

Minutes of Meeting held on 3 December 2007 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present.

Mr A Phillips, (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mr M Jones, Mrs C Trew, Mrs R Sparey, Mrs S Partridge, Mr R Smith (Herefordshire Council), Mr K Parry, CSO Fiona Witcher & the clerk

1. Apologies.

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Items 8, 10 & 11 : Mr D Atkinson. Prejudicial. Mr Atkinson signed the Interests book.

3. Approval of meeting held on 22 October 2007.

Mrs R Sparey was omitted from councillors present. The minutes were amended. The council agreed that the minutes were a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from previous meeting.

Review of Polling Stations. The clerk had made representation on behalf of the council and had been advised that the comments would be included in the documentation that will be forward for consideration by Herefordshire Council.

5. Affordable Homes Survey – Mr Parry, Rural Housing Enabler for Herefordshire to present draft report on the results.

Mr Parry gave a brief summary of the report. There was a response rate of 81 forms from 174 addressees. (46.5%). The council are to study the report in depth and consider it at the next meeting when Mr Parry will again attend.

6. Correspondence

Review of Licensing Act 2003 circulated for consideration by members at the next meeting.

7. Planning Matters

DSCW2007/3651/F Daren Barn, Hazelfield. Proposed conversion of existing redundant barns to provide new dwelling. To be circulated with refused application for members to consider.

DSCW2007/3648/F Rivendell, Fairview. Detached double garage. The Council would support this application provided the proposed building line was amended as it was felt this was detrimental to the existing building line.

DCSW2007/3013/F The Grange, Garway Hill. **Permitted**

8. Financial Matters

Mr Atkinson left the room

Invoice received from Monmouthshire CC for grass cutting 2007. Agreed to pay £842.75. Proposed Mrs Partridge. Seconded Mrs Trew.

Mr Atkinson rejoined the meeting
Invoice for £116.34 received from Herefordshire Council for Parish Freighter 2008.
Proposed Mr Atkinson, seconded Mr Phillips

9. Council to consider setting Precept 2008/9

After discussion Mr Phillips proposed that the Precept for 2008/9 is set at £3500.
Unanimously agreed.

10. Garway Village Hall – to consider report from A & A Pest Control and Environmental Health.

Mr Atkinson left the room

Report from Environmental Health indicated that the Playgroup would no longer be able to use the Hall and that it was no longer advisable for any food or drink to be prepared on the premises.

Report from A & A identified preventative measures to be put in place, together with the placing of external rodent boxes. It was proposed by Mr Phillips that A & A carry out any necessary work, Seconded Mrs Trew and agreed.

E mail received from Environmental Health (Pollution) that no evidence of mice or other pests were found at the Old School premises.

11. Garway Village Hall- request from Village Hall Committee for grant to cover annual insurance costs

Proposed by Mrs Partridge and seconded Mrs Sparey that the parish council cover the cost of insurance for the Village Hall of £421.70.

Mr Atkinson then rejoined the meeting

12. Clerks wages & expenses

It was agreed to pay expenses of £32.59 and wages of £450 for period June-December.

13. Dates of meetings for 2008

Dates of meetings had been circulated and agreed.

14. Parish Matters

CSO Fiona Witcher reported 1 crime in the area since last meeting.

Mr Atkinson reported that the Village Hall Committee were not successful with their Lottery Fund bid.

Garway Hill Commoners Assoc: Mrs Trew circulated a copy of agreement for Natural England Higher Level Stewardship grant to the Association

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm