

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on 7th December 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, R Davies, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and Clr. E Potter; plus Police Support Officers Sarah Edwards and Lyn Birch (for the first section of the meeting)

Apologies: R Griffiths, C Bourne and M Davies. PC Simon Lewis had tested positive for COVID. The Clerk told members that Mr Griffiths was poorly and was asked to send a suitable Get Well letter.

Historical note: The global pandemic caused by the COVID 19 Coronavirus was still continuing, with the new Omnicron variant now causing concern, but with most adults now in receipt of two inoculations and a booster jab. We were still masked for this meeting.

1626 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1616 to 1625 of the Meeting held on 18th October 2020 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and approved unanimously.

1627 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1628 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that the new noticeboards were delayed due to prudence; he had not heard from the supplier for some weeks and had stopped the cheque, but they were now responding. He had not had time to look at bus shelter improvements yet. The new signs for Wigmore Lane were finally on the way, he said, and he had also written to the Dale family to thank them for hedge cutting in Rowton Avenue

1629 POLICE Police Support Officers Edwards and Birch addressed the meeting. They told members about the huge area that was Rural West, and this was covered by one PC, Simon Lewis, and themselves; with shifts arranged so one of them might be on duty at most times, but it was clearly a woefully thin resource. Their current focus was on speeding in Alberbury and they had bid for funding for additional speed traps. Mr Davies said that he, Mr Griffiths and Mrs Wilson could help with better sites for any enforcement. There was then a discussion about thefts of quad bikes and Mrs Wilson reported that one such machine, stolen from her farm, had later been advertised in Wales, and she wondered how much co-operation between West Mercia and Powys Police Forces actually took place. The two Officers promised to look into this. They also said that there was a new initiative, Neighbourhood Matters, to spread information on crimes and potential crimes in the rural area. Two other matters were raised; Mr Parry said that some perpetrators were now using drones to scout rural areas; and Mrs Evans asked the officers to look at the parking problems at Ford School. The Chair thanked them for their report and looked forward to seeing them at future meetings.

1630 PARISH MATTERS

Highways Mr Parry and Mrs Stokes reported on the parking problems in Wigmore Lane, particularly around the junction and school bus stopping place. Clr. Potter said that the only solution if residents did not sort this out, was to put double yellow lines down the entire length of the lane, which was likely to be viewed dimly by the residents. One idea discussed was to have a parking consultation exercise carried out.

Mr Potter also told members that re-surfacing works would be carried out in February through Alberbury and Westbury.

Members reported fallen road signs at Cardeston and Stoney Stretton, and remaining potholes at Abbey Lane, Alberbury.

Other The Clerk informed members about a future consultation on cardiac services at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, and Clr. Potter said that Westbury PC were also planning a meeting, and so The Clerk was asked to contact them.

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There was then a discussion about the Platinum Jubilee events next year and it was suggested that members look for volunteers to get involved and form a sub-committee as soon as possible. The Clerk said that for safety, any planned event should include cancellation insurance in case the jubilee did not take place.

Mr Parry asked whether the coppice at Wattlesborough could be cleared again shortly, and The Clerk was asked to arrange this.

1631 UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that as well as the Highways worked mentioned earlier, the pot hole backlog was decreasing and there were other initiatives proceeding like pavement washing in Shrewsbury. Also in Shrewsbury, the Riverside Regeneration project was starting to get some traction, and the Pedestrianisation scheme was trialling at weekends. On a question from The Clerk, he said that the NW Relief Rd had not yet cleared Planning Permission, and was potentially a target for a judicial review, but he still hoped that construction would start in 2023.

1632 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £299.54, Rowton Ave consultancy £1200, Grass cutting Alberbury £17, Wattlesborough playing area maintenance £376.80, SALC £30, Alberbury fireworks £100 and Wattlesborough Village Hall £12 were proposed for payment by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes and agreed unanimously.

1633 PLANNING

- a. 21/02911/FUL Hill View, Wigmore Lane, Wattlesborough Heath Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear following demolition of existing outbuildings, change of use to part of site in connection with proposed works from agricultural land to residential: Withdrawn
- b. 21/03516/CPE Proposed Residential Development Adj The Old School, Wattlesborough, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for existing use to show commencement of works for the erection of a dwelling. Decision: Certificate - Not Lawful
- c. 21/04464/TPO Fitzwaryn House, Alberbury, Proposal: To remove 1 dead side and reduce NE side by 10% to even up remaining tree 1no Horse Chestnut tree protected by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Land at "Richmond", Alberbury) Tree Preservation Order 1994. Decision: Grant Permission
- d. 21/05075/FUL Tynewydd, 6 Old School Lane, Wattlesborough, Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension to garage and porch plus a rear single storey extension. Members were puzzled by this application and thought it possible that a workshop or even a business was being created, as the proposed garage appeared inaccessible; The Clerk to comment to Shropshire Council
- e. 21/04835/FUL Halfway Diner, The Chestnuts, Halfway House Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for installation of automated teller machine and associated signage. Members noted that this machine charges for withdrawals, which are free at the next door post office.
- f. 21/04836/ADV Halfway Diner, The Chestnuts, Halfway House Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for erection and display of 1No internally illuminated logo panel and 1No internally illuminated top sign – no comment.

1634 MEETINGS FOR NEXT YEAR The following dates were confirmed: 10th Jan, 14th Feb, 21st Mar (Easter is 14 -17th April), 9th May, 11th Jul, 5th Sept, 17th Oct, 5th Dec.

1635 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th January 2022 scheduled for Alberbury but will be advised, 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: