

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting following Annual Meeting held 23 May 2011 in Garway Village Hall

1. Declarations of Interests

None

2. Minutes of meeting held on 18 April 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record and signed the Chair.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

Complaints received again about horse riding on Garway Common.. It was agreed that Mr Strange would liaise with PC. Chris Lea and instead of wooden signs the council would look at displaying prominent warning signs.

4. Correspondence

Letter received from Solicitors acting for Mrs Fox, March Hill Cottage, Broad Oak regarding a pre- order consultation for proposed public path diversion order for Bridleway33(part). Proposed by Mr Robinson that the Parish Council had no objections to the diversion order. Agreed unanimously. **Clerk to respond to Solicitors.**

Broadband Pilot -invitation from Hfd/Council for 1 parish council representative to attend a meeting on 6th June at Peterchurch to receive an update of the programme, the next steps and an open discussion on the involvement of Parish councils and communities in the delivery of the project. It was agreed to send three reps – Mrs Sparey, Mr Howard and Mr N Deeley.

Email received asking why clearance on Garway Common had been done early in the season. Following discussion it was agreed to hold an informal collective meeting (date to be agreed at next meeting) with Commoners on the Common to discuss maintenance and improvement. Also consider where to plant trees to commemorate Queens Golden Jubilee year and work with school on a project to plant silver birch. Mr Strange would contact Mr J Pullen regarding the Garway Common management plan that used to be in existence. Work to clear Garway Cross was also suggested.

5. Financial Matters

Donation received from Mrs. V Horspool £100 towards the upkeep of the Common
Notice of VAT reclaimed 2010/11 £555.66

Invoice from Mr T Griffiths £60 for fitting new swing bucket seats on children's play area. Agreed

Invoice from Mrs Pullen for mugs for Royal Wedding £281.25 previously agreed.

6. Planning Matters

Old applications:

DMS/11051/F Nantywain, Broad Oak. Conversion of redundant farms buildings to residential use. **Permission refused.**

DMS/102875/F Trothland Farm, St Weonards. (adjoining parish) Installation of 11kw wind turbine on an 18m monopole tower. **Appeal lodged 17 May 2011 to Secretary of State.**

7. Garway Parish Plan – update from Steering Group

Mr Howard gave a report on meeting held by Local Environment Action Group on 21 April.

- Look at forming a Garway Transition Group
- Explore the feasibility of installing Photovoltaic panels on the Village hall roof
- Look at dog litter bins and associated notices on the Common
- Liaise with Footpaths officer to produce a series of maps/leaflets showing walks and further advertise the walks locally
- Consult with community about seating, ponds and picnic areas on Common land and discuss with Herefordshire Nature Trust the creation of environmental areas
- Ask Lesley Whistance to lead a project to install a toposcope on Garway Hill

Mr Robinson reported that the Planning Development Action Group was working on the questionnaires for the Affordable Housing survey.

8. Lengthsman Scheme – payment of invoices received and works required

Confirmation of allocation of £3113.00 received for 2011/12.

Invoice for works – jetting at identified locations and works on the u71416 towards White Rocks - £546.00. Agreed to pay.

9. Parish Matters

Mrs Trew advised that she was happy to continue organising the Prescription rota, however, would contact the Council if circumstances change.

Cllr Russell Hamilton new Councillor for Pontrilas ward introduced himself. He intended to hold regular surgeries in each parish and was also very keen to champion local businesses. He would meet with the Parish Plan Steering Group as soon as practicable.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm