

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 11th January

Present: R Kynaston (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, R Kynaston, C Bourne, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes and 1 member of the public

Apologies: D Parry, P Siese, K Evans, M Mead (Shropshire Council), Clr. D Roberts

1202 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1192 to 1201 of the Meeting held on 7th December 2015 were proposed for acceptance by C Bourne, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1203 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1204 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** The Clerk reported that there had been no reply from the Criggion Quarry re: speeding vehicles, and he would chase this. Mr Bourne reported that the Welcome to Shropshire and England signs on the western side of Alberbury were very dirty. The road surface on the A458 just past the Seven Sisters going towards Middletown was in poor condition, said two members, and needed reporting.
- b. **Police:** The police report had been previously circulated and included a case of blackmail in Alberbury which caused some surprise; there were no other issues raised. Mrs Stokes noted that there had been a serious road traffic accident in the last week at Halfway House, and that this should be used to advance the speed reduction agenda. The Clerk to write a suitable letter.
- c. **Other:** The noticeboard at Wattlesborough has now been erected. It was suggested that an email be sent to Mr D Lewis to thank him for his efforts in securing this.
Website: The Clerk had now received a confirmation offer from ShropshireITman of £200 plus hosting, to set up a new website and it was proposed to accept this (proposed R Griffiths, seconded Mrs K Stokes, unanimous). The Clerk will contact them and set up an implementation plan

1205 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS Not given

1206 PARISH PLAN The Clerk said that he had now compiled a mailing list from all the e mail contacts arising from the Parish Plan meetings, and would now confer with The Chair on his return from holiday, to agree the next steps.

1207 CORRESPONDENCE Only the letter out, to the Criggion quarry, was noted by The Clerk, there were no other matters to report

1208 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £260.64 and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for payment by R Griffiths, seconded by C Bourne, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk then tabled a suggested budget for 2016/17 and an ytd financial statement for 2015. He noted that the projected spend for next year was somewhat lighter than previous years, and unless councillors had known projects at this stage that they wished to include, it would be possible to hold the precept steady without dipping into reserves. The Chair said that the new website could be used to promote the ability of the Parish Council to help local groups with small grants, where possible. After a short discussion, councillors agreed to hold the precept for next year at £7000; proposed C Bourne, seconded M Tomlins, nem con.

1209 PLANNING No matters to progress

1210 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 22nd February

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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