

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 9th January 2023

Present: D Parry (Chair), R Kynaston, R T Hughes, R Davies, C Bourne, Mrs. S Evans, Mrs J Wilson, Cllr. E Potter, and 1 member of the public

Apologies: M Davies and Mrs K Stokes

1705 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1697 to 1704 of the Meeting held on 5th December 2022 had been altered slightly for accuracy in Para 1701 d, and were proposed for acceptance by Mr Kynaston, seconded by Mrs Evans, and approved unanimously

1706 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Chair declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Item a, as the application affected his property.

1707 CLERK'S REPORT The Clerk reported that the new bench for Cardeston had been completed and was now at Church Farm awaiting installation. He had also heard from National Highways that the missing road sign at Cardeston would be replaced in April. Finally, he had received a thank you from Alberbury Village Hall for the donation to the fireworks display.

1708 UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT Cllr. Potter said that there would be serious cuts to the local council budgets next year in the region of £50 million and inter alia, this would likely lead to charges for green waste. Some services would be ceased and cuts to Social Care were likely. Consultation on these cuts was currently live and running until January 23rd.

He also spoke about the Constituency Boundary Review and local Wards review. The former was unlikely to change the constituency much, but the latter might involve his Ward being increased in size; again, there would be consultation on this shortly.

Mr R Davies asked whether Mr Potter had any influence over BT Broadband and Openreach regarding local broadband services. He was directed to speak to Connecting Shropshire about the various schemes available, and also to look at the SWS and Airband services.

1709 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** A large pothole in Rowton Lane was reported and there was also a potential burst water main in the hill up to Far Broadway Farm at Cardeston.
- b. **Policing:** No report
- c. **Other:** Nothing to report

1710 FINANCE

The Clerks Salary and expenses £289.76, Website and Domain expenses totalling £111.28, Wattlesborough Village Hall hire £12 (December), Alberbury Village Hall hire £15 and Cardeston Bench second payment £495 were proposed for payment by Mrs Wilson, seconded Mr R Hughes, and approved unanimously.

After a short discussion it was agreed to grant both Village halls £500 each in March, subject to sight of their accounts, proposed R Davies, seconded R Kynaston, nem con.

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The proposed budget (pre-circulated) was then discussed. Although it appeared that holding the precept unchanged might result in a small surplus in 2023/4, this had to be measured against potential cuts in services by Shropshire Council. It was also suggested that any surplus funds be put towards Hardship Funds, Food Banks and Warm Places initiatives. On a proposal from Mr Kynaston, seconded by Mr Bourne, it was agreed to leave the Precept at £9500 for the next financial year.

1711 PLANNING The development at the Hollies, Wigmore Lane, was discussed (22/05601/FUL). It was felt that such a large development appeared to be of character for the locality and might lead to loss of light for two properties, so The Clerk would make a representation to that effect.

1712 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 13th February 2023 at Wattlesborough Village Hall, 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: