

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, R Davis, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, D Parry, Mrs S Evans, Clr. Ed Potter, PC Ross Cookson and Mr P Roberts Footpaths Officer

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council) and C Bourne

**1403 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1395 to 1402 of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomlins, and approved unanimously.

**1404 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mrs K Stokes (Personal and Prejudicial) and Mrs S Evans (Personal) declared interests in Planning item 8.g, 18/03056

**1405 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS** Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, referring to the car parking strategy consultation now completed by the County Council; probable changes were a reduction in the cost of external car parks like Frankwell, and the introduction of linear parking (pay for the time you use) elsewhere. Night time charges were still being reviewed.

There were currently police troubles in Westbury, drug related, which he was involved with. Mrs Stokes added that there were also rumours of drug dealing at Halfway House.

There would be an LJC meeting in October, said Clr. Potter, when Highways would be considered; date to be advised

Finally he told members that there would be a meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Westbury Village Hall, to discuss whether Westbury should become a Cluster Village, which would increase the planning development there (in a limited way).

### **1406 WATTLESBOROUGH CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND**

It was noted that the ROSPA report had now been received with only minor deficiencies, very similar to last year. The overhanging hedge had been dealt with and the wood chip deficiency corrected. The rusty spring on one of the riders and the support ring on the swing still needed attention

### **1407 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways:** The gentleman parking on the corner of Wigmore Lane is causing dangerous visibility and the Clerk was asked to advise the Police. There are several potholes currently on Heath Drive, which is un-adopted, and the Clerk will attempt to get them attended to by Shropshire Council notwithstanding.

The Clerk informed the meeting that the cost of a pair of village gates at the entry to Alberbury would be £1092 or £1147 exc VAT and installation, depending on the height chosen. Messrs Griffiths and Davis would advise the required height asap. On a motion to purchase these proposed by Mr Davis and seconded by Mr Parry, there were none against.

The Clerk also reported on progress with the Vehicle Activated Sign for Alberbury and he was still waiting for the installation to be organised.

**Police:** PC Ross Cookson addressed the meeting and told members that cuts in policing were now making the job very difficult. As an example, there would only be 5-6 PC's on duty this evening in the whole of the Shrewsbury area, he said. He acknowledged that there was a spike in crime locally with

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87 recorded incidents in the adjoining parish in the last two months, a break in at the Halfway House post office, an attempted theft at T O Tomlins and several tools thefts. There were some new recruits on the way through the system but only 4 for Shrewsbury, and the last round of cuts was £24 million. The MP was on the case he said, but any other assistance to improve the dire resources would be useful.

Mr Griffiths mentioned the speeding problem in Alberbury again, and the lack of visits from the Safety Camera Partnership, and The Clerk was asked to write again.

The Chair thanked PC Cookson for his diligence and time given the current difficulties.

- b. **Website:** The Clerk reported that £175 had been raised to date this year with advertisements, and there was now a page for Wattlesborough Village Hall. He also told the meeting that Mr P Roberts (in attendance) had now created a rural transport page with lots of information. It was agreed unanimously to add this to the website.
- c. **Other:** Defibrillators: Mr Parry told the meeting that the unit was now in place at Halfway House, and he would arrange training for interested 'operators' as soon as possible

The Clerk was asked to write to the insurance company about the annual fireworks display on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Loton Park.

**1408 CORRESPONDENCE** Nothing to report

**1409 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £268.26, the ROSPA inspection £88.20, the annual grant for Wattlesborough Show £100 and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mrs Stokes, seconded by Mr Tomlins, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk had circulated a year to date cash position which was judged satisfactory.

**1410 PLANNING** Eight matters were discussed, some of which had been pre-circulated. Members were surprised that the Whiston Farm application was still being discussed and The Clerk was asked to check if comments could still be made, as it was retrospective. On the application for enlarged free range egg production at Lower Wigmore Farm, it was noted that the new operation would utilise a dry muck system which would reduce any fly problem. However, the vehicle movements and drainage on Wigmore Lane needed to be advised to Shropshire Council

The meeting closed at 21.20

**1411 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: