

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 8pm

Present: R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, C Bourne, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs S Evans, Clr. E Potter and one member of the public, Mr Blugher

Apologies: D Parry and R Kynaston, also new councillor M Davies

Historical note: this meeting took place with face masks and distancing between members as the COVID virus was still a problem. At the time of writing it was planned to start leaving virus restrictions on July 19<sup>th</sup>

As both the Chair and Deputy Chair were absent, The Clerk asked Mr Griffiths if he would Chair the meeting, and members agreed unanimously. Unfortunately Mr M Davies, the new Councillor, was also unable to attend due to COVID restrictions, and members agreed that he could make his Declarations to The Clerk outside of the meeting

**1601 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1590 to 1600 of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were corrected for two typos and proposed for acceptance by Mrs Stokes, seconded by Mrs Evans, and approved unanimously

**1602 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mrs Stokes declared a prejudicial interest in the Planning item 9.d and Mr Parry a Personal Interest in item 9.c

**1603 CLERKS REPORT** The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been certified by the Internal Auditor and now placed on the website. He had written to M Tomlins, thanking him for his service as councillor, and to PC Ross Cookson who was retiring. He had received a reply from Roger Carlyle thanking the Council for its good wishes, but saying that his cancer was now quite advanced. The Clerk had not received the Insurance renewal yet, but was budgeting for it to be the same as last year

**1604 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Councillor Potter said that the two stated priorities for this year were the crossroads repair at Fords Heath (which was likely) and a 30 mph speed limit for Yockleton (which was less likely). He had now been appointed to oversee the Planning Committee, and noted that the Shropshire Council Local Plan was going through consultation at present; it was unlikely to change this Council's open countryside status. He hoped that a road surfacing scheme for Alberbury and the Eyton bends would be actioned soon, and he was aware of flooding problems caused by blocked drains at Eyton Cottages.

He told members that Shropshire was 5<sup>th</sup> in the country for visitor holidays. This brought into focus the large number of apparently homeless people on the streets of Shrewsbury, who since COVID restrictions were eased somewhat, could not be forced to take overnight accommodation. He praised the work of the Ark in Shrewsbury who were setting up new accommodation in Ditherington.

### **1605 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** The Rowton Avenue report was discussed and Mr Griffiths was still of the view that the HGV ban should be introduced as any new passing places would not be large enough, and were anyway owned by farmers who might be difficult about giving up land. Mr Bourne said that stopping HGVs would not deal with the problem as agricultural vehicles would still be allowed. As there were several members absent it was decided to postpone this to a later meeting. It was agreed to have the white gates cleaned if someone can be found to do it, and to have the verge areas flail cut as soon as possible (unanimous).

Mr Bourne reported that the Cardeston sign on the A458 has still not been repaired; Clerk to action.

- b. **Policing:** The Clerk was to circulate details of the new rural PC as soon as possible. Members were concerned about several shed and outbuilding thefts recently.
- c. **Playground:** The ROSPA inspection report had been very favourable with the best report for many years
- d. **Halfway House Inn:** It was understood that a new Planning Application was being considered and it was suggested that the applicant attend the next convenient meeting to discuss this once it had been lodged
- e. **Other:** The Clerk informed members that there were various activities planned for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year, including a Beacon event, and asked members to think about any special planning required.

**1606 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £326.23 (including paper and ink cartridges) were proposed for payment by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mrs Evans, and agreed unanimously. Grass cutting at Alberbury £51, Zurich Insurance £577.38 (estimated), Hope House £100, (previously agreed), Playsafety £99.00, JD Tree services £96, Alberbury Village Hall £15 and SALC £ 399.11, were proposed for payment by Mrs Stokes and seconded by Mrs Evans, again nem com.

The Clerk tabled the latest financial position, bank reconciliation and reports from the new Scribe system, which had been looked over by Mr Parry. The Clerk said that these still needed some improvements but generally it was working well.

#### **1607 PLANNING**

- a. 21/02963/VAR - Upper Eyton Farm, Alberbury, no comment
- b. 21/02852/FUL and 21/00742/FUL - 1 Rose Cottages, Stretton Heath, no comment
- c. 21/03020/TPO - Country Club, Rowton Castle - tree works – no comment
- d. 21/02615/FUL - White Oaks, Halfway House - Erection of single storey side extension (revised scheme) –

The Applicant: Mr Harry Blugher was present and explained the need for more space and his discussions with the planners to improve the previous design. He then left the meeting. Members discussed the scheme and had no objections, so a no comment response to Shropshire Council would be made

- e. 20/04264/OUT - Outline application for erection of an agricultural workers retirement dwelling (to include access), adjacent Warwick Farm, Stretton Heath. Applicant: Mr and Mrs P and F Woodhall. Members agreed to support this application as assisting an existing rural business to continue after the current owners had retired. Proposed Mrs Stokes, seconded Mr Bourne, unanimous.

**1608 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 6<sup>th</sup> September scheduled for Wattlesborough but will be advised, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: