

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th September 2011 at 7.30pm in Garway Village Hall

Present

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

1. Apologies CSO Witcher

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 7: Mr D Atkinson. ARD Pest Control. Prejudicial. Signed Interests Book
Mr M Howard. FWAG invoice. Prejudicial. Signed Interests Book

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 4th July 2011 having been previously circulated were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair

4. Matters Arising from previous meetings

Affordable Housing, Garway -response from Haley Crane (H/C Affordable Homes Officer). Existing social housing properties do not have a legal agreement in place to offer them to local residents. New build properties will come with a Section 106 agreement. This Planning Obligation between developer and local authority states that tenants must have a local connection of live or work in the village and be in the Homepoints system. If the allocation isn't taken up within 28 consecutive days then the offer is cascaded outwards to neighbouring villages until a tenant is found.

5. Correspondence

Dore Community Transport – Annual Report 2011

Ecohere – invitation to participate in a new sustainability project helping rural communities in the development and implementation of their own Sustainability action plan. The project will be delivered by Community First and the Bulmer Foundation and run for two years.

Proposal by Mrs Partridge and seconded Mr Howard to express an interest. Clerk to contact.

6. Planning Matters

New Applications:

DMS/111924/F Nantewain, Broad Oak. Proposed conversion of redundant farm buildings into residential use. **This had been previously circulated to Councillors and Supported. Mrs Sparey had declared an Interest and did not comment.**

Old Applications:

DMS/102875/F 11k wind turbine on 18m monopole tower. **Appeal dismissed**

7. Financial Matters

Invoice for hire of Hall April/May 2011 £20.00 Agreed to pay

Payment for £128.28 received from Western Power for Wayleave. This covered poles left out in 2009 when mapping took place on Garway Hill. Payment from 2009/11 Completion of Audit. - Satisfactory with no issues raised. Invoice £144.00 for Audit Fee. Agreed to pay.

Mr Atkinson and Mr Howard left the room. Mr Strange took the Chair

Invoice from ARD Pest Control for removal of wasps nest on Garway Common

22.August. £35.00 Agreed to pay

Invoice from FWAG for attending walk with Commoners on 6 August. £90.00

Agreed to pay.

Mr Atkinson and Mr Howard returned to the meeting and Mr Atkinson took the Chair

8. Childrens Playground – Council to consider Rospa Report and any issues

Arising

Rospa report carried out June 2011.

Noted : General removal of weeds required

 Damaged swing seat – does not require immediate replacement. Monitor.

The Council agreed that replacement would be advisable now. Costings – seat £50 + vat, fittings £27.45 each + vat, carriage £20.00 It was agreed to ask Terry Griffiths to fit.

Mr Strange would replace damaged timber at the edge of playground.

Invoice received for £53.06 for inspection. Agreed to pay.

9. Completion of Risk Schedule 2011

The Council completed the schedule which the Chair signed.

10. Council to consider joining FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group)

Following the “walk around” Garway Common in August it was proposed by Mr Howard to join FWAG to obtain advice and information. Annual subscription £45.00.+Vat. Seconded Mrs Partridge and agreed unanimously. Clerk to arrange.

11. Apple tree planting in Community Spaces – available free from Herefordshire Council to celebrate Pommunity Herefordiensis

Mrs Sparey had obtained information and application form for this initiative and gave a brief outline of requirements to apply. Proposed by Mr Robinson to apply for one set of three trees to be collected in November and planted on Garway Common. Seconded Mr Howard and agreed unanimously. Mrs Sparey and Mr Howard to organise.

12. Lengthsman – payment of invoices received and works required

Invoice received for May and June £ 540.50 plus VAT £108.10 – agreed to pay

13. Parish Plan – council to receive and consider reports on matters to date from Steering Group

No meetings held over summer months.

14. Parish Matters

Mr & Mrs Oke had offered a site for the building of a new multi functional building. Negotiations would start shortly. Full consultations with the electors of Garway by the Village Hall Committee would take place as the project progressed.

No Sandbags required

Mr Howard confirmed that he was Broadband Champion for Garway.

The Chair thanked Cllr Hamilton for the amount of work he undertook to retain the 412 bus service. Cllr Hamilton reported discussions held to develop a leaflet to encourage visitors to Garway using public transport and featuring local walks and places.

LDF – Core Strategy consultations with Parish Councils to explain the revised strategy were taking place and Cllr Hamilton encouraged all councillors to attend to put forward the views of the Parish. Meeting in Much Birch 5th October.

Community Run Libraries. It was agreed to forward information obtained by Cllr Hamilton to several interested parties in the Parish.

30 mile limit at Broad Oak and extended through Garway past the Turning. Agreed to pursue this again in view of revised traffic Act.

Overgrown trees reported in May – work not carried out. Clerk to chase.

Corner at Broad Oak junction – needs cutting back for visibility. Clerk to contact Amey

Cllr Hamilton's next surgery in Garway 8 October 10.30 -12pm in the Moon.

There being no further business the Chair declared the Meeting closed at 9.30pm