

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 10th July

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, C Bourne, Miss K Stokes, D Parry, Clr. Ed Potter and 18 members of the public

Apologies: P Siese, M Mead (Shropshire Council) and PC J Summerfield

1319 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1307 to 1318 of the Meeting (AGM) held on 15th May were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomkins, and approved unanimously.

1320 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mr C Bourne declared a prejudicial interest in Planning item 8a (and subsequently left the meeting whilst this was discussed)

1321 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, two months into his new appointment, and said that he was getting used to things not happening very quickly. He was now in touch with Mr Sneddon at Shropshire Council about Highways issues, particularly the 30mph limit requested for Alberbury, and hoped that this would be reviewed again soon. He told members that he was now on the Central Planning Committee. Consultations on the County Libraries were on the way, he said, and also car parking.

He was pleased to confirm that local youth club grants were being extended to next March, after which they will be halved, but that was a better position than was originally the case. Finally he told members that he is sitting on a Task and Finish Group to allocate funds from the Community Infrastructure Levies, which are now totalling about £13m and are so far unspent

1322 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** It was noted that the grass cutting at the Halfway House junction on the A458 is very poor and causing a hazard, the Clerk was asked to address this. The Clerk reported that he had not had a reply to his request for a Tractor sign just East of Alberbury. On the A458 again, the Clerk suggested that another letter be tried to correct the hole opposite the Rowton Country Club entrance.
- b. **Police:** The Clerk gave a brief report from PC Summerfield, who had pre-circulated his monthly report, and was very concerned about speeding. The recent murder at Halfway House was still being investigated but there was a suspect currently in custody. He had also been involved with the recent vandalism at the Wattlesborough play area, which seemed to have stopped for the present
- c. **Website:** Due to other commitments of the Clerk, no progress had been made on the new website since the last meeting, but this would be corrected as soon as possible
- d. **Other:** The Clerk reported that the ROSPA inspection of the playing area had taken place, and had identified that the concrete bases around the equipment were exposed, and one of the springs on a rider needed replacing, otherwise apart from the vandalised fencing there were no major issues. He also told members that this area, and the open space around it, was an area that could be legally controlled for dog fouling. He had obtained some new warning signs, which Mr Parry had volunteered to post, and if this did not improve matters then the law could be enforced.

It was decided that the bench at Cardeston Church could be re-painted, and that the war memorial tidying up contract could be varied to include the area around the Parish Tap. (Proposed Mr Parry, seconded Mrs Stokes, unanimous) Mr Griffiths reported that the four houses at Abbey Lane were now let, but that one of them did not go to a local family.

1323 CORRESPONDENCE There were two other items of correspondence and no matters arising.

1324 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £267.55, the Village Hall hire £12, Insurance renewal (Zurich) £577.38, the Wattlesborough Playing area maintenance £174, the web hosting £50 and the ROSPA playground inspection £88.20; were proposed for acceptance by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and agreed unanimously.

1325 PLANNING Five applications were considered.

With Mr Bourne absent, the change of use of an agricultural building at Church Farm, Cardeston, was discussed. This development is landlocked within the farm buildings so would be difficult to use in any external way, it was therefore supported, and Mr Bourne rejoined the meeting.

There were no issues raised with items 8 b,d and e

On the amendment to the Stanford Farm entertainments use application, there continued to be considerable public opposition on noise and traffic management grounds from a number of speakers and on the Planning Portal, though one member of the public was supporting the application as this farm was very small and would not survive without diversification. He said that there was no problem with music in his view and the existing soundproofing was sufficient.

The applicant addressed the meeting, she said that she had done much local consultation and wanted to work with the neighbouring properties, but it was proving very difficult. She had even had cases of traffic management signs being removed by persons unknown to cause further problems. She said that following a complaint about noise, the Environmental Health representatives had attended site, and found the complaint unproven. She reminded those present that she had secured an Events License already which allowed for 28 number 3 day events per year with less restriction than if her Planning application was allowed; she could use a marquee for instance instead of a permanent building, which could potentially be more noisy. She had also checked the terms of access to the farm following an earlier query and told those present that it was for any purpose, not just agricultural. She had also scaled down the project to attempt to assuage objectors.

However, there were further objections recorded; Mrs Turner, the elderly lady living on the access road is still apparently feeling threatened, and another member of the public said that cars attending functions were getting lost in other properties.

Mrs Stokes asked that if the Parish Council now changed its view and supported the application, perhaps more control could be exercised. However Mr Bourne and Mr Tomlins said that they had never seen as many objectors to a single application and the Parish Council had to continue to oppose it. This was put to the councillors and agreed unanimously; the Clerk to confirm this with the Planning Department.

The meeting closed at 21.00

1326 DATE OF NEXT MEETING September 4th, 8 pm, at Wattlesborough

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: