

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th December 2010 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present

Mr D Atkinson (Chair), Mr C Strange, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs C Trew, Mr M Jones, CSO Witcher, the clerk and two members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr R Smith, Mrs R Sparey

CSO Witcher gave a brief report. Three thefts – diesel and tractor batteries and a break in at Broad Oak Garage since her last visit in September. Announced the retirement of PC Bundy in January.

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 7: Mr D Atkinson. Prejudicial. Monmouthshire CC. Signed interests book

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 18th October 2010.

The Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair

4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

Parish Walk with Amey had been booked for 24 February A.M.

Email received from Cllr Smith briefly outlining the initial implications of the Governments Spending Review on Herefordshire Council. - Noted.

Parish Freighter replacement- Cllr Smith had liaised with Hereford Council and Environability, however, following a meeting between Chair of Environability trustees and Waste Services Manager it was agreed that the collection scheme would be unviable.

Salt Bins – three out of the four requested have been put in place. Near to Demense Farm, Beech Lodge and Waynelands. Mr Jones requested a replacement for a missing bin at the top of the U71413 and a refill of any empty bins.

Broadband – the BDUK bid was successful, therefore S. Herefordshire including Garway will be part of a pilot bid to bring a fast broadband service to rural areas where previously it was not considered commercially viable. In order to register interest from Garway questionnaires slips had been provided through Cllr Smith from a countywide action group Fast Broadband 4 Herefordshire (FB4H) for householders to complete and assist with research. It was agreed that the Parish Plan Community Facilities Action Group could go forward with this when they meet in January. This would also include Garway in the BT Race to Infinity scheme that is presently running whereby if 75% of community vote BT will agree to discuss improved broadband provision for that area.

5. Correspondence

Mr Atkinson declared a personal interest and signed the interests book

Letter received from Garway Folk Weekend organisers advising of next years event to be held on 3/5 June 2011 and noting that the Moon car park will be used for short term parking only for the main ticket office area. Main parking will be in a field in the village

Some displays ect. will happen outside the site in order that villagers and visitors do not need to buy a ticket to take part in the event. Environability will handle all waste clearance. Noted.

6. Planning Matters

New Applications

DMS/102875/F Installation of 11kw wind turbine on an 18m monopole tower. Trothland Farm, St Weonards. (adjoining parish). The Council voted 3 to 2 in favour of supporting.

Old Applications

102328/F Back of the Moon – wind turbine **Permission Granted**

102323/L Coed Lank – open porch **Permission Granted**

102443/F Southwell Court Barn - ancillary utility **Permission Granted**

102230/F Tannersfield – two agricultural barns **Permission Granted**

Withdrawn Applications

102321/F Coed Lank Farm. – change of use of land, new stable block and ménage

102322/FH Coed Lank Farm – car port and swimming pool

7. Financial Matters

Mr Atkinson left the room and Mr Strange took the meeting

Invoice from Monmouthshire CC re grounds maintenance of Garway Common. £889.72

Agreed to pay.

Mr Atkinson then returned and took the Chair

8. Lengthsman – payment of invoices received and works required

Invoices received: October £253.80. November £300.80. Agreed to pay.

Works carried out on the U71416 White Rocks, Junction C1239/1238, C1239- Old Lands and general maintenance.

9. Parish Plan – Final payment of invoices/expenses to date

Stage 3 & 4 of Parish Plan had been completed and grant application approved.

Payment in - £618.55 received from H/Council

Payments out – Garway Village Hall (Hire of Hall) £404.00

Mr M Howard - production and printing Draft and Final Plan costs £541.96

Agreed to pay.

10. Garway Common: maintenance of children's playground – new swing seats and signage required

Invoice received from Mr T Griffiths for repairs as identified in Rospa report and general maintenance of playground - £318.43 Agreed to pay.

Replacement junior swing seats required – cost will be approx £150 each plus fitting.

The council agreed the clerk could go ahead with ordering these.

Mr Jones requested clarification from the Council for liability when laying bark on the playground. Clerk to confirm his volunteer status in writing.

A horse rider had been seen crossing the Common particularly the sports area. It was agreed rather than pay for signage to stop this write to the rider advising that the only access across Common land was by foot or to tend stock when Commoners rights are held and that horse riding was prohibited without the permission of the owner.

11. Council to consider Precept requirement for 2011/12

The Council had been advised by H/Council that they should take in to account the possibility of an election in May 2011 when setting Precept. Costs for Garway would be £800. The Council after much discussion felt that in the current climate keeping the Precept increase to a minimum was the preferred option. It was therefore proposed by Mr Jones to increase the Precept by increase 5% . - £188.00 seconded by Mrs Trew and agreed unanimously.

Precept requirements for 2011/12 - £3938.00

12. Council to agree Dates for meeting 2011

Proposed Mrs Trew to approve dates as presented for meetings 2011. Seconded Mrs Partridge and agreed.

13. Parish Matters

No parish matters

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