

Minutes of Meeting held on 1 December 2008 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present

Mr A Phillips (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mr M Jones, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs C Trew, Mrs R Sparey, Mr R Smith, Mrs Lynda Wilcox, (HALC) and 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 7 – Mr A Phillips. Garway School application for wind turbine and solar panels
Personal signed the interest book.

Item 8 – Mr D Atkinson. Monmouthshire CC grass cutting invoice. Prejudicial. Signed
interest book.

3. Mrs Lynda Wilcox from Herefordshire Assoc. of Local Council gave a presentation on Parish Plans followed by a question and answer session from council and members of the public.

The Chair thanked Mrs Wilcox for attending. The Council will consider a Parish Plan at the next meeting.

4. The minutes of meeting held on 20 October were agreed as a true record, approved and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising

E mail from Keith Parry (Rural housing enabler) advising that following talks with the owners of a possible site they no longer wish to dispose of their field for affordable housing purposes at the present time . He will contact the Two Rivers Assoc to discuss how to go forward with other sites.

Lord of The Manor of Garway – a comprehensive summary had been received from the Legal dept of Herefordshire council regarding the issue of ownership of the title Lord of the Manor of Garway and of the Commons themselves. They also advised their costs to undertake work for inspection of documentation in the hands of Sir Peter's solicitors would be £75 per hour plus £7.50 per letter/ e mail/ phone call. The members wished to study the information from the legal dept in more depth and would consider further at the next meeting.

6. Correspondence

Letter of thanks from Garway PCC for donation made towards grass strimming.

Guidance notes received from Herefordshire Council for the placing of advertising signs on Highways or outside retail premises including those advertising local events like fetes and markets.

7. Planning Matters

DCSW2008/2343/F The Saplings, Broad Oak. **Permission granted**

DCSW2008/2406/F Yew Tree Farm, Garway Common. **Permission Granted**

DCSW2008/2735/F Garway Primary School. Erection of a wind turbine installation and the mounting of some PV array panels on the school.

Mr Phillips passed the Chair to Mr Jones and took no part in the discussion.

Proposal made by Mr Atkinson that the council support this application. Seconded Mrs Trew. Vote taken. 4 support 1 against. Motion carried.

Mr Smith had requested that the application is reported to the Area Planning Committee for an open debate to take place on the benefits and on local objections lodged.

Proposed by Mrs Trew that Mr Atkinson attend the planning committee meeting to represent the Parish Council. Seconded Mrs Partridge. Vote taken majority in favour. Motion carried.

Mr Phillips then took the Chair

8. Financial Matters

Mr Atkinson left the room

Invoice received from Monmouthshire CC for grasscutting costs 2008. Proposed Mr Jones that a payment of £868.03 is made. Seconded Mrs Trew and carried unanimously. Mr Atkinson then returned to the meeting.

9 Council to consider setting Precept requirements for 2009/10

The clerk advised that reserves in hand were more than the precept which could cover any forthcoming project like a new bus shelter at Broad Oak. It was therefore proposed by Mr Jones to keep the precept at £3500. Seconded Mr Atkinson and agreed unanimously.

10. Dates for meeting 2009

These had been previously circulated. Proposed Mr Atkinson and seconded Mrs Partridge to publish dates for 2009. Carried unanimously.

11. Parish Matters

Mr Smith had taken the Chief Exec of Herefordshire Council on a tour of the ward identifying problem issues in each area. Affordable housing, the village hall and a drive up the Glasshouse road at a suitable speed to highlight the poor state of repair was on the agenda for Garway parish.

Mrs Whistance for Garway Hill Commoners Assoc updated the council. Bracken cutting was proceeding and would be put out to tender.

Fencing was continuing but slow. Volunteers were needed to ensure the 3 year target was met.

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

