

Minutes of Meeting held on 7 December 2009 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present

Mr D Atkinson, Chair, Mr M Jones, Mrs S Partridge, Cllr R Smith, the clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mrs R Sparey.: Apologies received and accepted

Mrs C Trew: Apologies received and accepted

CSO Fiona Witcher Apologies received and accepted

Mr A Phillips: Apologies not received.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

Item 10: Mr D Atkinson Request from Village Hall. Prejudicial. Signed Interests book

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 19 October 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising.

Highways – Various defect lists were circulating from Amey who have expressed an interest for one of their representatives to meet individually with Parish Councils either at a council meeting or a parish walk. Members' preference was attendance at a Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to arrange.

Dore Community Transport. – Letter of thanks for donation of £30

5. Correspondence

Letter from Cllr Jarvis (Cabinet Member H/C) re Freighter Service. With current economic restraints it has been decided to withdraw the subsidy from April 2010. This means that each visit will now cost £380. The "Bulky Waste Collection Service" at £15 for 3 items collected will continue. Members agreed that whilst it was very disappointing the cost was disproportionately too high for the precept to cover. Clerk to put note in Parish Magazine explaining situation and see what feedback is received.

Public Rights of Way Wardens -Letter from Amey advising that following reorganisation Garway would be in the South area with Jonathan Roger PROW Warden South.

Letter received from owners of Yew Tree Cottage, Garway Common raising concerns over two sycamore trees with branches overhanging the property.

To be covered in Item 8

6. Planning Applications

New Applications

DMSW/092913/FH Upper Trothland, Garway. Addition of two storey extension to rear and mono pitched sun room to side. Replacement of front porch and driveway access to be moved towards boundary to allow turning within property. **Supported**

DMSW/092464/F Hazelfield Farm, Broad Oak. Small scale wind turbine. This had previously been circulated to members. Comments were one objection, three support and one support as long as full consultation with neighbouring properties had been made.

T0009/2190 DMSW/092133/0 Land adjacent to Sun Cottage, Garway Hill. Previously circulated. **Support**

Old Applications

Cwm Maddoc, Broad Oak. DCSW009/1709/L & DCSW0009/1708/F. **Granted**

7. Financial Matters

Mr Atkinson left the room

Invoice received from Monmouthshire CC for grass cutting Garway Common. £870.79.

This had been previously agreed – item 8 at meeting held on 23 February 2009.

Mr Atkinson returned to Chair

8. Garway Common – to receive tenders to carry out Tree Risk assessment.

Quotes received to carry out tree surveys on different parts of the Common

Proposed Mr Jones that the Council write to Sir Peter de la Billiere raising the issue of tree maintenance and potential hazards on the Common. Seconded Mrs Partridge and unanimously agreed.

9. Garway Hill Commoners Association – to consider request to assist Assoc with erection of new fence at Sun Hill Lane entrance.

Defer to next meeting when three firm quotes had been received.

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10. Garway Village Hall –request from Committee for grant to cover insurance costs

Defer to next meeting – no quorum for this item

11. Council to set Precept for 2010/11

Proposed expenditure had been previously circulated to members. Clerk advised that projected balance at financial year end would be approx £3000. It was proposed by Mr Jones to increase precept by 2% to £3570. Voted unanimously in favour and carried.

12. Parish Plan: update from Steering Group /payment of invoices/expenses to date

Chair of Steering Group Mr Howard gave a brief report. Questionnaire response - £83% Adults and 80% Young People. These were now with Stats. Office, H/Council with a report from them expected 10 December. Preliminary issues noted were – affordable housing, alternative energy systems and speed limits. Next step – public meeting.

It was agreed to present all invoices to date to H/Council as soon as possible for payment.

13. Clerks wages and expenses

Proposed Mrs Partridge to pay expenses to date of £14.81 and wages £237.50. Agreed unanimously

14. Approval of Dates for Meetings 2010

These were approved for publication.

15. Parish Matters

An elm tree hanging over BT cables on Tennersfield Farm could potentially cause problems. Clerk to write asking for removal.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 9.04pm