

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

Held in Wattlesborough Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 8pm

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

Apologies: PC R Cookson, C Bourne

**1536 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1527 to 1535 of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

**1537 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

**1538 CLERKS REPORT** The Clerk reported that there was a new Police Authority grant for speed reduction initiatives, as advised by PC Cookson, and that he was applying for funding towards the second VAS device in Alberbury. There has also been a recent meeting at Westbury level crossing, with Daniel Kawczynski MP, to discuss the ongoing poor service from Shropshire Council Highways Dept., and the attendees had also visited Alberbury village as well. Finally, he noted that the external auditors were still looking at the accounts.

**1539 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Cllr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that COVID 19 was still all consuming for Shropshire Council, particularly with an increase in cases for younger people. He told members about the Severn Partnership which has £30m of allocated money to look at flood defences from Shrewsbury downstream, which would protect 2500 homes from flooding. One part of this might be an 'embankment' where the new NW Relief road would cross the river. He had concerns for upstream properties, including this parish, as the effect of these measures could be to increase the river level upstream, however without some measures the existing flood defences in Shrewsbury would not be adequate within a few years. Mr Griffiths mused that the centre of the Welsh Bridge had been lost to floods in 1940. He also thanked Cllr. Potter for his unstinting hard work for the parish.

**1540 VAS DEVICE ALBERBURY** In view of the possible grant mentioned earlier, and Mr Griffiths's request for more time to get data from Baschurch, it was agreed to defer this discussion to the next meeting.

### **1541 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** The drainage works at Halfway House were reported as completed. There is a current problem with car parking at 6 Abbey Lane, Alberbury, and The Clerk was asked to write to the occupier, Mr Barnes, in the first instance.
- b. **Policing:** The latest report had been pre-circulated and there were no matters arising.
- c. **Playground:** The Clerk told members that the new play equipment was on order, for delivery in October, and there were sufficient funds left to provide some more bark infill.

**1542 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £280.91 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Wilson, and agreed unanimously. Grass cutting at Alberbury £76, and grounds maintenance Wattlesborough £ 350.40, were proposed for payment by D Parry and seconded by Mrs Stokes, again nem com.

The Financial update sheet produced by The Clerk was accepted.

**1543 PLANNING** The following were discussed:

- a. 20/02722/FUL 1 Jessamine Cottages, Wattlesborough, Erection of two storey side extension and insertion of rear dormer to create additional first floor accommodation Decision: Refused. The applicant was present

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and said that he desperately needed the extensions as he, his wife and 2 children had only two bedrooms. Members felt that extensions to the house which were more in character, would be more likely to gain approval.

b. 20/03253/FUL The Cottage, Wollaston, Erection of part single and two storey extensions, associated works, conversion of outbuilding and detached two storey 3 bay garage and store Applicant: Mr And Mrs S Hudman. No issues with this.

c. 20/02885/VAR Variation of Condition No.9 (development limits) pursuant of permission 20/01408/OUT to allow for larger dwellings to be built. Milestone Garden Ornaments, Alberbury. Members felt that as planning permission had already been granted against this Council's open countryside status, then they could support larger houses if it made the scheme viable; there was a need to tidy up the site.

d. 20/07347/ENF Pending Consideration: Elbar, Stanford Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation to the erection of a building. No comments

e. 20/02806/FUL Little Hayford Holding, Stretton Heath, Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Applicant: Mr Oliver Parry. No comments

f. 17/05544/FUL Heath Farm, Heath Drive, Wattlesborough Heath, Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached garage. Decision: Grant Permission

**1544 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 19<sup>th</sup> October scheduled for Alberbury but will be advised, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: