

# Garway Parish Council

## Minutes of The Parish Council meeting of Garway Parish Council held in Garway School Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7pm

**Councillors Present:** Chairman Cllr Tony Phillips, Vice – Chairman Cllr Richard Sparey, Cllr Craig Hooper & Cllr Rose Sparey Cllr Cara Campbell arrived at 7.30pm

**Also in attendance:** Parish Clerk Kath Greenow, 3 members of the public

### 1. Apologies for Absence

1.1 Apologies accepted from Cllr Chris Strange, Ward Cllr D Harlow

### 2. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

2.1 None declared

### 3. Minutes

3.1 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16/01/2017

It was **RESOLVED:** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16/01/2017

### 4. Reports

#### 4.1 Clerk report

The clerk had received the minutes and accounts as requested from the village hall committee and she was in the process of compiling a report as requested at the last meeting.

#### 4.2 Ward Councillor David Harlow report:

The ward Cllrs report had been circulated to Cllrs

#### Planning

I've received correspondence from several Broad Oak residents unhappy about the slurry lagoon sited there; whilst their concerns are understandable, professional assessments have been made and the consultants had no objection (noting this is an agricultural application in the countryside, the proposal therefore complies with relevant policies) I have asked whether additional landscaping can be imposed through condition if that helps along with other requested conditions from consultees. I will report back when I hear more.

#### Hereford Library

Hereford library, museum and art gallery reopened on Tuesday 31 January, following the phase one completion of building work at Broad Street.

The building was closed due to asbestos found on the site, but this has provided the opportunity to modernise the library for the many users. Spaces have been reconfigured to improve the customer experience, a suite of new PCs are available to use for free and the ceiling has been raised with new lighting. The county library will also welcome WISH (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire) which will operate from the main library as a shared facility to make the most of the building.

Hereford museum and art gallery will launch an exhibition celebrating the life and work of Herefordshire artist Brian Hatton, with additional opening hours during the first two weeks.

<https://www.facebook.com/herefordshirelibraries>

#### Budget

Last Friday full council met to approve the 17/18 budget; public sector money is tight but we are proud of our recent track record – 16/17 will be the 4<sup>th</sup> successive year that the council has worked within budget whilst carefully building reserves against future needs.

The council has directed its resources at delivering the key services required by its residents whilst reducing overall costs to demonstrate efficiency. In making substantial savings to date the council will have delivered savings of almost £70M by the end of 17/18 in response to an 80% drop in central government funding since 2010.

The budget which is proposing an increase in council tax of 3.9% has been discussed at both Scrutiny committees as well as Cabinet.

Whilst ensuring that the overall budget is balanced. The council has been carefully building reserves to protect itself from financial risk and to support future needs. Over the past three years the council has delivered improvement, achievement and positive change along the way, including:

Major public realm improvement in Hereford

368 miles of road resurfaced in the last 3 years (19% of the highway network)

Filled in over 200,000 potholes

Winning 'most improved Council award for public satisfaction with roads' at local government awards

Rolled out Fastershire broadband to over 80% of our residents

Core strategy and Local transport plans in place to 2031

Major progress on Enterprise Zone

Introduction of first Multi agency safeguarding hub (MASH) in West Mercia

Increased number of local foster carers by 9% (national backdrop of reducing numbers)

### **Choose how you move**

Herefordshire Council has been awarded a £1.5 million share of the £60 million Sustainable Travel Access Fund awarded by central government.

The funding has been awarded to support the council's 'Destination Hereford' project, which aims to make the city a beacon for walking and cycling in the UK.

It will support a programme of local projects over three years from 2017 to 2020, with the aim to make walking and cycling a part of everyday life.

#### 4.3 P3 Footpaths Officer report (RS)

The footpath officer reported that he had 2 volunteers helping with walking the footpaths and they would be reporting any defects etc to the footpaths officer.

### **5.Public Question Time**

Designated maximum period of 10 minutes to accommodate members of the public who may wish to either raise issues with or ask the Parish Council questions

No matters raised

### **6. Village Hall**

6.1 To receive an update on Village hall

As reported in the Clerk's report. The clerk was asked to seek advice on the trust deed document regarding the responsibility of the village hall trustees and the Parish Councils responsibility as custodian trustees, along with the correct disposal process of the village hall.

6.2 To consider appointing a representative from the Parish Council to village hall committee

It was **RESOLVED**: to appoint Cllr R Sparey as the 2nd representative from the Parish Council to village hall committee

### **7.Lengthsman & P3**

7.1 To consider work to be carried out by Lengthsman. No further work identified for the lengthsman

7.2 To note lengthsman & P3 expenditure to date

It was **RESOLVED**: to note lengthsman & P3 expenditure to date

7.3 To consider Annual maintenance plan for 2017/18

It was **RESOLVED**: to approve the Annual Maintenance Plan for 2017/18

### **8.Footpaths**

8.1 To consider commenting on a letter from D Breakwell re diversion of footpaths crossing Hazelfield Farm

It was **RESOLVED**: That there would be no comment from the Parish Council concerning the letter from D Breakwell re diversion of footpaths crossing Hazelfield Farm until a formal application had been made to Balfour Beatty.

### **9 Road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty /Herefordshire Council**

9.1 To receive an update on road issues reported to Balfour Beatty.

No update

9.2 To consider road issues for reporting to Balfour Beatty since last meeting

Discussion took place concerning the number of potholes in the parish that needed attending too, which had been reported, but to date had not been fixed. The Clerk was asked to contact Balfour Beatty Locality steward to request he attend a PC meeting

### **10.Finance**

10.1 To note bank balance.

Noted as £9373.43

10.2 To consider recommendations from finance working group on budget and precept for 2017/18

It was **RESOLVED**: to accept the recommendations from finance working group on budget and precept for 2017/18

10.3 To agree precept for 2017/18

It was **RESOLVED**: to set the precept for 2017/18 as £12,160.00

10.4 To approve payments to:

It was **RESOLVED**: to pay

Clerk reimbursement for postage £7.68

WEL Medical Ltd defib £1707.00

10.5 To note donation from the family of Derek Mead relating to the provision of a defibrillator in the parish and maintenance thereof of the defib £1821.00 noted. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of grateful thanks to the family of Derek Mead

10.6 To receive an update on a defibrillator

The defib had been ordered and Cllr C Hooper would arrange for the defib to be fitted. The Clerk would also add the defbi to the Parish Council insurance policy once it had been delivered. The defib was to be sited on the wall of The Garway Moon as agreed by the family of Derek Mead. A plaque would also be placed on the wall next to the defib once the facility had had it made and it had been sent to the Parish Council.

#### **11.Website**

11.1To receive an update on new website

The new website is up and running. A poster would be placed on the noticeboards to inform residents of the new website and information would be placed in the local magazine along with the PC meeting dates and Clerks contact details Information.

#### **12.Planning**

12.1To note planning applications granted refused since last meeting consider commenting on planning application:  
None

#### **13.Neighbourhood Plan**

13.1To Receive a report on NDP meeting (CH)

Having reviewed the Parish Plan and the Planning Policy Assessment and Evidence Base Review we have concluded that there are 5 main Issues / Topics that require consultation with the parish, these being;

1 - Green Space (the commons)

2 - Landscape & Character (Protect Views and Agricultural preferences)

3 - Design (Style of new developments)

4 - Communal Facilities (School, Community Centre, Pub etc.)

5 - Housing (achieving the 16-additional home target (Garway & Broadoak, 2/3 Bed Start Homes, maintain Ribbon Development, No Backfill, call for site strategy etc...)

It was agreed to discuss the community Levy once and investment priorities once we have made progress on the above consultation.

Next meeting to take place in March

#### **14.Correspondence**

14.1 To note correspondence received since last meeting

**Noted as HALC information corner & Training schedule**

#### **15.Training**

15.1To note date for HALC in house training 24/04/2017 at 7pm for Cllrs

**16.Date of next Scheduled meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017at Garway School 7pm**

**17.Matters Relayed to the Clerk for Agenda (no discussion)**

**Village fun day**

**NDP update**

Chairman .....

Date.....