

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Present: R Kynaston (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans, D Parry, C Bourne, and 2 members of the public

Apologies: None

**1447 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1439 to 1446 of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, were corrected for a small typo and then proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Parry, and approved unanimously.

**1448 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mrs Wilson declared a Personal Interest in the Planning Application for Upper Eyton Farm

**1449 LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT** Not given. The Clerk is to ask Councillor Potter what was happening at the Halfway House Inn mobile home site.

### **1450 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways:** The Clerk reported that the installation of the Village Gates in Alberbury was now on order by Shropshire Council. Concern was raised about the continued poor condition of Westbury level crossing and the road surface either side. The Clerk said that a promised closure had not actually happened, and he would escalate matters. There were reported large potholes and blocked drains in Wigmore Lane, and the water had appeared again on the A458 just below the Windmill PH. Councillor R Griffiths said that he was ready now to challenge Shropshire Council on the STOP sign proposal at Rowton Lane and would let The Clerk have the information.
- b. **Police:** No report, but it was noted that they had been speed trapping in Alberbury this week, and that arrests had been made at the Halfway House Inn mobile home cluster following a house robbery near there.
- c. **VAS** The Clerk had pre-circulated a report on what the new Vehicle Activated Sign in Alberbury measures and this was well received. The Clerk said that in time, this data will categorically inform other agencies about traffic speeds and volumes in the village. Clr. Griffiths asked for the future stats on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March to be viewed with particular interest, as this was when the bridge at Llandrinio was closed due to flooding. Clr. Parry suggested that another sign should be considered in the near future for Westbound traffic through Alberbury, and The Clerk replied that it would have to wait until Financial Year 20/21 when it could be added to the precept.

**1451 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk reminded members of the parlous state of the County Archives, and Clr. Potter is to be asked for his input. There was also a consultation underway on SEND Nursery and Post 16 Students transport.

Finally The Clerk reported that it appeared that the Council would be receiving some 2018 Neighbourhood Fund monies in the next year, totalling £684.29, which was not previously budgeted

**1452 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £267.59, the Westcotec VAS installation £4626 and the Village Hall hire £15 were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomlins, and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk had pre-circulated a draft year-end position and there were no queries

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**1453 PLANNING** A new application for Upper Eyton farm 19/01067/FUL and LBC was discussed at length. Councillors decided that whereas the planning status of this Council is 'open countryside' and new open market dwellings are discouraged, it is thought that this application was a special one-off case. Firstly the buildings were already there, so would not impact further on the locality if converted to houses. Secondly, they are listed, and as such need to be conserved; it is feared that they will decay if a viable use was not found for them. This application appeared to be a sympathetic and suitable use for them, and was therefore proposed to be supported (C Bourne), seconded by Mrs Wilson and approved unanimously..

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

**1454 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 13<sup>th</sup> May at Wattlesborough Village Hall, 8.00 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: