

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 18th May

Present: K Evans (Chairman), Mrs K Stokes, R Griffiths, P Siese, R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, C Bourne, D Parry and 10 members of the public

Apologies: PC J Summerfield, M Mead (Shropshire Council) and Cllr. D Roberts

1154 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN Not required as serving for 3 years

1155 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1142 to 1153 of the Meeting held on 20th April were amended for a small typo and then proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and approved unanimously.

1156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mrs Stokes and The Chair declared personal interests in the Planning item 8a.

1157 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** It was noted that the A458 potholes had been repaired. There was a rumour that this stretch of the road was shortly to be re-surfaced. The Clerk said that Highways England had not replied about litter bin provision at Halfway House.
- b. **Footpaths** Mr P Roberts presented the finished Parish Paths information boards which will be affixed to the Village Halls very shortly. He thanked Mr R Carlyle for his assistance and all members praised Mr Roberts for the quality of the information displayed
- c. **Wattlesborough Play area:** The Clerk said that he had not heard from Cllr D Roberts about the waste bin provision but would chase him as soon as possible. The current mole infestation on the Village Green was judged not to be a problem and was not causing any issues for the mowers.
- d. **Noticeboards and information boards:** The Clerk advised the meeting that he had not heard from Shropshire Council whether planning permission was needed for a new noticeboard at Wattlesborough
- e. **Police:** The Clerk reported that he had written to the Safer Roads Partnership about further speed measurement at Wattlesborough/Halfway House

1158 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND LJC BUSINESS The Clerk gave a potted version of Cllr Roberts' recent report to another local council. The County SAMDev proposals were now very close to adoption and it was to be hoped that problems like Little Ness (wanted 45 houses, got applications for 330) would soon be in the past.

There was an interesting political move to join up Shropshire again as one County Council. This could save £15m per annum. Work on the new university accommodation was progressing in Shrewsbury, though only 70 students were signed up for the next academic year currently.

Outsourcing of Shropshire Council services into the I P & E company was still progressing slowly due to pension problems and other cost constraints; and the new LJC was working well with a good local feel to proceedings.

1159 PARISH PLAN The Chair said that the final analysis was back with the committee now and they were working towards publication of the final plan in the Autumn. A member of the public commented that this should include demands for a lower speed limit in Halfway House

1160 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk had received a request for assistance with the Wattlesborough Show, which was no longer assisted by the County, to the tune of £100. It was noted that this was the same amount as was given to Alberbury annually for their fireworks display and as a similar 'all village' event this request would be supported (Proposed D Parry, seconded P Siese, all in favour)

1161 FINANCE The Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Mrs Wilson, seconded R Kynaston, nem con. The Clerks Salary and expenses £252.85, and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mrs Wilson, seconded R Kynaston, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk's salary was then reviewed for a further two year period. On a proposal from R Kynaston, seconded R Griffiths, it was decided to increase The Clerk's salary by 3% to £258 per meeting

1162 PLANNING Councillors considered a request from a Mr M Ellis to have the local status of his mother confirmed, for use in a future single plot exception application. The Clerk confirmed that she met at least 4 of the criteria and this was therefore agreed; Clerk to write and confirm

In a further involvement for Mr Ellis, a new Planning Application for 4 affordable houses at Abbey Lane, Alberbury had just been received. There was some concern about increased traffic and the need for adequate parking places but Messrs Bourne and Parry said that the parish needed affordable houses and that this development would be managed by the social landlords Severn Housing, so it appeared to be what was wanted. The Chair agreed, stating that it did not change the parish's Open Countryside status. On a motion to support the application proposed by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mr Siese, all were in favour.

Councillors then considered the Holloway application at Wollaston, where a small bungalow is being replaced by a two storey 4 bed house. The current dwelling was said to be set down low in the surrounding countryside and The Clerk was asked to send a letter of caution

1163 DATE OF NEXT MEETING July 13th at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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