

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 21st October

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs J Wilson, D Parry, Mrs S Evans, C Bourne, R Davies, Clr. Ed Potter and 11 members of the public

Apologies: PC Ross Cookson

1481 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING The Minutes 1472 to 1480 of the Meeting held on 2nd September were confirmed by all members nem con.

1482 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA The Chair reported that his recent training course on better councillor practice, had been very interesting. He said that, so far as potholes were concerned, these should be reported on the Shropshire Council website by members as soon as they became aware of them, rather than waiting for the next Parish Council meeting. It was mentioned that some Councils pay allowances to councillors to encourage attendance: The Clerk said that this was not the case with local Parish Councils as far as he was aware. Mr Griffiths also informed members that Alberbury Village Hall would be closed 20th January to 8th February 2020 for internal works.

1483 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Chair, Mrs Stokes, Mrs Evans and D Parry declared Personal Interests in the Whiston Farm planning application.

1484 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** Mr Parry told members that the plans to re-surface Wigmore Lane at the end of October were causing great concern, as the underlying storm water and sewage issues, reported over many years, had not been addressed. Various members of the public (of the 32 households at that location) presented their personal worries, and Mr Tomlins added that the ditch on the northern side of the lane, which used to provide drainage, had been filled in many years ago.
Mr Griffiths said that Shropshire Council had a record of doing bits of highways that were not the most urgent. Clr. Potter offered to involve the new County Flood Officer, and in any event, it was decided that The Clerk should ask for the works to be delayed until the underlying issues were understood and corrected.
Clr. Potter, in response to a question, said that the road repairs required at Westbury level crossing were now one of his top priorities.
- b. **Police** The Clerk told members that he now had a contact with the Powys police Speed Safety section and was swapping speeding data. It was noted that the parking problems at the top of Wigmore Lane, and at the eastern end of Alberbury, had not been addressed. On the latter, The Clerk was asked to write to the operators of the 'hostel'.
The Clerk reported that he had had a letter from Wynnstay Farmers about speeding in Alberbury, with a promise to educate all their drivers.
Finally it was noted that there appeared to have been an increased number of break-ins in the Halfway House area, and that a WhatsApp Group, as in Ford, could be considered.

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- c. **Website** No meeting had taken place
- d. **Asset Register** The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed latest register and explained that policy on such was to show assets at their original purchase price if possible, with no depreciation annually, but this tended to show anomalies and was not necessarily a true reflection on the value of those assets. It was agreed that this was a good start which could be reviewed from time to time.
- e. **Other** Mr Parry and The Clerk had not met yet to propose some development/maintenance expenditure for the Wattlesborough play area, but this would be arranged imminently.

1485 COUNCILLORS REPORT Clr. Potter told members that Shropshire was in the upper quartile nationally for recycling performance, and was sending zero quantities to landfill unless the Energy from Waste plant at Harlescott was shut down briefly. Said plant, he noted, produced enough energy to run 10000 homes.

He also told members that there were current consultations running on disabled access and youth strategy, and comments would be welcome.

1486 FIREWORKS EVENT IN ALBERBURY The Clerk confirmed that insurance was in place for this event at no extra charge, and it was unanimously agreed to support the event to the tune of £100 as in previous years.

1487 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that SALC, at their 70th anniversary AGM, were raising monies for Severn Hospice by way of a raffle if anyone wished to buy tickets

1488 FINANCE The Clerk's salary and expenses, total £272.66, (corrected for previous overpayments), the Chair's training at SALC £70, and the Village Hall hire £15, were agreed (Proposed Mrs Stokes, seconded Mr Parry, none against).

The Clerk had pre-circulated a Financial update which showed a surplus of about £4000 in the year, which could be used to fund village projects

1489 PLANNING The use of land change at Whiston Farm was discussed and members had previously seen correspondence from Mr P Roberts objecting to the scheme. Mr Parry said that the description of Woodland was a bit misleading, and it was also noted that the photo of the site on which some objections were based, appeared to be several years out of date. After some discussion, members thought that the applicant had done a great deal to mitigate any appearance effects, and, on a motion from Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes, it was agreed to support the application (6 in favour, none against, 3 abstentions)

1490 NEXT MEETING Monday November 25th at 7.30 pm, Wattlesborough

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIR

CLERK

DATE: