

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Present: K Evans (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, C Bourne, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, R Kynaston, Mrs K Stokes, P Siese, Cllr. D Roberts, CSO Tim Griffiths from the police (part mtg.) and 9 members of the public

Apologies: M Mead

**1297 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1287 to 1296 of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were proposed for acceptance by R Kynaston, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

**1298 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

**1299 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Councillor Roberts, at his last meeting as District Councillor, spoke about the 11 different Chairmen he had known at this Council, back to when Trevor Davies had that role. Since then, he said, the role of Parish Councillors had changed, and Planning was now a major issue. He foresaw significant more house building in Shrewsbury, another 3500 houses probably, with little improvement in infrastructure.

Mr Griffiths proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Roberts for his long service to the local community, and the Chair presented him with a small gift on behalf of this Council, accompanied by a round of applause.

**1300 PARISH PLAN PROGRESS AND WEBSITE** The Clerk reported that some suggested improvements had been made to the website but he had been unable to verify these as yet. Member of the public Mr Carlyle addressed the meeting, stating that in his view, he was disappointed in the alterations. It was agreed to have a further meeting with the website designer and also look at other parish sites. The Clerk said that there was evidence that the new website was being used, and he was getting e mail traffic generated from it.

### **1301 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Footpaths Officer Mr Roberts reported the return of problems at Cardeston, just off the A458, caused by a blocked drain or channel, with extensive flooding every time there was significant rainfall. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways Dept.  
The condition of Rowton Lane continued to give concern, especially the pull ins.  
Mr Bourne asked why the 10m of footpath clearance at the Cardeston junction on the A458, had never been finished, and The Clerk will investigate.  
Two parking problems were reported at Abbey Lane, Alberbury (outside no. 6) and at Rose Tree Cottage, Wigmore. The Clerk will see what letters might be used to improve matters.
- b. **Policing:** CSO Tim Griffiths addressed the meeting and asked members about any concerns they had. Cllr. Roy Griffiths said that speeding in Alberbury was still very concerning, with 1000 vehicles per day through the village and a poor response from Shropshire (it was decided to summon the relevant Council manager to a future meeting). CSO Griffiths reported one assault and one shed break in, during the last reporting period, and Mrs Wilson observed that there had also just been a burglary at Hole Farm. CSO Griffiths told members about the Stop that Thief scheme, particularly useful for remote rural properties, where beams, lights and cameras are installed. The cost was said to be around £500 and he said that where intruders had been detected at a property and this system was subsequently installed, there was no re-offending.  
Mrs Stokes asked if there was a future police surgery planned for the Halfway House shop, and CSO Griffiths said that he would check with PC Summerfield
- c. **Other:** The request from Wattlesborough Show for £100 support this year was proposed by Mrs Stokes, seconded by M Tomlins and approved nem con.

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- d. **Questions from the Public:** A member of the public asked if there had been any progress with the Stanford Farm Planning application, since the Parish Council had objected. A decision had been delayed, she said, because some consultees had not replied. The Clerk said that this Council had not heard anything else.

On a further Planning issue, the applicant at Cardeston who had been asked to do more landscaping was present, and he showed councillors the increased scheme, which was thought to be an improvement.

- e. **Defibrillators:** These were due for delivery imminently, said The Clerk, and he would approach the Halfway House stores for their permission to site one there.

**1302 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk read out several items of correspondence; he said that the Workplace Pension Staging date had been activated and he had told the authorities that no pension was required for him as being past retirement age. There might be a need to set up a pension in the future for subsequent Clerks.

He had also had a thank you from the Air Ambulance for the recent donation, and information of Community Infrastructure Levy amounts given out to participating parish councils, of which this Council was not one at the moment.

**1303 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £272.93, the website development fee of £100, presentation gavel £58 and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by D Parry, seconded by R Kynaston, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk then circulated the forecast year end position and the reconciliation with the monies held in the Bank were shown to The Chair; subject to any queries/adjustments these accounts will be signed at the AGM.

Mr Kynaston thanked The Clerk for his work on the accounts which, he said, were a good step forward in increased clarity from previous years.

**1304 PLANNING** There were two matters considered. The new general purpose building for Mr J Record (17/01162/FUL) was discussed at length because there had been a previous application at this site which had not proceeded. Mr Record was present and said that this building, though some distance from the house, was essential for his business, and couldn't really be fitted in anywhere else on site. Members decided to support the application as a business.

The application to extend the Halfway House fish restaurant building was supported (17/00916/FUL).

Two local needs connections were confirmed for David Edwards and John Bebb

**1305 RETIREMENT OF THE CHAIR** As this was the last meeting for Councillor Keith Evans, who was stepping down at the next election, Mr Tomlins thanked him for his service to the Council. Mr Evans then presented a Chairs gavel to the Council for the use of future post holders.

**1306 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 15<sup>th</sup> May at Wattlesborough, the AGM

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: