

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

Held in Alberbury Village Hall on 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: D Parry (Chair), R Davies, R Hughes, R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson, C Bourne and Clr. E Potter, plus 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and M Davies

1721 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1713 to 1720 of the Meeting held on 13th February 2023 were proposed for acceptance by R Hughes, seconded by R Kynaston, and approved unanimously.

1722 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

1723 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk gave a summary of the last year which he said had been a very active period for the Council. We had provided valuable assistance to Wattlesborough Village Hall to enable the car park re-surfacing to go ahead, a very successful major project. The events for the Queens Jubilee had also been very successful, and several projects, causes and groups had benefitted. The apple trees from this source were now being planted. A new bench had been sourced for Cardeston, and we had secured a visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner. Sadly the year also saw the loss of long time councillor R Griffiths who was sorely missed.

The Chair thanked R Kynaston for all his work on the Jubilee events

1724 KINGS CORONATION There is no national Beacon Event planned so members discussed having a bonfire, bbq and fireworks at the Village Hall in Alberbury on the Saturday, and an afternoon tea event at Wattlesborough on the Sunday. Mrs Wilson said that something should be included for younger people. Another meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

1725 UNITARY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Clr. Potter gave further information on the increase in Council Tax just announced, saying that despite the increase many line items and services would be reduced, and that 50% of the tax was going towards Social Care. However, roughly £3.5million was on the way from the Government to fix potholes. (Otherwise, the Highways budget is reduced). He said that there was nothing in the capital plan for this parish. He commented on the Riverside development in Shrewsbury, where re-development is expected to start soon. Finally he told members that the rubbish bin on the A458 near Whiston Farm had been replaced; a member of the public asked if it could now be secured so it stayed upright.

1726 PARISH MATTERS

Highways The Chair reported on the current sorry state of the Halfway House bus stop, which is badly corroded. The Parish had been waiting for potential monies from the Bus Back Better scheme but these were not forthcoming. The Clerk said that any future structural failure would be the responsibility of this Parish, so he was instructed to price up a replacement as soon as possible. There may be second hand shelters available in Shrewsbury at present and the Clerk will check this as well.

A member of the public drew councillor's attention to the poor state of the road from the A458 into Cardeston, where vehicles are mounting and destroying the verge. Councillors thought it was difficult to see what could be done here and the suggestion of possibly installing stone kerbs would not find favour with Shropshire Council in the current climate. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation.

Mrs Wilson asked if the drains could be blown out at Abbey Lane, Clerk to action.

Finally, there is a missing road sign Westbound on the A458 at Rowton Castle Country Club entrance.

Policing No report

Website A meeting had been held and it was decided to refresh the pictures, reinstate charges for the adverts and update some of the content. The Clerk will check if a link can be included to the Village Halls own websites

Other Recent comments about the charges for the nursery at Wattlesborough Village Hall were discussed with two members of the Village Hall Committee present and it was decided that the issue had been resolved and in any event, was not the responsibility of this Council. The Clerk also said that he would produce a speed camera report for the next meeting.

1727 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £289.90, the hall hire costs £15 and the Scribe invoice for £414.72 inc. VAT (due April 5th) were approved, proposed R Kynaston, seconded C Bourne, none against.

Finally, the year to date financial position was confirmed and the Council would finish the year with approximately £13800 in funds, said The Clerk.

1728 PLANNING

- a. 23/00665/FUL Broadleaf Barn new shed, no comments from Councillors
- b. 23/00931/FUL Sandwell Cottage, Cardeston, Ford, Erection of two storey outbuilding to replace existing buildings and change of use to domestic curtilage -no comments from councillors

1729 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 15th May 2023 scheduled for Wattlesborough Village Hall, 8 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: