

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Present: K Evans, (Chairman), Mrs K Stokes, R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, C Bourne, R Kynaston, D Parry, CSO Tim Griffiths from the police (part mtg.) and 10 members of the public

Apologies: P Siese, M Mead (Shropshire Council) and Clr. D Roberts

**1240 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1230 to 1239 of the Meeting (AGM) held on 16<sup>th</sup> May were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Kynaston, and approved unanimously.

**1241 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** The Chair declared knowing the applicant in Planning item (d)

**1242 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND LJC BUSINESS** The Chair reported on the LJC meeting at Rowton Barns on 13<sup>th</sup> June, when most of the local Parish Council Chairs were present. There had been a spirited discussion about taking over services from Shropshire Council as per that Council's request, and 100% of the participants thought this was a bad idea. There was also a suggestion that Parish Councils might amalgamate in years to come

### **1243 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Councillors were concerned about the recent weight restrictions and prohibitions on Pecknall Lane, which appeared to have been implemented without consultation with the Council (The Clerk will write to Shropshire Council about this). The owner of the local haulage and crane company TO Tomlins, Mr Stuart Tomlins, addressed the meeting at the invitation of The Chair. He said that he was not aware of how many complaints had led to these restrictions in the first place, and wondered if proper procedures had been followed. He found it perverse that agricultural tractors over 7.5 tonnes were exempt from the orders, yet trucks of a similar weight were banned. It was possible to grant exemptions, he said, but to date, he had been told by Shropshire Council to find another route, which was costly and unhelpful. (Since the meeting The Clerk understands that TO Tomlins have been granted an exemption)
- b. **Wattlesborough Play area:** Mr Parry told the meeting that the bench and paving stones were now complete
- c. **Website and Parish Plan action points:** The Clerk advised the meeting that the new website was working properly now. There were some requests to improve the pictures and some of the language such as 'please get hold of us', and the website should still be regarded, said The Clerk, as work in progress.

Other action points:

- The Village Halls should be encouraged to use the website, and there should also be information on recycling, the voluntary car scheme, and the covered court in Westbury etc.
  - The Community Volunteers Co-ordinator needs discussion at the next meeting
- d. **Police:**  
CSO Tim Griffiths said that there were no major issues to report and asked members for any points they wished to raise. Councillor Griffiths was still worried about speeding in Alberbury and where speed readings were being taken, but had separately addressed this with the Safer Roads Partnership. On a question from the floor, The Clerk told the meeting about the volunteer scheme

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where local people could be trained to measure and report illegal speeds, and the police would then do follow up visits.

It was necessary to first have a speed survey done by West Mercia police and there was currently a long waiting list.

A member of the public reported excessive vehicle speeds on the old A458 at Halfway House and asked for speed bumps or similar. The Clerk offered to write to the police in the first instance.

- e. **Other:** A number of those present reported not having the new Food Waste caddies, and there were then some concerns raised about Food Waste going through the Cardeston site, which was not originally licensed for this. The Clerk to check the position.

It was agreed unanimously to support the Wattlesborough Show again this year, to the tune of £100 (Proposed Mr Parry, seconded Mr Bourne)

Finally there is an apparent problem at Abbey Lane, Alberbury, when the school transport supplied by Owens does not enter the lane (as it does in the evening) thus causing a dangerous obstruction. The Clerk to write about this.

**1244 CORRESPONDENCE** There was no correspondence of note, reported The Clerk.

**1245 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary for this meeting, plus expenses, total £276.84; Village Hall hire £12; Zurich Insurance £564.50; the 3 year church clock maintenance at Alberbury £745.20 and the Wattlesborough show donation agreed earlier of £100; were all proposed for payment by Mr Griffiths and seconded by Mrs Wilson, all in favour. The Clerk then issued a finance update showing bills paid and expected for the year to April 2017, and there were no alterations proposed.

**1246 PLANNING** Six matters were discussed. The hedgerow removal at Lower House Farm Cardeston caused some concern, as it will open up views of the chicken sheds and food composters; also the applicant has not yet finished the landscaping promised from earlier applications, and this could not be supported. The Old Post House at Alberbury has been re-modelled in line with Shropshire Council requests, but this Council still felt that it could be converted to a separate open market house at some point in the future, and therefore councillors voted 5 to 1 to oppose the application. However, it was said that if the application was re-submitted as an affordable home, then it would be supported.

**1247 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** September 5<sup>th</sup> at Wattlesborough, 8 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: