

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held by Zoom teleconference on 30th November 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, C Bourne, R Davies Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and Clr. E Potter; plus 2 members of the public (for the first section of the meeting)

Apologies: PC R Cookson

Historical note: The global pandemic caused by the COVID 19 Coronavirus was still continuing, with just over 50,000 deaths since February 2020, and at the time of this meeting England was in a second complete lockdown. At the time of writing these minutes, the first vaccine had just been approved.

1556 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1545 to 1555 of the Meeting held on 19th October 2020 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously. Mrs Stokes noted that the static caravan site at Halfway House had been allowed to remain open for the whole year, rather than close for a month, due to COVID.

1557 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1558 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that the works on the Wattlesborough play area were now finished except for levelling the bark infill, which Clr. Parry would organise as soon as drier weather occurred. A financial update had been circulated after this expenditure and, allowing for the Alberbury Speed Indicator Sign, this left about £4000 spare this year for village projects. He had received a request for funds from the Air Ambulance and suggested a figure of £100, which would come up for approval in the Finance section. He announced that there would be a Census next year; and that he had not received a reply from M Barrow of Shropshire Council despite chasing. Clr. Potter offered to intercede.

1559 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE ALBERBURY The Clerk had previously pre-circulated a summary of quotations received, including a camera only recording installation (which was more than twice the price of the other units and had an ongoing £1500pa. software charge). His recommendation to choose the Westcotec device at £4050 + VAT was approved; proposed R Davies, seconded R Griffiths, all in favour, so this will now be ordered as soon as a pole can be organised.

1560 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that COVID 19 was continuing to dominate Council matters, and that Shropshire would emerge from the current lockdown into Tier 2 restrictions. He said that more COVID support grants for business rates would be available shortly from the Council.

1561 PARISH MATTERS

Highways Clr. Parry was delighted to report that Shropshire Council had completed drainage rectification works at Wigmore Lane, including the adjacent wooded area. It was noted, however, that the drains were blocked along the A458 between Wigmore Lane and the Bungalow Garage.

There followed a spirited discussion on the proposed weight restriction for Rowton Avenue/Lane, which had met with significant opposition from a number of local residents and business owners, however, member of the public present Mrs Kemp said that heavy vehicles using the lane were destroying the front of her property. Clr. Griffiths said that heavy traffic had been using the lane for a long time and it was a disgraceful mess; Clr. Parry agreed that it was heavily used and was in disrepair. Clr. Bourne countered that any proposal should not be forcing more slow-moving traffic onto the A458 and B4393. Clr Tomlins mused whether a one way system was possible, and Mrs Wilson said that any solution had to be a compromise between residents, users and landowners. It was agreed that The Clerk should request a hold on any weight restrictions for the time being, and that he and Clr. Potter would consider other options as soon as possible.

Policing It was noted that the new crime reports clump various parishes together and this was not desirable, it was understood that a number of parishes had complained about this.

Other The Clerk was asked to attempt to find out how many speeding prosecutions had been generated in Alberbury by the Safety Camera Partnership.

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1562 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £282.95 and the external audit £240 were proposed for payment by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Evans, and agreed unanimously. Alberbury grass cutting £17 was similarly approved, proposed R Davies, seconded R Griffiths, nem con. The £100 donation for the Air Ambulance was proposed by Mrs Stokes, seconded

Mr Parry and also approved none against. Finally the works to Wattlesborough play area (being £4522.14 for new equipment and £1054.08 for bark), were proposed for approval by Mr Parry and seconded by Mt Tomlins.

The Chair thanked Clr Parry for all his work on the Wattlesborough play area project.

1563 PLANNING The application 20/04750/FUL - Proposed Barn Conversion East of the Willows, was discussed. This is a barn conversion largely using existing buildings to produce an open market house and office. Although this breached the Council's open countryside policy it was thought a good use of existing buildings and was therefore supported, 5 in favour, none against, so The Clerk will write in this regard.

1564 MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR The Clerk proposed the following 2021 dates, dependant on COVID and Village Hall availability as appropriate:

11th Jan, 15th Feb, 22nd Mar (Easter is 2-4th April), 10th May, 12th Jul, 6th Sept, 18th Oct, 6th Dec.

1565 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 11th January 2021 scheduled for Alberbury but will be advised, 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: