

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, R Davies, Cllr. E Potter, Mrs. S Evans and 1 member of the public

Apologies: M Mead, C Bourne

**1385 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR** Not required as the current incumbents are serving for three years

**1386 DECLARATION OF OFFICE** Mrs S Evans, having been recently co-opted, made her Declaration to the Clerk and was welcomed as a new Member of the Council

**1387 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1374 to 1384 of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

**1388 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

### **1389 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Mr Griffiths said that the aide memoire he was preparing with all the current road problems, was still in preparation. Meanwhile, he said, there had been serious problems in Alberbury on two occasions, caused by slurry/manure all over the carriageway after trans shipping operations, believed to be by Bowdlers. Shropshire Council had attempted to assist but had limited resources. The Clerk was asked to write to Bowdlers and indicate that it was expected that clearance take place after such operations, and this Council would work with the statutory authorities if necessary to prevent this happening again.  
There is a large pot hole on Old Vicarage Lane, Woolaston, which The Clerk was asked to report. On the Vehicle Activated Sign for Alberbury, The Clerk reported that he was waiting for a response from Shropshire Council to get a pole positioned and approved.
- b. **Policing:** Clr. Potter gave a report via PC Joe Bradley. There had been 1 vehicle crime and 5 Road Traffic Collisions recently, but not much else. However there was an ongoing vehicle check/speeding operation at Halfway House which has been triggered by a spread of drug operations into the rural area.
- c. **Website:** The new .com website was working well and there had been a short meeting of the web site committee to check log in and editing rights. The next activity was to target more advertising. Member of the public Mr P Roberts had previously suggested that a car sharing scheme might be appropriate for the website and also details of the local bus timetables. He offered to produce some suitable information, which was gratefully accepted by members. It was also suggested that a page be made available for each of the Village Halls. It was agreed to have another committee meeting asap.
- d. **Other:** Mrs Stokes asked Clr. Potter if there had been any progress with the issue of residential caravans at the Halfway House pub. Clr. Potter said that the owner there had been given the option to apply for retrospective planning permission, but this was unlikely to be granted.

**1390 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that there was a major pay review proceeding at Shropshire Council, where senior staff were leaving to go to other areas because of the perceived low pay packages at Shropshire. For instance, he said, the CEO of Shropshire Council, a £600m business, was currently paid £130k pa., less than similar jobs in the NHS and less than alternative jobs in Powis for example.

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He also said that a meeting of the LJC was contemplated for May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which support for the County Youth Clubs would be discussed

**1391 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk read out several items of correspondence and the increase in charge to £15 per meeting at Alberbury Village Hall was accepted.

**1392 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £268.85 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by R Griffiths, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk's Salary Review was not required as there is a two year deal in operation from last year

**1393 PLANNING** There were three matters discussed, all previously circulated, and there were no matters arising. The Planning notice about 'Storage' at Halfway House café needs to be checked.

**1394 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 9<sup>th</sup> July at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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