

## **Minutes of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall**

### **Present**

Mr D Atkinson (Chair) Mr C Strange, Mrs R Sparey, Mr M Jones, Mrs C Trew, the clerk and 5 members of the public

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr R Smith, Mrs S Partridge

### **2. Declarations of Interests**

See item 7

**3. Minutes of Meetings held on 19 July 2010 and 16 August 2010** were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair

### **4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

Waste collection – the clerk had liaised with Environability who advised that officers from H/C would not deviate from their position that any waste collected by Environability and taken to depots was classified as trade waste and therefore it was uneconomically viable for them to set up a collection service. The council resolved to ask Cllr Smith if he could move matters forward with H/Council

### **5. Correspondence**

Letter from Amey offering parish walks – a structured meeting between Parish council and Amey representatives where the council can raise any issues relating to the highway network in parish. Mr Jones and Mr Strange offered to be the representatives for the council. Clerk to liaise on times, dates ect.

### **6. Planning Matters**

**Old Planning:** SW/0921330/O Land adjacent to Sun Cottage, Orcop. Reserved Matters – **Approval granted.**

### **7. Financial Matters**

Mr Strange and Mr Atkinson declared a prejudicial interest – Invoice for Hire of Hall. Both signed the interests book and left the room

Mrs Trew took the meeting.

Hire of Hall – April/May £20.00 Approved

Mr Atkinson and Mr Strange returned to the meeting and Mr Atkinson took the Chair Invoice for £51.95 from Herefordshire Council for Rospa childrens playgropund inspection. Approved

Notice of Completion of Audit – Accounts were found satisfactory. No matters raised. Invoice received £141.00 to Mazers, Auditors. Approved.

### **8. Broadband Summit 6 August 2010 – report from Mrs Sparey**

Mrs Sparey had attended this meeting organized by Jesse Norman and attended by Ed Vaisey Communications Minister. Various schemes around the country were highlighted. It is possible that Herefordshire may be part of a pilot scheme which would include Garway and the Skenfrith exchange and this was re-inforced by a follow up call made by Mrs Sparey to H/Council economic regeneration team who a

put in the bid. There could also be some crossborder funding with Wales who were receiving European money to improve broadband would again include the Skenfrith exchange. Proposal by Mrs Sparey that the Parish Council keeps the momentum going and the clerk to write to Jesse Norman highlighting problems faced in Garway and copying in David Davies, MP for Monmouth, and H/Council. Agreed unanimously. Mrs Sparey will continue to work on this.

**9. Rospa report - to consider inspection report for playground**

Rospa report had been received with several items needing attention. It was agreed to ask Mr T Griffiths to look at these. The Chair thanking Mr Deeley for his continued efforts in inspecting and keeping the playground tidy.

**10. Council to respond to Local Development Framework Rural Areas Consultation**

Both the Local Development Framework Preferred Options; General Policies and Rural Areas had been previously circulated. The Members had considered these and had no comments to make on both Preferred Options as they currently stand.

**11. Lengthsman – to consider any matters arising within the Scheme**

Mr Strange and the clerk together with Mr Griffiths had driven around the parish to establish the boundary and to highlight any immediate defects to be dealt with. The Lengthsman would be starting this week with a general tidy where needed and to establish where water/ditches were causing problems. All problems identified need to go through the clerk. Mr Strange would check work carried out before payment made. Trimming back of hedgerows around Footpath stiles onto highways was requested. Clerk to advise Highways about overgrown hedge at Broad Oak near to the Old Stable

**12. Parish Plan – payment of invoices/expenses to date**

None received

**13. Parish Matters**

Mrs Trew advised that at the request of Ewyas Harold Surgery the prescription collection rota would now be monthly not fortnightly.

Mrs Trew had also weatherproofed the notice board on the Common

Following several requests for permission for elderly and blue badge holder visitors to drive up onto Garway Hill Common the Councils position on this is as before – Cars are not allowed to drive on to Common Land, however, they do not wish to prevent the elderly or disabled from benefiting from the enjoyment of visiting the top of Garway Hill and there would be no recourse against those that drove or were driven to the top for that reason.

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