

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council) and PC Ross Cookson

**1412 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** The Minutes 1403 to 1411 of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September were confirmed by all members nem con.

**1413 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mrs J Wilson and R Griffiths declared Personal Interests in the Upper Eyton Farm planning application

### **1414 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** The Clerk reported that the Village gates were on order for Alberbury, with no delivery date as yet, and the installation of the VAS speed sign was also on order and proceeding at a snail's pace; he would chase both of these items  
It was noted that Perry Muir has left Shropshire County Council and has been replaced by Tracy Russell. In that absolutely nothing has happened after our two letters to SCC about Highways issues, she is to be invited to the next meeting. Councillor Potter advised members that SCC Highways was in a complete mess, with the Place Director left and just replaced, Mr C Edwards suspended and Mr T Sneddon on desk duties only, leaving Ian Walshaw (drains etc) and Tracy Russell in charge of everything.  
It was reported that the drains were blocked at Abbey Lane, Alberbury, and that the road condition of Stretton Lane as it joins the A458 was concerning.
- b. **Police** The Clerk told members that he had advised the Police about the dangerous parking at the Wigmore Lane junction, and that he had written to the Safety Camera Partnership about speeding in Alberbury, without a reply as yet.
- c. **Wreaths** It was agreed to fund a wreath from the Parish to be laid on Remembrance Sunday, as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WW1. The Clerk will check whether a similar gesture should be offered at Cardeston.
- d. **Other** Mrs Evans informed members about action points arising from her recent Councillor Training which she thoroughly recommended to others:
  - Councillors should be issued with a copy of the Code of Conduct that they all subscribe to as Councillors (Clerk to action)
  - The Councils Standing Orders and Financial Orders should be more visible and reviewed annually (some of this is in place but the Clerk will review)

The Clerk was also asked to see if any rules can be found about the number of Hillclimb events at Loton Park, as they are quite noisy, and R Griffiths also undertook to speak to Sir Michael Leighton on the same subject

**1415 COUNCILLORS REPORT** Clr. Potter told members that had been no recent LJC meeting due to the lack of personnel in the Highways Dept. at SCC which had been the planned focus of the meeting. There had been some response, he said, to various written complaints about policing in

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the rural area, and more support into Westbury particularly (where there had been a car set on fire recently).

He spoke about the ongoing deficit at SCC particularly in Children's Services, and the potential £24m refurbishment of Shire Hall, which had a number of options none of which appeared to make sense.

Finally he observed that the contractors working on Pride Hill in Shrewsbury had been removed, and the works would be completed by new contractors after Christmas.

**1416 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

**1417 WEBSITE** Mr R Carlyle had advised that he wanted to step back from updating the website and Mr Parry undertook to arrange another meeting asap to discuss this. Mrs Evans volunteered to attend. (Meeting confirmed subsequently as 30<sup>th</sup> October)

**1418 CORRESPONDENCE** There had been none

**1419 FINANCE** The Clerk's salary and expenses, total £267.59, and the Village Hall hire £15, were agreed (Proposed Mrs Wilson, seconded Mr Parry, none against)

**1420 PLANNING** Five planning matters were discussed. Councillors agreed that if a 'barn conversion' or similar was submitted as a full Planning Application, rather than a Permitted Development, then it should be considered as open market housing and therefore against this Council's Open Countryside planning status. On that basis they decided to make no comment about the Betwixt Barn application (Permitted development), and to oppose the building conversions at Upper Eyton Farm and The Old Dairy, Rowton. It was also decided to support the business expansion application at the Halfway House Stores. (All these decisions were unanimous)

**1421 NEXT MEETING** Tuesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, Wattlesborough

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIR

CLERK

DATE: