

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 25 February 2008 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present.

Mr M Jones (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mrs C Trew, Mrs S Partridge, CSO Kevin Powell, 2 members of the public

1. Apologies

Mr A Phillips, Mrs R Sparey, Mr R Smith

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 8- Mr D Atkinson, Prejudicial. Monmouthshire CC. Signed Interests Book

3. Minutes of meeting held on 14 January 2008 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

Review of Polling Stations- response from Herefordshire Council- Cabinet had considered the outcome of the proposals and requested that the review is revisited. New proposals and a change in criteria means Garway & St Weonards polling stations would not now be considered for closure.

A comprehensive Schedule of planned works for the improvement of Garway Village Hall was read out by Mr Atkinson.

New Affordable Housing. DA, SP, MJ & RS had walked around the village on 19 February with Andrew Prior (Planning Officer) and Keith Parry to identify possible sites for new housing.

Old School, land at Myrtle House, land at the Allotments, council garages site and land adjacent to the Moon public house.

Mr Parry raised the possibility of a dual purpose village hall with flats above on the existing hall site. Clerk to ask Mr Parry to explore this further.

Andrew Prior will liaise with enforcement officer to continue to request owner to clean up site of Old School

Ditch clearance by Cae Duff would take place in March.

Amalgamation of Garway/St Weonards schools. This has been put on hold for the time being. Mrs Trew has been asked to join a campaign to proactively promote Garway School.

5. Correspondence.

Herefordshire Council consultation of the validation of planning applications – previously circulated for comment. No comment

Herefordshire Transport Asset Management Plan – Consultation. Previously circulated. No comment

6. Planning Matters

DECSW2008/0159/S Tengersfield Farm, improvement to farm access and pond. Agricultural and forestry buildings and operations prior **approval not required.**

DCSW2008/0261/F 11 Fairview, Garway. Proposed two storey extension, detached garage and new vehicle access. Previously circulated.

The council noted for comment that the building is in front of the existing building line.

DCSW2008/0252/F Yew Tree Farm, Garway Common. Conversion of and alterations to a range of period barns to create two residential dwellings. Previously circulated.

Supported. Mr M Jones signed the Interests Book. (Prejudicial)

DCSW2008/0127/F Tennessfield Farm, Garway. Conversion of small barn to be ancillary residence to the main residence. Previously circulated. **Supported**

DCSW2008/0124/F Tennessfield Farm, Garway. Refurbishment and extension of the existing farm house. Previously circulated. **Supported**

DCSW2007/3648/F Rivendell, Fairview. Detached double garage. **Permitted**

DCSW2007/3651/F Daren Barn, Hazelfield. Broad Oak. Conversion of redundant barn to provide new dwelling. **Permitted**

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

7. Financial Matters

Notice of precept payments.2008/9 – 15 April, 16 September. Estimated Council tax per Band D equivalent property £21.19.

8. Garway Common – Council to consider tenders for grass cutting 2008

Mr Atkinson left the room

Tenders received: Monmouthshire CC. £738.75 + Vat.

R E Daniels : £32.50 per cut and £18.55 per strim.

Proposed Mr Jones and agreed unanimously that Monmouth CC is given the grass cutting contract for 2008.

Mr Atkinson returned to the meeting

9.Childrens Playground – to consider any maintenance issues prior to Rospa inspection.

Rospa inspection to take place second week of April.

Maintenance required on edges of playground, the table needs attention and bark topping up. DA will look at table ,edges(purchasing rails) and MJ will purchase and top up bark as last year.

10. Clerks wages and expenses.

Proposed Mr Jones and seconded by Mr Atkinson to pay expenses to date of £22.46 and wages to March of £220.

11. Parish Matters

Highway issues – Glass house road again poor state.

Debris from last month's heavy rain still on road at the access to Tennessfield Farm Clerk to contact Highways

CSO Kevin Powell advised that since 24 December there had been 2 burglaries, 3 thefts and 1 criminal damage. He asked that parishioners become more aware of suspicious vehicles and contact the police with number plates, make and colour as a preventative measure.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

