

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2009 at 7pm in Garway Village Hall

Chair: Mr A Phillips.

6 members of the public attended

1. Reports were received from

Councillor Richard Smith - Key Ward issues highlighted were the disappointing A49 road safety report, road maintenance, unsatisfactory schools swimming provision (acceptable facilities now in place for Autumn term) and the Much Birch Pact meetings.

Scudamore Charities Reports and Accounts – Mr Oke. Frances Scudamore Charity: balance at Bank 31 March 2009 £5868.10. No applications received during financial year.

Suggestions were made to advertise again in September, put on Garway web site and consider increasing the upper age limit to 25.

Unknown Donors Charity: balance at Bank 31 March 2009 £1658.95. Six applications made in financial year.

Footpaths Officer – Mr Jeremy Harris. The clerk read out the report as Mr Harris was unable to attend. He had attended the annual meeting of Footpaths Officers. Hereford Council was encouraging installation of self-closing gates and promoting the benefits of the PPP Scheme. Concern was raised by Parish council members over the increased workload for the Footpaths Officer if entering into the scheme. Mr Harris was in the process of walking as many paths as possible and advising the rights of way warden on problems as they arise.

Garway Village Hall Committee – Mr D Atkinson. There had been a steady increase in user groups, the Farmers Market was well attended and joining Arts Alive had proved very successful.

Community Support Officer Kevin gave his annual report – 4 thefts and 4 burglaries carried out in the previous 12 months.

Sergeant Tim Dugmore introduced himself and outlined some of his priorities. Speeding, antisocial driving and a more high profile visibility rolling programme. He also agreed to look at the speeding motorbikes on B4521 particularly on Sundays.

2. Lengthsman Scheme – Request to discuss Parish Council participating in this Scheme. The Lengthsman scheme will be placed on the agenda at the next meeting and the clerk will arrange for a Lengthsman co-ordinator to give a presentation on this scheme.

The chair declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

