

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 19th February 2018

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, Clr. Ed Potter and 3 members of the public

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council), D Parry and C Bourne

1364 COUNCILLOR VACANCY The Clerk reported that Mr P Siese had resigned as a Councillor with immediate effect and that the statutory advertisement had been placed on noticeboards. After 23rd February, if no election was requested then members would be able to co-opt. It was understood that Sophie Evans and Malcolm Ellis have so far expressed an interest.

Members asked The Clerk to write to Mr Siese and thank him for his service to the Council.

1365 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1355 to 1363 of the Meeting held on 15th January were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomlins, and approved unanimously.

1366 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1367 RESPONSE TO PETER NUTTING, LEADER, Shropshire Council Councillor Nutting had attended the last meeting and had asked for an e mail on key matters of concern for this Council, which The Clerk had requested from members. After discussion, the following were agreed:

- Items previously identified in Mr R Griffith's list, plus
- Giving priority to non locals for social housing
- The general condition of the highways particularly the road from Alberbury to Ford, Rowton Lane/Avenue, the number of potholes and the drainage at Cardeston
- The lack of a litter bin on the A458 at Halfway House
- Grass cutting services
- Speeding, and possible funding of VAS signs

The Clerk would construct a suitable letter.

1368 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** The provision of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs was discussed again and The Clerk reported that he had not yet managed to find a supplier of the small signs at Ford, but in any event they would need permission from Highways England and an electrical supply e.g. a lamp post. Mr Griffiths said that currently there were no speed cameras scheduled for Alberbury village, where the 85% percentile was 47.1 mph. Clr. Potter informed members that the M Davis replacement at Shropshire Council was John Plumridge, and he appeared to have out of date data for speeding in Alberbury, so this needed re-submitting through the Safety Camera Partnership.
- b. **Police:** No report
- c. **Website:** The new .com site was now fully live, reported The Clerk, and now had its first advert which had been invoiced. The old domain, .co.uk, was now under the control of the Council, and The Clerk suggested that this site be put on permanent divert to the new site and otherwise closed down. This was agreed. Councillors also asked The Clerk to write and thank Roger Carlyle for his efforts.

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- d. **Defibrillator** The training was now half complete. It was not certain what progress had been made at Halfway House on the second site.
- e. **Other** Village Gates, Mr Griffiths suggested that these would cost around £400 each. Before proceeding further, The Clerk will inform Shropshire Highways to check that, as replacements, they do not need further permission

1369 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that budget setting was still underway at Shropshire Council, and that this was predicated on more investment in infrastructure. He was pleased to report that funding for the rural youth clubs had been saved.

1370 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk reported that he had received a request for funding support from the Air Ambulance, and he suggested £100 was appropriate. This was agreed unanimously.

1371 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £291.53 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for acceptance by Mr Tomlins, seconded by Mr Griffiths, and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed to fund the two Village Halls in the sum of £500 each, subject to sight of annual accounts from each hall.

The Clerk confirmed that former Councillor D Roberts would again act as internal auditor, and he asked members to agree that existing controls and financial systems were adequate and effective. This was agreed nem con.

Finally, The Clerk tabled the year to date cash position which showed £2000 approx., available for VAS signs and/or village gates

1372 PLANNING There was one item on the agenda (Heath Villa Stanford), others having been pre-circulated. The applicant Mrs Jones, addressed the meeting stating that she had applied for a single storey extension to better facilitate wheelchair use in the house. It was agreed to support this application.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

1373 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th April at Alberbury Village Hall, 8.00 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: