Information Act – Adoption of new Model Publication Scheme.

Proposal by Mr Atkinson that the Parish Council adopt and maintain the new model publication scheme which became effective from 1 January 2009. The model scheme document will be available on the Garway.org website.

10. Council to consider developing a Parish Plan.

Members had considered the matter following a presentation by Lynda Wilcox from Halc and it was proposed by Mr Atkinson that Garway Parish Council support the undertaking of a Parish Plan by the community. Seconded by Mrs Partridge. Vote taken- three in favour one against. Motion carried. Clerk to contact Halc to arrange a public meeting.

11. Clerks wages and expenses.

Proposed Mrs Sparey to pay wages of £231.50 to end of December and expenses of £24.90. Seconded Mrs Partridge. Agreed unanimously.

12. Parish Matters

The Glasshouse road again needs attention. Cllr Smith will bring this to the attention of committee and the clerk will advise Highways.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.