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

Councillors Present
Councillor Mr. Anthony (Tony) Phillips Chairman
Councillor Mr. Richard M. Sparey – 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

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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
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
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 gullys
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 BBIL 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 the 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**
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 wellys 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.westmercia.police.uk](http://www.westmercia.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](http://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