

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 13th May 2019

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, Cllr. E Potter, and 1 member of the public

Apologies: R Davies, Mrs. S Evans, PC R Cookson

1455 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR Not required as the current incumbents are serving for three years (next appointment is 2020)

1456 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1447 to 1454 of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th March 2019 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1457 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST All councillors had declared personal interests by e mail in the Oak Tree Cottage Planning Application, which sought to remove the affordable house limit of 100m2. Whilst Councillors were very sympathetic to the applicant who has a growing family, the Single Plot Exception scheme was designed to create and retain a stock of affordable houses, not allow one to be built that could be enlarged later, making it then unaffordable for someone else.

1458 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** The Clerk reported that he had been unable to download the latest statistics from the VAS sign in Alberbury in time for the meeting, but would circulate the results by email. He had been in communication with the Safety Camera Partnership, who were keen to share the data. They had however, rejected alternative speed camera sites in that village, a position that Cllr. Griffiths did not agree with.
Potholes were reported on the Windmill Bank, LH side; between Stockfield and the Eyton turn on the Alberbury Rd and in Wigmore Lane. There were also still drainage problems in Wigmore Lane. There had been no reply from Ian Walshaw at Shropshire Council about the proposed traffic count in Alberbury.
The Clerk reported that the latest date for the installation of the Village Gates at Alberbury was the end of June.
- b. **Policing:** It was noted that there had been three serious RTA's recently on the Windmill Bank and Rowton Castle straight. There was also a problem with the Biffa car parking right on a T junction at Wigmore Lane. The Police were urged to attend the next meeting on July 8th
- c. **Website:** The Clerk noted that the current adverts on the website would need renewing as the new financial year had started. Mr Parry agreed to call a website committee meeting as soon as possible.
- d. **Other:** Member of the public Mr Roberts said that the current projects to spend more money on roads were falsely based, and that more money should be put into rural transport. He also said that there was a current problem of contractors leaving road works signs behind after the works had finished.

1459 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS Cllr. Potter picked up the rural transport theme, saying that the recent bus consultation by Shropshire Council has shown that the current contractor for most services, Arriva, appeared to be doing rather well out of the arrangements, and that one service, Shrewsbury to Bridgnorth, was costing £5000 per week to subsidise. On demand services were being considered. He said that Shropshire Council had finished the last financial year with a small surplus, but that planning ahead with haphazard funding from the Government and a Fairer Funding review taking place, was proving difficult.

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1460 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk read out several items of correspondence and there were no matters arising

1461 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £267.65, the three year maintenance of Alberbury Church Clock at £782.40, SALC membership £343.93 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by D Parry, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and agreed unanimously.

Members had previously confirmed by e mail that The Clerk could apply for exemption from external audit this year, and this was ratified nem con. The accounts would now be shown to the internal auditor before final sign off.

The Clerk's Salary Review was undertaken and it was agreed to increase the salary by 2.0% for two years

1462 PLANNING A new Application for the illuminated sign at Halfway House restaurant was discussed with no issues. The Clerk then read out a request from Ms. Cockerham-Barker to confirm her local connection and as she had been brought up and schooled in the local area, and aged relatives were now needing support in the same area, the local connections were established in the meeting.

1463 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th July at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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