

**Minutes of Meeting held on 23 February 2009 held in Garway Village Hall at
7.30pm**

Present

Mr M Jones (Chair), Mr D Atkinson, Mrs S Partridge, Mrs R Sparey, Mrs C Trew, Mr R Smith (Herefordshire Council), CSO Witcher, the clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Mr A Phillips

2. Declarations of Interest

Item 8 – Mr D Atkinson, tender from Monmouthshire CC. Prejudicial: interest book signed.

CSO Witcher advised no reported crimes since last meeting. Four arrests made for distraction burglaries following information from the public. Reminder of Pact meeting at Much Birch and details circulated of Crimemapper.

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 19 January were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters Arising

Road Safety – A49 - informal meeting to be held with relevant officers and councillors to consider the best way forward.

Broad Oak junction – footpath request made in 2003 was again considered low priority in this years ranking system (20 out of 53) so would not be implemented this year.

Parish Freighter Service – Cllr Jarvis (Cabinet Member) had advised clerk of considerable opposition to plans and promised a response, however, none received to date.

Public Path Diversion GW3 at Nantewain – approval received from Herefordshire Council. Awaiting decisions from other interested parties

5. Correspondence

Request from Herefordshire Partnership and Hfd Council of Voluntary Youth Services to assist with survey of facilities for children and young people in the parish. It was agreed by councillors to ask Mrs L. Osborne if she could help with this.

Questionnaire from Planning policy manager Hfd Council gathering evidence on the availability of services and facilities in rural areas in preparation for the Herefordshire Core Strategy and Local Development Framework. The clerk had completed this on behalf of the council.

6. Planning Matters

SW2009/0019/F Sun Farm, Garway Hill. **Permission refused**

SW2008/3058/F Demense Farm, Garway. **Proposed Manure Store – prior approval not required**

7. Financial Matters

Notice of acceptance of precept 2009/10. Band D equivalent is £20.97.

8. Council to consider tenders received for Grass cutting Garway Common 2009.

Mr Atkinson left the room

Three tenders received.

R E Daniel - £32.50 per cut strimming £18.55 per cut .

Monmouthshire County Council - £757.22 total contract

T Griffiths (Contracts) - mowing and strimming £120 per cut.

Proposed Mrs Trew that the Council continue with Monmouthshire CC for 2009.

Seconded Mrs Sparey and agreed unanimously.

Mr Atkinson returned to the meeting

9. Childrens Playground - Council to consider any maintenance issues prior to Rospa inspection.

Mr Nigel Deeley is liaising with Mrs Trew to carry out the weekly inspection of the playground. Mr Atkinson and Mr Jones will look at any remedial repairs needed. Bark was proving difficult to get so will wait until after inspection which will take place early April

10. Request from Garway Village Hall Committee for grant to cover annual insurance costs

Mr D Atkinson declared a prejudicial interest and signed the interests book.

The insurance costs for 2009 were £532.79. Proposed Mr Jones that £530 is given to the village hall committee to cover premium. Seconded Mrs Partridge. Vote taken and unanimously carried.

11. Clerks wages and expenses

Proposed Mr Atkinson to pay wages of £231.50 and expenses of £8.39. Notification received from NALC of an increase in car allowance to £58.7 per mile. Seconded Mrs Trew and agreed unanimously.

12. Parish Matters

None

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm.