

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

Held in Wattlesborough Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: D Parry (Chair), R Davies, M Davies, R Hughes, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and Clr. E Potter

Apologies: R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson and C Bourne

**1713 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1705 to 1712 of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were proposed for acceptance by M Davies, seconded by R Davies, and approved unanimously.

**1714 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

**1715 CLERKS REPORT** The Clerk reported that the mystery £97 that had appeared in the PC account had been traced to Cardeston PCC and would now be repaid. After a written request from him, he had received latest accounts from Wattlesborough Village Hall (which meant their annual grant could be paid), but not as yet from Alberbury VH. He read out an email from R Kynaston which told members that the apple trees had arrived and needed homes. One would be planted at Woollaston by RK, another at Alberbury by Peter Davies. It was decided to plant one outside the Church at Cardeston, which M Davies will arrange; one at Wattlesborough Village Green (D Parry) and another at Wattlesborough Village Hall (Clerk will arrange)

**1716 KINGS CORONATION** Members discussed the forthcoming Coronation which would result in a three day celebration; suggested as a Beacon event or similar on the Saturday (though there is no national Beacon lighting), a Bring and Share lunch on the Sunday and events to emphasise volunteering on the Monday. Mrs K Stokes volunteered to call a meeting of a suitable sub-committee to see what could be organised; The Clerk will suggest attendees.

**1717 PARISH MATTERS**

**Highways** Most of the defects reported recently had been fixed, it was reported.

**Policing** No report

**Website** The Clerk suggested that a website committee meeting was probably overdue. It was agreed that the sub-committee would meet next week

**Other** Nothing to report

**1718 COUNCILLORS REPORTS** Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that the Green Waste charging scheme was now on hold. Shropshire Council were still trying to find £50 m savings for next year, which was proving difficult. He spoke about forthcoming Planning Reforms which would likely result in more on-shore wind farms, and by extension, more pylons in Shropshire. He also noted that land supply in the County was now very restricted and a Local Plan revision was now required urgently. Finally he said that the NW Relief Road would be going to Planning Committee in late March/early April and he expected it to gain approval. Financing the build however, would be another matter.

**1719 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £307.39, the Village Hall Grant payments agreed at the last meeting of £500 each, and the hall hire costs £12 were approved, proposed M Davies, seconded Mrs Stokes, none against. It was noted that the Hall Hire cost for Wattlesborough would increase to £15 from April.

The Clerk then confirmed to the meeting that former Councillor David Roberts had agreed again to be the Internal Auditor.

Mr Groome then went on to remind members that they were required to confirm if they were happy with the current financial systems and procedures in place. This was agreed unanimously. Finally the year to date financial position was reported and the Council would finish the year with approximately £13800 in funds, said The Clerk.

**1719 PLANNING**

a. 22/05342/FUL (Cladding at Heath Drive on 5 houses), had been approved.

**1720 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 scheduled for Alberbury Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: