

GARWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
Garway Parish Council
held in Garway School Hall
on Thursday 24th September 2015

No GPC/MW/009

Councillors Present

Councillor Mr. Anthony (Tony) Phillips Chairman
Councillor Mr. Richard M. Sparey Vice – Chairman (arrived 8.25pm)
Councillor Mr. Craig Hooper
Councillor Mrs. Rosemarie Sparey
Councillor Mr. Chris Strange

Acting Clerk Mr. Malcolm Walker

Also Present

Ward Councillor Mr. David Harlow, Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths and three further members of the public

The Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was formally opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Councillor Ms Cara Campbell
Locality Steward for Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) Mr. David Atkinson not present
No representative from the Local Police Team

2.0 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest in agenda items from Councillors

Declaration of Interest was made by Councillor Mr. Anthony (Tony) Phillips Chairman Item 7.0

2.2 To consider any written applications for dispensation

No Written Applications were received

3.0 Minutes

To receive, approve and sign the Minutes as a true record of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting No GPC/MW/008 held on 23rd July 2015 which were unanimously confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman and Confidential Minutes No GPC/MW/008 Item 12.0 of the same date.

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Bank Balance as per statement (Statement Number 68 received at HALC Office)

@ 28th August 2015 Treasurers Account £10,201.21

4.2 Receipts

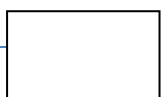
Herefordshire Council Lengthsman reimbursement for 1st Quarter April May June
Reference 4676169 BACS £1,485.66
Herefordshire Council 2nd Part Precept Reference 2024266 BACS £5,287.00
Mr. D. A. & Mrs. V. J. Horspool Donation £100.00

4.3 Invoices for Payment

Terry Griffiths (Contracts) Lengthsman Invoice TGC1335 + Worksheet £330.00
24/09/2015 Cheque No 000457
HALC Clerk Cover 24/09/2015 Invoice No 6178 £130.54
24/09/2015 Cheque No 000458

Financial Payments Unanimously Approved

July 2015 and August 2015 RTI Employer Payment Summary (EPS) submitted to HMR&C



5.0 Public Question Time

Matters raised:-

Question asked for Parish Council Representative for Garway Hill Commoners Association and Garway Village Commoners Association

*See Item 8.0

6.0 To Receive Reports from

6.1 Local Police

No representative from the Local Police Team present, see Information Sheet Item 13.0

6.2 Ward Councillor's Report

September 2015 Ward Councillor Mr. David Harlow gave a verbal report including:-

“Garway speed limit

The long awaited speed limit change in Garway should happen in the next couple of months. The team undertaking the work have been affected by cuts (like other departments). Proposals are on the table to allow Parish councils to use their reserves to prioritise changes in their parishes. More to follow as and when the discussion progresses.

Council launches priorities and budget consultation

Herefordshire Council has launched its priorities and budget consultation for 2016/17 and is asking residents to participate and have their say. Currently council tax increases are capped at 2% and with a rapidly ageing population (a third of Herefordshire residents will be over 65 by 2025) our statutory costs will increase disproportionately. This will have a knock on effect on services that are not protected by statute. The people of Herefordshire must decide what services matter the most to them and this budget consultation is the mechanism to feed back concerns.

The joint priorities and budget consultation will run until Friday 9 October and is asking residents to first of all rate the council's priorities in terms of what they believe are the most and least important areas we should focus our resources on. Briefings for all members and for town and parish councils were held during July and a series of public engagement events are scheduled through September.

To find out more and participate in the consultation, please visit

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/budgetconsultation2016

PLEASE URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO GIVE THEIR FEEDBACK, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A FAIR REFLECTION OF OPINION ACROSS THE COUNTY.

Planning

Village hall – Permission has been granted for the new hall

Increase in recycling rates

Herefordshire residents have increased recycling rates in the county since the introduction of alternate weekly collections in November 2014.

In a report to the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee the waste management team reports a 5.34% increase in recycling; the equivalent to 121 tonnes of recycling per month. The amount of waste going to landfill has reduced by 7%, which is the equivalent to 293 tonnes per month. The move to alternate weekly collection had also delivered annual savings of £500k and there had been no noticeable increase in fly-tipping. The figures are based on the first six months of the new scheme.

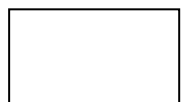
Wellbeing Innovation Fund

Herefordshire Council is inviting bids for grant funding from the county's voluntary and community sector, to pay for exciting and creative projects that can improve people's lives.

The Wellbeing Innovation Fund was launched in November last year. It offers grants of between £5k and £20k for projects that aim to improve people's health and quality of life, particularly those who are vulnerable, at risk of social isolation or loneliness.

Since the launch in November, 11 awards were made across the county to a total value of £147k. Creative ideas submitted were broad, ranging from a men's shed project targeting older men and encouraging them to get out and meet others with similar interests, to a befriending project where lonely people are supported to get out and about by a band of volunteers.

Further details are available from - Alex Fitzpatrick on 01432 383038.



Useful links

Maps and timetables for grass cutting and pot holes are now available on the Council's website
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/grass-cutting>
<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/maintenance/potholes>

Problems can be reported using

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-highways/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/cg-report-prow-problem> David Harlow 20.09.15"

6.3 Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson

Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson not present, see Information Sheet Item 13.0

6.4 Lengthsman Terry Griffiths (Contracts)

Lengthsman Mr. Terry Griffiths gave an update of works to date including:-

August 2015 C1239 Castlefield Wood area

From Ramping House to parish boundary

Strim out ditch

Clear ditch and reform verge

Reinstate grips

Locate road culvert headwalls clear and prep for jetting

Clear existing grips and reform leads in verge on opposite side of road

NB A ride has been put into the woods from the road over the ditch which had filled.

No attempt had been made to accommodate passage of water with a culvert so we cleared the ditch out.

The ditch comes to blind finish on the parish boundary with no apparent outlet into a watercourse. As this will have to be dealt with before the winter period I will discuss further action with the Locality Steward.

September 2015 Routine Maintenance Work

Clear grids and clean out road gullies

Jet connecting pipes

Clear road culvert headwalls

Jet culverts clear

Check inspection pits

Clear ditch headwalls

Clear grips and reform leads

Clear minor obstructions from ditches and reform leads

Clean off road signs

Clear minor storm debris off roads

Strim and cut back overgrowth round grit bins and road signs **

Strim verges on bends, junctions, splays and areas regularly used by pedestrians where there is no footway provided. **

NB Item marked ** received higher level of attention than normal

Roads covered on this visit:-

C1239 From B4521 to Trewadog Farm

C1245 From C1239 to parish boundary Skenfrith

U71411

U71412

Notes C1245

On the county boundary with Monmouthshire the branches from a tree overhanging the road from the wooded area by the pond have been left in the ditch on the opposite side of the road. As it will require some time to clear the debris away would it be possible to find out who cut and cleared the overhanging branches in the first place?

If it was BBLP why did they not place back into the wood rather than leave them in the ditch.

If it was the wood owner can the Council request them to come and clear the branches away.

Action –Can the Clerk refer the issue to the Locality Steward?



6.5 Footpaths Officer

Footpaths Officer Mr. Mike Brewer had resigned after Parish Council meeting in July 2015
Acting Clerk to advise Locality Steward Mr. Dave Atkinson of current position
The Parish Council, proposed by Councillor Mr. Anthony (Tony) Phillips Chairman, unanimously
agreed for Councillor Mr. Richard M. Sparey, Vice – Chairman to be Temporary P3 Footpaths
Officer
“Please Close The Gate” Signs for Richard from Terry
Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Mike Brewer for his time as P3 Footpaths Officer and apologies
from Parish Council for problems caused

7.0 Garway Village School

To approved type and value of equipment to be purchased
The Parish Council unanimously agreed £200.00 as a donation for Garway School in lieu of meetings
being held in the School Hall
Type of equipment to be agreed
Agenda Item for the next full Parish Council meeting

8.0 Garway Hill Commoners

* The Parish Council resolved for Councillor Ms Cara Campbell and Councillor Mr. Craig
Hooper to be Representatives on the Garway Hill Commoners Association and Councillor Mr. Richard
M. Sparey Vice – Chairman and Councillor Mrs. Rosemarie Sparey to be Representatives on the
Garway Village Commoners Association

9.0 Community Governance Review

The Parish Council resolved to stay as is with Six Parish Councillors on the Parish Council

10.0 Priorities & Budget Consultation 2016 - 2020

The Parish Council Resolved for individual responses, closing date 9th October 2015

11.0 Proposed New Village Hall

*Councillor Mr. Chris Strange Parish Council Representative on the Village Hall Committee
Chairman of Village Hall Committee Mrs. Janet Pullen*

No new information received

12.0 Asset Register

Asset Register ratified – items as below
Bus Shelter near The Garway Moon
Playground Equipment on Garway Common
Seats x 3
Mile Post
Notice Boards x 2
Welcome to Garway Sign
Kiosks / Information Centres x 2

13.0 Information Sheet

Planning Results

Number P143012/F
Type Planning Permission
Location Hazelfield Farm, Broad Oak, Hereford HR2 8QZ
Proposal Proposed erection of dwelling for farm manager
Status Still Valid

Number 151228
Type Outline
Location Land between Newholme & Newlands Cottage, Garway, Hereford HR2 8RE
Proposal Proposed erection of one dwelling/house and garage
Status Still Valid



Correspondence

10th August 2015 Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Information Corner 10th August 2015

August 2015 Herefordshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)
Wise Owl Training Programme Autumn / Winter 2015 & Spring 2016

4th September 2015 Herefordshire Council
Your Vote Matters leaflets x 2

September 2015 Herefordshire Council
Litter Bin Management – Summary Guidance

18th September 2015 Dave Atkinson

Good Morning All

The only excitement this week was the weather forecast yesterday morning.

Severe storms were forecast for Herefordshire to arrive at 10 o'clock, people were rushing around collecting sand bags ready for distribution.

I even got my wellies out and polished, all to no avail.

It was so bad I actually mowed my lawns.

Though on a serious note, we cannot sit back and be complacent, we need to be prepared for what winter brings and prepare our rural salt bins.

This I know is programmed for the coming weeks as resources become available from the grass cutting crews.

I also touched on the theme last week with regards the possibility of purchasing SIDS, as yet I have had no feedback, even if in principle only.

If you are interested please let me know.

Please see the works completed up to yesterday

Ward: **Wormside**

COBHALL COMMON ROAD Lay new drainage pipe 60.00 Linear Metres

COBHALL COMMON ROAD Ditching works 160.00 Linear Metres

Coldstone Cross Pothole 1 no

B4348 FROM A465 TO C1228 HAYWOOD ROAD Pothole 1 no

B4348 FROM COBHALL COMMON ROAD TO A465 Replace Traffic Sign Post (Upto 5m) 1.00

Ward: **Birch**

C1261 BOGMARSH LANE TO KNAPP GREEN Pothole 1 no

C1235 FROM ORCOP HILL TO THE WHITE HOUSE 2 application Japanese knotweed please note for schedule visits please 3 sites

Ward: **Llangarron**

GLEWSTONE ROAD FROM WINTERS CROSS TO WIL Emergency Road Closure due to road collapse

GLEWSTONE ROAD FROM WINTERS CROSS TO WIL Repair major collapse in carriageway

Until next week Dave A

August 2015

The West Mercia Police area and especially South Herefordshire remains low crime. That said a number of incidents have occurred and I would ask you to have a look at these to see if you could help with any information which may assist us in bringing the offenders to justice. Let me know if you need any crime prevention advice. For daily updates on incidents in your area register for our Dotmailer service via www.westmerciamerica.police.uk

Should you wish to review crime and anti-social behaviour trends in your area over a longer period this can be done by visiting www.police.uk

Much Birch OIS 481s 120815 – On 11th August in the day time a kitten was shot in the back leg on farm land and sadly died

Tump Lane OIS 678s 210815 – On 21st August at 19:15 a stolen vehicle has hit a telegraph pole before knocking a 70 year old female who has sustained bumps and bruises

OIS 259s 220815 – Between 11th August and 20th August 850L of central heating oil was stolen from a property

Rotherwas OIS 163s 220815 – On 21st August at 21:30 a wooden fence panel was removed and in excess of 50 car batteries were taken from a Household recycling centre

Much Dewchurch OIS 474s 270815 – Between 15:30 on 21st August and 09:30 22nd August a wooden shed and a minibus were broken into at the Steiner Academy. Damage was sustained to the Shed and minibus



Marlas OIS 217s 230815 – During the evening of 21st August a garden of a cottage was broken into and many garden plants were stolen OIS 311s 280815 – Between 18:00 27th August and 05:45 28th August further plants have been stolen from the above cottage

Little Birch OIS 355s 270815 – Suspicious circumstances of two males going door to door selling generators from their van

P- phone 999 only if

O- offenders r nearby

L- life is at risk

I- injury caused/threatened

C- crime in progress

E- everything else call 101

Website: www.westmercia.police.uk

Regards Lowri ANDERSON PCSO 40247 Southwye Safer Neighbourhood Team

14.0 Parish Clerk Vacancy

No applications as yet

HALC still sourcing suitable candidates

The Parish Council Resolved to hold the following item in closed session due to the nature of the legal strategy being considered, knowledge of which could be seriously prejudicial to the Council's position

15.0 Garway Common Ownership Issues

To receive reports from the Commons Task Group and agree any action required

See Page 2015 - 314

16.0 Matters Relayed to the Clerk for Agenda of the next meeting

Garway Village School Equipment Required

P3 Footpaths Officer Vacancy

Defibrillator for Kiosk

Parish Clerk Vacancy Update

Air Ambulance "Hill Walk"

17.0 Confirmation of Time, Date & Venue of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be an Ordinary Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 19th November 2015, meeting to commence at **7.00pm** in Garway School Hall, Garway

Meeting declared closed 9.30pm

Signed.....

Councillor Mr. Anthony (Tony) Phillips Chairman

Date 19th November 2015