

Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November 2011 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present.

Mr D Atkins (Chair), Mr C Robinson, Mr C Strange, Mrs S Partridge, Mr M Howard, Mrs R Sparey, the clerk and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies.

CSO Kevin Powell and Cllr Russell Hamilton were attending a Parish Council meeting at Llanwarne and would endeavour to join Garway later if possible.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. The Minutes of Meeting held on 17 October 2011 were agreed and approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

Councillors Dispensation – Standards Committee, H/Council had granted a dispensation for Councillors with Interests in the Village Hall to discuss Village Hall matters.

Awaiting a letter with exact wording. Councillors – Mr D Atkinson, Mr M Howard, Mr C Robinson, Mr C Strange.

Overhanging hedges – Amey advised that 2-3 weeks from first “friendly” letter from Parish Council was sufficient time for the work to be carried out after which the Council could pass the matter onto Amey. Letters sent out end of October. Clerk to advise Amey.

Asbestos Sheeting at the Old School – both Environmental Health & Waste Management H/Council advised that as on private property they were unable to assist.

30mph Speed Limit extension – Mr Atkinson was reviewing the conditions and criteria prior to a request being made to Highways. It was agreed by the Council to request Highways to consider starting the 30mph limit at Newlands Cottage - 20 mph through village until past school and then 30mph through to the Lodge. To revisit the Council’s request for traffic calming through Broad Oak was also agreed.

Proposed Garway Common Management Plan – A survey of flora and fauna would be undertaken over the year with the assistance of Mr J Pullen and Herefordshire Biological Records Centre who will provide support with recording.

Queens Jubilee Celebrations – a meeting was held on 7th November. A Fun day was proposed the weekend of the 2/3 June with a Beacon on Garway Hill on 4th June. Next meeting on 6 December to look at funding.

A leaflet had been printed and widely circulated - The Garway Bus – promoting a scenic bus ride on the 412, walks, and local areas of interest. It would be further promoted by Cllr Hamilton and Mr Robertson on local radio.

A letter received from H/Council Planning Dept. updating progress on the electronic delivery of planning applications. Notification will be by email; however until 30 November 2012 paper application will be available on request. Planning will then

consider options for the continued access to hard copies planning information from that date.

5. Correspondence

An invitation to Councillors to attend the Living Villages Summit on 2 December.
Proposal by Mr Strange to reimburse the cost of £25 per delegate. Mr Howard and Mrs Sparey expressed a wish to attend. Agreed unanimously.

6. Planning Matters

Old Applications –

DMS/112630/F Land opposite Broad Oak Methodist Chapel. **Permission granted**

New Applications –

DMS/112899/F – The Granary. Coed Lank Farm, Broad Oak. 3KW photovoltaic array to be mounted on farm building roof. **Application Supported**

7. Financial Matters

Invoice received from Garway Village Hall for hire of hall for Parish Plan Steering Group meetings for £48.00. Agreed to pay.

8. Application for a modification order for the upgrade of Public Footpath GW12 (part) to a Bridleway.

Mr Robertson advised that anybody can apply for an order providing there is adequate and /or user evidence submitted by the applicant and that Herefordshire Council have a duty to investigate.

Garway Footpaths Officer had responded with his personal support for the upgrade.

Proposal by Mr Roberson to oppose the modification order to upgrade part GW12 to a bridleway. Seconded Mrs Sparey and agreed unanimously.

The Council also noted that no consultation had yet been held with the landowner and requested clarification from the H/Council Rights of Way on the status of the GW12 where it passes next to Beechlands (a diversion order had been requested by the owners in 2004 – however they were advised to wait until a modification application being investigated was processed).

9. Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Revised Preferred Option – Council to consider and formally respond.

The Council proposed the following comments in response to the consultation:

- The Council supports the need for future flexible planning
- The Rural economy will only survive through local employment together with local housing - these will contribute to sustaining and supporting local economies.
- The Core Strategy does not address the issues of Peak Oil, long term climate change and sustainability. Why not?
- The Council supports the west option of the Hereford Relief road.

10. Lengthsman –payment of invoices received and works required

Invoices received September - £288.00 & £October £317.40. Agreed to pay.
Mr Griffiths in attendance – see Parish Matters.

11. Parish Plan – Council to receive and consider reports on matters to date from Steering Group

Housing Survey questionnaire due in 2 December. Results should be available by next meeting.

12. Dates of Meeting 2012 - Approval

Proposal from Mr Atkinson to approve 2012 schedule of meetings. Agreed unanimously

13. Parish Matters

Mr Howard advised that Mrs Smallwood and Mrs L Whistance met with reps. from the Library Service to consider a Community Library with books being delivered/collected every 6 weeks. Both were willing to act as volunteers. Looking to use the Hall if suitable storage can be found.

Precept 2012/13 The Clerk gave notification that this would be completed at January Meeting and all members should bring forward any items of expenditure that they wished to be considered.

Mr Strange had been asked why there had not been a No Horse Riding sign erected following problems earlier in the year. Noted that riding on the Common had stopped and that the council had considered that the advice given by the Police on the wording of the proposed notice was heavy handed. However, the Council would continue to monitor and revisit this if necessary.

Mr T Griffiths (Lengthsman) gave a report on maintenance and works to date.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 9.20pm