

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Alberbury Village Hall on Monday October 18th 2021 at 8.00 pm

Present: D Parry (Chair), R Griffiths, R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson, C Bourne, R Davies, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and Cllr. E Potter

Apologies: M Davies

1616 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1609 to 1615 of the Meeting held on 6th September 2021 were proposed for acceptance by R Kynaston, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1617 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1618 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that the correspondence about the Loton Park stiles appeared to be bearing fruit, but he had not heard from the Police about attending meetings and would now escalate the matter. The new noticeboards were on order, due to arrive in early December

1619 HALFWAY HOUSE INN Initial pre-application plans for improvements to the above had been pre-circulated for interest only, as The Clerk reminded members that any comments could only be informal given that there was no extant Planning Application as yet. Members were very pleased to see the scheme, hoping it would lead to re-opening the pub, but advised that the neighbours should be brought on board particularly as the access was close to them. They suggested strongly that the applicant Mr Peake should take the Shropshire Council's pre-application advice, and also come to a Parish Council meeting personally at the appropriate time. Finally it was noted that the scheme was very ambitious and a lesser scheme would probably be more affordable.

1620 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES ALBERBURY The Clerk had previously pre-circulated the latest statistics from both devices which showed that the Westbound traffic was speeding less than the eastbound, indicating that the new device with actual speed shown was being more effective. There was still an incidence of a 90 mph speeder however. The Clerk will pass this data to the Safety Camera Partnership to enable them to target their visits more appropriately.

1621 LOCAL COUNCILLORS REPORTS Cllr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that there was a £30m gap in SCC finances for next year and they were continually lobbying for fairer funding. 85% of Council Tax was now going on Social Care. However Shropshire appeared to be functioning well economically and property prices were rising. He noted that a lobby group were still pushing to pedestrianise more of Shrewsbury, with potential damage and nuisance to Town Walls, and a separate group were resisting the further rollout of mixed wheelie bins, stating that it was encouraging more rubbish generation. In the Local Plan proposals he told members that this Council's area will still be recommended as Open Countryside at present.

In also noting that he was now Deputy leader of the Council, Mr Potter outlined potential ideas for the development of the Pride Hill Centre, Riverside MSCP and surrounding areas, and the proposed demolition of Shire Hall. Additionally the NW Relief Road will be going for Planning Permission very shortly.

1622 PARISH MATTERS

Highways Mrs Wilson reported that the Abbey Lane surfacing works had still not been completed, but Rowton Lane was decidedly better. The Clerk was asked to commend Tracy Russell at SCC for this improvement. Mr Bourne also added that the Dales had cut their hedge recently on this lane and the visibility improvement was marked; The Clerk was asked to also thank them for this work. Councillors also reported blocked drains on the A458. Despite several chases, there was no progress on the Children Playing signs for Wigmore Lane, and the replacement directional sign for Cardeston off the A458. The Clerk will now escalate these matters.

Policing Despite a reminder from the Clerk there was yet again no attendance from the Police. (An apology was received the next day) A more robust letter will now be sent to senior officers. Members noted an increase in Quad Bike thefts, though those fitted with trackers were more likely to be returned or found.

Other Mr Bourne asked if the Village Hall grant for Alberbury was appropriate given that the Hall was performing well. It was noted that the current level of grant given to both Village Halls had been doubled during COVID. Mr Kynaston said that it was important to treat both sections of the Parish equally, but the amount could be discussed at the appropriate time.

Mr Davies asked about funding for rural broadband improvements and Cllr. Potter said that there was a 'Gigabyte Grant' for this purpose, which tended to be a Community Led scheme.

Following a site inspection, the Clerk reported that the Halfway House bus shelter was in need of urgent repairs. As there was a 'Bus Back Better' scheme on the way, according to Cllr. Potter, which may have rural funding available, it was decided to look at repair options in the first instance.

Mrs Wilson asked about the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and R Griffiths reported that dates etc. had been previously circulated and there would be a Beacon event. More discussion will be planned for the next meeting. Mr Griffiths left the meeting at this point.

1623 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £289.51, New Noticeboards £1620, Village Hall Hire £15 and Alberbury grass cutting £49, were proposed for payment by Mr R Davies, seconded by Mrs Stokes and approved unanimously. Councillors also approved the annual fireworks contribution of £100 for Alberbury Village (Proposed Mrs Wilson, seconded R Davies, nem con).

The Clerk presented the half year Finance update showing that funds of at least £4000 were still available for village projects. To be discussed again at the next meeting.

1624 PLANNING

- a. 21/02963/VAR Upper Eyton Farm, Alberbury, Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans or drawings) of Application Reference Number: 19/01067/FUL to allow the parking arrangement to work more efficiently Decision by Shropshire Council: Grant Permission
- b. 21/08235/ENF Proposed Caravan Storage Land NW of Whiston Farm, Cardeston Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation the storage of caravans and shipping containers, this was said to now not be proceeding.
- c. 21/04415/OUT The Old Shop, Wattlesborough, Outline application for the erection of 1no dwelling. Applicant: Mr T Lowrie-Herz. Mr Kynaston proposed opposing this, seconded Mrs Stokes, on the grounds that it was open market housing contrary to the Alberbury Local Plan. All agreed.
- d. 21/03063/VAR Proposed Residential Development Land, Wattlesborough: Variation of conditions 2 and 3 attached to planning permission 15/03628/REM dated 19/10/2015, Decision by Shropshire Council: Grant Permission
- e. 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 Applicant: Mr Marvin Ryles. No objections
- f. 21/04900/TPO April Cottage, Marche Lane, Halfway House, Crown lift to a maximum of 4mtrs and reduce tree by 2m at growth points, severe and kill ivy and remove deadwood and crossing limbs 1no Horse Chestnut protected by the Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Land adj Magnolia Cottage, Marche Lane, Halfway House) TPO 2006 (Ref: SA/427) Applicant: Mrs Louise Oakley. No objections

1625 DATE OF NEXT MEETING **TUESDAY 7th December** scheduled for Wattlesborough 7.30 pm
The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: