

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 16th May

Present: K Evans (Chairman), R Griffiths, R Kynaston, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, D Parry, M Mead (Shropshire Council) and Clr. D Roberts

Apologies: PC J Summerfield, Mrs K Stokes, P Siese and C Bourne

1230 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN Not required as serving for 3 years

1231 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1220 to 1229 of the Meeting held on 11th April, the Annual Parish Meeting, were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomlins, and approved unanimously.

1232 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1233 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** The Clerk reported that the Cardeston flooding issue had been chased and it was noted that SCC had undertaken to improve the passing places in Rowton Lane. At Winnington, there were significant works planned to repair subsidence on the highway and a public meeting was arranged for 31st May.

The new sign for Old School Lane at Wattlesborough was now in place, said Mr Parry, and the Clerk had produced a notice to encourage better parking in the area which will be posted on noticeboards.

- b. **Other** A new bid for funds at Wattlesborough Village Hall to improve facilities was looking good, said M Mead, and the same entity had now recovered the previous funds appropriated by a former Treasurer. The bench at Wattlesborough Green will be fixed down soon, reported Mr Parry and Mr Griffiths, at an estimated cost of £220, and this was proposed as acceptable by Mr Parry, seconded by Mrs Wilson, nem con.

The written question by member of the public Mr Lewis about the Alberbury Beacon event was discussed. The only reason this had been mentioned previously was because the Council had agreed to fund the additional insurance of £57. As the other village event of this nature in Alberbury is covered free of charge it had been decided not to raise the profile of this smaller event, but it had been advertised on the Alberbury Village website. Additionally it was pointed out that Wattlesborough has received funds that Alberbury has not, such as a grant for the village show and the new bench.

- c. **Police:** The Observer scheme was briefly mentioned, when members of the public can go out in a police vehicle, but there were no volunteers from councillors. Mr Griffiths said that there were an increasing number of break ins on the Welsh side of the border and it was to be hoped that this did not spread.

1234 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND LJC BUSINESS Councillor Roberts addressed the meeting. He said that the last LJC meeting had been less than satisfactory and there was now a move to change these to more local meetings with Chairs and Clerks of Parish Councils.

At Shropshire Council he said, significant cuts still needed to be made and Parish Councils would be asked to take on some local services (the Clerk read out a rather alarming list of how much could be cut). 50% of SCC's

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budget went on elderly care, said Mr Roberts. Against this, SCC seemed to want to spend £51m on new computers, which made no sense.

1235 PARISH PLAN The Clerk reported that the new website in its partially complete form, was ready to be ported over to its new host, so that by July, he hoped that the new website would be fully live. He had now added previous minutes to the information therein. Responding to a written question from member of the public Mr Lewis, he said that there had been no volunteers to help with the website following e mails to interested parties. It was suggested that a local student might be able to speed up the process and this will be investigated; also a notice will be put on the noticeboards, and the existing website.

The Chairman said that the Council needed to review other actions from the Parish Plan, and this will form part of the agenda for the next meeting.

1236 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk read out one item of correspondence and there were no matters arising

1237 FINANCE The Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chairman at the last meeting, and the bank balances at the year end were verified. The Clerks Salary and expenses £262.05, and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mr Parry, seconded R Kynaston, and agreed unanimously.

1238 PLANNING There were no new applications

1239 DATE OF NEXT MEETING July 11th at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

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