

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs J Wilson, D Parry, C Bourne, R Davies, Cllr. Ed Potter and 5 members of the public

Apologies: PC Ross Cookson, Mrs S Evans

**1491 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** The Minutes 1481 to 1490 of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October were confirmed by all members nem con.

**1492 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA** There were none. It was noted that this item needed to be on future agendas, as previously agreed.

**1493 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mr Tomlins declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Oak Tree Cottage application, and The Chair, Mrs Stokes, Mr Bourne declared Personal Interests in the same.

**1494 DEALING WITH PLANNING APPLICATIONS** The Chair lead a short discussion on how future applications should be handled if they occur between meetings, in order to show transparency. Mr Parry thought that the email trail for such applications was sufficient. Other members could see the difficulty in having a sub-committee, because of personal interests. It was agreed that more information on these applications would be put into the minutes, and that emergency meetings would be used for larger or contentious applications. Mr Tomlins commented that persons who have declared a personal interest in an application, should not propose or support such, however, the Clerk said that if it was a personal interest only then, once declared, there was no restriction on speaking or voting on that issue

### **1495 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Mr Parry told members that the recent re-surfacing of Wigmore Lane appeared to be poor quality and the underlying drainage issues had not been addressed. He said that a previous scheme by Kier had been mentioned by a local contact who hoped to have details still. It was also still not certain whether recent flooding was foul or storm drainage, or both. Mr Potter promised to get involved with Shropshire Council and various letters will be sent to the Environmental Agency.

The Clerk told members that no reply had been received from the hostel in Alberbury re: poor parking, and Mr Griffiths offered to visit them as soon as possible. Mr Tomlins reported flooding and a large pot hole between Heath Holding and Wattlesborough Garage, and Mr Potter reminded members that it was quicker, safer and more effective to self report these pot holes etc on the Shropshire Council website, rather than wait for a meeting. He said that this system was working well.

- b. **Police** There had been no recent police report but it was noted that there was currently a significant problem with rural break-ins. The Clerk was asked to find out more about the Smart Water scheme.

Mr Griffiths said that there had been several complaints recently about speeding in Alberbury, however, the police had been active with their speed traps.

- c. **Other** Mr Parry told members about a severely disabled ex serviceman living in Alberbury who had been affected by the recent floods. Alberbury members said that they were aware of this individual and various assistance had been given recently

**1496 COUNCILLORS REPORT** Clr. Potter told members he had been assisting with bus drop off problems in Alberbury, which had now been initially solved, and following further discussion he would now attempt to get the bus operator to drive into and out of Abbey Lane. He was also concerned about speeding in that location and it was agreed that the Clerk should send VAS information to Shropshire Council.

He reported that Shropshire Council was £6m in the red, mainly due to Social Care, although it did have £100m reserves. On a question from The Clerk about the NW Relief Road, he said that this was fully funded and the planning application process was commencing. There was significant environmental opposition to the route.

**1497 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk told members that he had been approached by a Community Banker from Nat West Bank to give a presentation on Scam prevention. He proposed to do this at 7pm on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 just before the Parish Council meeting, at Wattlesborough, and this was agreed. The Clerk had also heard from the new Clerk at Molverley who was trying to arrange some councillor training in January, and Mrs Stokes, Mrs Wilson and Mr Parry expressed an interest.

**1498 FINANCE** The Clerk's salary and expenses, total £303.59, (including 50% of a printer cartridge at £30) and the Village Hall hire £12, were agreed (Proposed Mr Griffiths, seconded Mr Parry, none against). The Wattlesborough play area maintenance charge at £297.60 was also authorised (proposed Mr Parry, seconded Mr Tomlins. The Clerk asked members to consider items for inclusion in the budget for 2020/21, which would be considered at the next meeting.

**1499 PLANNING**

19/04863/FUL Barn conversion, Holly Cottages, Rowton: a majority of Councillors had opposed this by e mail before this meeting and the Clerk had confirmed the Council's opposition, because this conversion is intended to produce an open market house, contrary to the Parish Plan.

19/04864/FUL Two storey extension at Chapel House, Wattlesborough: no comment

19/04096/FUL Caravan storage at Whiston Farm, Cardeston: application withdrawn

19/04584/FUL OakTree Cottage. A solution had been found to keep this as an affordable house, enlarged for a larger family, and councillors agreed unanimously on a proposition by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes, to support this.

**1500 NEXT MEETING** Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, Alberbury

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

CHAIR

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