

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Present: R Griffiths, (Chairman), Mrs K Stokes, P Siese, R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, C Bourne, M Mead (Shropshire Council), CSO Keith Hadfield (part) and 3 members of the public

Apologies: PC J Summerfield, K Evans and Clr. D Roberts

**1048 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN** The Clerk apologised to members for not realising that the Chairman's term had come to the end of its three years. As the Chairman had indicated that he did not wish to carry on, the Clerk suggested that this be dealt with at the next meeting, during which time members could consider whom they might nominate, and the current Chairman, Mr Griffiths, agreed to remain in post until then.

**1049 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1038 to 1047 of the Meeting held on 14th April were proposed for acceptance by Mr Bourne, seconded by Mr Kynaston, and approved unanimously.

**1050 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none at this stage

### **1051 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Nothing to report
- b. **Footpaths** Mr Tomlins reported that the Stretton Heath road was badly chewed up on the verges. At Cardeston, the footpath clearance had still not been done, reported Mr Roberts. Mr Bourne said that some minor work had been done to the sink hole alongside the highway at Cardeston, and it had not sunk further so far.
- c. **Wattlesborough Play area:** This was said by the Chairman to be in good condition currently; the Clerk added that the annual safety inspection was due shortly. The Clerk also said that he had chased up the waste bin provision with Shropshire Council, but had not had a reply to date.
- d. **Noticeboards and information boards:** The Clerk advised the meeting that replacing the board at Halfway House would cost between £200 and £800 depending on the type and quality. It was decided to consult with the house owner where the current board is attached, and if he had no objections then the board would be removed to see if anyone objected.  
On the subject of the information boards, Mr Roberts said these would have rights of way information, text and photos, and would be A1 size. The intention was to fix these to the Village Halls, and the Clerk was asked to write to them and ask permission. Mr Kynaston asked if the text would refer to the Countryside Code e.g. Dog walking, and he was told that it would.  
It was suggested that Mr Roberts produce mock ups of the two boards intended.
- e. **Halfway House Pub:** Mr Siese told the meeting that the pub intended to apply for listing as a community asset themselves.
- f. **Police:** CSO Keith Hadfield addressed the meeting. He said that overall crime levels were very low, and apart from continued attention to speeding, and some road traffic collisions, he had nothing further to report. There were no new matters raised.
- g. **Other:** A member of the public asked if he was allowed to know what funds the Council had in the bank, and was told that he was.

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**1052 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND LJC BUSINESS** Mathew Mead told members that there were attempts to re-kindle the LJC and merge it with the Place Plan activity. He was asked how many LJC's there were in the County, and he replied that it was about 10; if the intended re-structure went ahead this would reduce to about 5

**1053 PARISH PLAN** The second of two recent meetings would be held on the following Thursday, said the Chairman, which would then complete the initial process

**1054 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk had nothing to report

**1055 FINANCE** The Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman, proposed Mr Kynaston, seconded Mrs Stokes, nem con. The Clerks Salary and expenses £252.39, and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mr Siese, seconded by Mrs Wilson, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk suggested that he do a midyear budget update again this year and this was agreed.

**1056 PLANNING** Councillors considered one application for an extension and alterations to a dwelling in Alberbury, and there were no issues raised.

**1057 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** July 14th at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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