

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Wattlesborough Village Hall on 6th September 2021 at 8pm

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, C Bourne, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs S Evans, R Davies, M Davies plus 4 members of the public

Apologies: D Parry, Mrs K Stokes and Clr. E Potter

1609 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1601 to 1608 of the Meeting held on 12th July 2021 were proposed for acceptance by Mrs S Evans, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1610 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Chair declared a Personal interest in the Bulthy planning application 21/04099/FUL

1611 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk told members that former Parish Chairman Peter Stokes had died, and he was asked to send a letter of condolences to Mrs A Stokes. He reported that £100 had been saved by switching the parish insurance to BHIB Councils Insurance, who offered the same cover as the previous supplier including fireworks cover. He also confirmed that M Davies has completed his declarations as a new councillor. The Freedom of Information request widely circulated since the last meeting had been withdrawn by the applicant. Finally, The Clerk said that he had chased the STOP sign at Rowton Lane and the Cardeston road sign, without any results, and he would therefore escalate these matters.

1612 COUNCILLORS REPORTS Not given

1613 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** Mr Griffiths told members that there were survey works being carried out on the highway through Alberbury which hopefully presaged the long promised re-surfacing works. Mr R Davies asked if the template letter promised by Clr Potter at a previous meeting, could be chased. The Chair then raised the issue of the potential HGV ban on Rowton Avenue, which had been extensively discussed at previous meetings. The opinions varied from a complete ban on all lorries, to leaving the lane without restrictions. On a motion from Mrs Wilson, seconded Mrs Evans, to leave the lane without restrictions, this was carried 4 votes to 1 with 1 abstention. Mr Bourne said additionally, that verge cutting would assist visibility. The Clerk will also visit the two speed cameras as soon as possible to get an update report from them.
- b. **Policing:** The latest report had been pre-circulated and there were no matters arising. It was noted that despite requests from The Clerk, there has been no police presence at these meetings for a long time, and The Clerk undertook to chase this.
- c. **Bus shelter Halfway House:** The Clerk confirmed that this is owned by the Parish Council, who are therefore responsible for its maintenance and lifecycle. A member of the public had asked if a bench could be placed in the shelter. The Clerk's view was that any such bench would also have to be maintained and life cycled, and be sufficiently robust to give no insurance liability. It was decided not to proceed with the bench idea, however, in view of the comments from another member of the public about the current state of the shelter The Clerk offered to inspect same as soon as possible
- d. **Noticeboards:** The Clerk had pre-circulated details of two boards he recommended purchase for, at Wigmore Lane and Alberbury. These were magnetic, which would avoid the problem of rain soaked pin boards. On a proposal from R Davies, seconded Mrs Evans, it was agreed to buy these (nem con), subject to a final check on suitability with Alberbury Village Hall. A solution for Cardeston and Wattlesborough wet pinboards will be formulated as soon as possible.
- e. **Village Gates:** A scheme is required for these, at the Welsh end of Alberbury
- f. **Stiles Loton Park:** There had been no progress on this issue, so The Clerk was asked to chase.

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1614 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £293.95 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mrs Wilson, and agreed unanimously. Grass cutting at Alberbury £34, and grounds maintenance Wattlesborough £ 364.80, were proposed for payment by R Davies and seconded by Mrs Wilson, again nem com. The BHIB Insurance at £477.65 was also approved, proposed Mr Griffiths, seconded Mrs Evans, all in favour.

1543 PLANNING The following were discussed:

- a. 21/03493/FUL Milestone Garden Ornaments, Alberbury, 2 detached dwellings. Applicant Mr N Beardsley. The applicant was present and showed details of the scheme which meet the requirements of the Planning Officer. It was agreed by all to support the scheme as an improvement to Alberbury village. (Proposed Mr Griffiths, seconded Mrs Wilson)
- b. 20/04917/FUL The Old Post House, Alberbury, Repairs and alteration including new north facing dormer window, new rooflights, new entrance porch and new vehicle opening, gates and parking space. Decision: Grant Permission. No comment
- c. 19/02127/FUL Woodend Farm, Rowton, Erection of an extension to existing livestock building. Decision: Refuse. No comment
- d. 21/03356/FUL Little Hayford Holding, Stretton Heath: Erection of agricultural implement and storage barn following demolition of existing barn. Applicant: Mr Oliver Parry (Homefield, Wattlesborough Heath). It was agreed by all to support this application (Proposed Mr Bourne, seconded Mr M Davies)
- e. 21/02911/FUL Hill View, Wigmore Lane, Wattlesborough Heath: Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing outbuildings, change of use to part of site in connection with proposed works from agricultural land to residential. Applicant: Mr R Webb. It was agreed by all to support this application (Proposed Mrs Wilson, seconded Mrs Evans)
- f. 21/03516/CPE Proposed Residential Development Adj The Old School, Wattlesborough, Halfway House, Shropshire. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use to show commencement of works for the erection of a dwelling. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Roberts. No comment
- g. 21/01847/FUL Land Adj Seven Stars Inn, Halfway House. Temporary siting of a static caravan as residential use for security of the site. Decision: Grant Permission. No comment
- h. 21/04099/FUL Erection of two storey extension, Lower Bulthy Cottage, Bulthy, Application just received. Councillors agreed to support this (unanimous)

1615 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th October scheduled for Alberbury but will be advised, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: