

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 23rd October

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, P Siese, Mrs K Stokes, R Davies, D Parry, Clr. Ed Potter, and 5 members of the public

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council)

1336 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1327 to 1335 of the Meeting held on 4th September were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomkins, and approved unanimously.

1337 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1338 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** Clr. Potter told members that there had been a lot of complaints recently about the performance of Shropshire Highways Dept., and there had been no progress in replacing M Davis. Mr Griffiths took exception to this saying that six months had elapsed with zero progress on any local issues; he counted eleven items over four years. The Clerk also noted that Shropshire Council Highways Dept. appeared to spend large sums on outsourcing with Mouchel, and perhaps that was a source of additional finance; Clr. Potter would check. It was also suggested that the Council Leader Peter Nutting be invited to the next meeting, and The Clerk will organise this.
It was reported that the A458 footpaths were now in very good condition, but there was no progress with the Halfway House layby improvement; Clr. Potter was chasing the Highways Agency. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs. Leighton in Alberbury to ask for her hedge to be cut. The provision of Vehicle Activated Speed Signs was queried by Mr Davies and The Clerk thought they were very expensive, however some recent schemes may have been more cost effective and he will check again. Finally the replacement of the Village Entry Gates was discussed and The Clerk said it was the kind of Village project that could be supported. Mr Griffiths undertook to get some quotations
- b. **Police:** No report
- c. **Defibrillators:** Mr Parry noted that there are 8 persons ready for training in Alberbury and the cabinet had been placed. Things were not so advanced in Halfway House but The Clerk will visit the fish restaurant again now that it has new operators
- d. **Other:** Mr Griffiths reported that at Abbey Lane, parking was still an issue at Nos 5 & 6. There had been no reply from Severnside about letting these buildings to non local people.

The Clerk was asked to write and thank John and Joan Whitehouse for continuing to place flowers at the War Memorial.

Member of the public Mr R Carlyle, asked if he could alert the Council to the proposed new Structure Plan for Shropshire, which was suggesting up to 28,750 new houses required by 2036, although a clear case could only be seen in his view for 10454 houses. Clr. Potter said that this was driven by a desire to grow the Shropshire Economy and create new jobs etc. Whereas not much development was envisaged in this parish, Westbury Parish next door was likely to be re-designated as a Hub, rather than open countryside. He also said that key to Shrewsbury's growth was the NW Relief Road project proceeding, but this wasn't likely at present.

1339 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, referring to further consultation on Accident and Emergency services in the West of the County. The MP was now on board and every household would be written to. He urged the Parish Council to write in separately.

He had also attended an LJC meeting on 21st September, and this group has agreed to meet twice a year and concentrate on the key issues of Youth, Speeding and Planning. All Youth funding has now been lost he said, except in deprived areas

1340 ALBERBURY FIREWORKS EVENT This will take place on November 4th and will be advertised throughout the Parish. It was unanimously agreed to support this function in the amount of £100

1341 WEBSITE The Clerk reported that although the new website was ready, there had been a misunderstanding over hosting, which he explained was independent to the website design. He will contact Go Daddy, the current host, to see if the new site could be ported over, and notwithstanding this, the meeting decided to proceed with the new site as soon as possible. It was also agreed to run the site with a subcommittee which was suggested as Roger Carlyle, Rob Kynaston, Katie Stokes and Daryl Parry, with assistance from Mr D Lewis at Wattlesborough.

1342 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk read out several items of correspondence, and in particular, the request for assistance from Cardeston Church which is facing a £43,000 repair bill for the roof. There was no support to assist this at present; The Clerk said that given a similar challenge in Westbury, the fund raising efforts had taken 4 years.

1343 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £267.55 and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mrs Stokes, seconded by Mr Parry, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk circulated a year to date cash position which was judged satisfactory, and told members that there was sufficient funds available for some local initiatives

1344 PLANNING The Clerk reported that the Stanford Farm Events application had been given Planning Permission, at reduced levels, but had left a rather confusing position now.

The revised application for an annexe to the Old Post Office, Alberbury, was discussed at length, and several members said there was a need to be even handed and consistent; as it now appeared to be a genuine annexe rather than an open market house. They were not enamoured with the fact that the application had taken two years to determine. The decision was taken, nem con, to make no further comment and to not oppose the application.

The meeting closed at 21.40

1345 DATE OF NEXT MEETING December 11th at Wattlesborough, 7.30 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: