

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held virtually by Zoom video conference on Monday 11th May 2020 at 8pm

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, C Bourne, R Davies, Mrs S Evans and Cllr. E Potter

Apologies: PC R Cookson

For the sake of posterity and anyone reading these minutes in the future, from March 2020 onwards the UK suffered from a pandemic caused by a coronavirus known as Covid 19. The entire country was 'locked down', shops, restaurants, leisure facilities and businesses were temporarily closed and people told to stay at home. The Annual Meeting and AGM having been cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions, this was an ordinary meeting to transact urgent business.

1518 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR Not required as the Government had advised, under the Covid 19 regulations, that existing post holders were to be continued in office for another year.

1519 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1509 to 1517 of the Meeting held on 17th February 2020 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1520 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mr Tomlins had previously declared a family interest in a new vehicle license application at T O Tomlins, Halfway House

1521 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reminded members that this Council were applying for a full external audit this year, though the dates had been slightly extended to accommodate the coronavirus difficulties. Documents would still need 'wet' signatures, so as soon as the Annual Return was ready he would circulate to all members and then obtain the Chair's signature. Before that, the normal Internal Audit would take place via former councillor David Roberts.

Next he advised that the Smartwater rollout had now been extended by a further 94 addresses, making a total of 376 households. The Police had distributed 205 kits by post and he had then completed the remaining 171, which were all now sent out. The next stage was to arrange for the free signage to be deployed at the parish entry points, and then this major initiative was complete. He was thanked by the meeting for all the work put in on this.

Finally The Clerk told the meeting that the Parish had received £17642 from Shropshire Council in Precept and CIL monies, instead of the expected £9500, and asked for ideas to redraw the budget to accommodate this. He was asked to price up another VAS at Alberbury village, larger than the existing one if possible, some ideas for the Wattlesborough playing area, and refurbishment of the Parish noticeboards (for which Gerald Morris was suggested as being a good contact)

1522 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** The Clerk promised another report from the VAS device at Alberbury for the next meeting. Councillor Potter said that there had been no progress on drainage works at Halfway House or Wigmore Lane
- b. **Policing:** The latest report had been pre-circulated and there were no matters arising
- c. **Other:** No items

1523 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LIC BUSINESS Clr. Potter told members that Shropshire Council was currently haemorrhaging money due to the Covid 19 situation, with no end in sight. There was also current concern in Halfway House about dog fouling, verge cutting and overgrown pavements on the A458

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1524 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £369.11 (including the Smartwater mailing), were proposed for payment by D Parry, seconded by Mrs Evans, and agreed unanimously. Grass cutting at Alberbury £34 and the second purchase of Smartwater kits at £1015.92, were proposed for payment by D Parry and seconded by C Bourne, again nem com.

1525 PLANNING All current applications had been pre-circulated and this section of the meeting was only for any urgent matters to be discussed; there were none

1526 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13th July scheduled for Alberbury but will be advised, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: