

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

Present

Mr D Atkinson (Chair), Mrs R Sparey, Mrs C Trew, the clerk and 2 members of the public. CSO Kevin Powell

CSO Powell gave a brief report. Two burglaries in the Parish since last meeting. Councillors reported a potentially hazardous problem with children on bikes at the Broad Oak crossroads. CSO Powell aware and will speak again to families concerned.

1. Apologies.

Cllr, R Smith, Mrs S Partridge, Mr M Jones, Mr A Phillips.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13 July 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

Glasshouse Road – The Chair questioned the costing from Highways to overlay this road. Clerk to contact and clarify how this sum was arrived at.

Tree Warden – the clerk had contacted H/Council Tree warden who was unable to visit due to a large backlog of work. Clerk to contact again to obtain assistance in finding a tree surgeon to help.

5. Correspondence

Letter received from BT Payphones inviting the Council to consider adopting the two local kiosks for £1 each. BT would remove the telephone and ownership of the kiosk would be transferred to the council. An enclosed schedule showed little usage of both kiosks. The clerk had already emailed BT copying in H/Council who had been dealing with this issue. Advice from H/Council was not to adopt, BT would then have to keep the payphones intact and operational with the kiosk.

6. Planning Matters

DCSW009/1709/L, DCSW009/1708/F. Cwm Maddoc, Broad Oak. Restoration and alteration of farmhouse, change of use and restoration of attached barn, conversion of end room in single storey barn and new link (extending existing domestic accommodation involving change of use) **The Council support this revised application.**

Previous Planning:

DCSW009/1073/F Land to the rear of 13 Fairview. **Refused.**

DCSW009/1096/F Southwell Court, Broad Oak. **Granted**

7. Financial Matters

Completion of Annual Audit 2009. Accounts found satisfactory with no issues raised by Auditors. Invoice received and agreed £57.50.

Parish Freighter – booking made for 10 October visit. Proposed and agreed to pay £40 cost.

8.Lengthsman Scheme – Council to consider joining Scheme 2010

As only 3 members present it was agreed to postpone the decision until next meeting.

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

The Commoners had found funding to purchase a suitable gate. Provisional quotes for putting in new fencing with the gate had been received and it was agreed to postpone to next meeting when they had firm prices to present to the council.

10. Review maintenance of Lower Common and maintenance of Children's playground.

Monmouthshire CC to cut back brambles harder, Chair to look at broken lengths of wood on playground asap. Proposed Mrs Sparey to pay invoice of £50.85 from Herefordshire Council for Rospa Inspection. Agreed unanimously.

Council to look at tidying up overgrown areas. Postpone to next meeting when full council.

11. Council to consider response to draft options Rural Settlement Hierarchy Background Paper.

The clerk had requested an extension in deadline for consultation. As only three members it was agreed to obtain a copy for each Councillor to study in depth and send any comments to clerk to respond to Forward Planning

12. Parish Plan :update from Steering Group.

The Steering group were half way through phase two. The questionnaire following the Planning for Real Event would be sent out to all households the next 4/6 weeks.

A summary of all invoices relating to the Plan would be available for all councillors prior to the next meeting.

13. Clerks expenses

Proposed Mrs Trew to pay £22.95 for purchase of 2 Minutes binders. Seconded Mrs Sparey.

14.Parish Matters

The state of the Broad Oak/Welsh Newton C1239 had been reported to Highways.

The clerk had deposited Minute Book up to 2001 in Records Office.

Jack Dash fun run had been very successful and would become an Annual event.

The Hall Committee were planning a Folk weekend in Garway next June.

There being no further Business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

