

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

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

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

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council) and C Bourne

**1327 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1319 to 1326 of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July were proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mr Tomkins, and approved unanimously.

**1328 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

**1329 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS** Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, alerting members to the car parking and library strategies that were shortly coming out to consultation from the County Council; there would also be a further consultation on Accident and Emergency services in the West of the County. He said that work continued on the Task and Finish Group concerned with the Community Infrastructure Levy. There had been no progress he said, on the Alberbury speeding issue, and he would follow that up. It was evident that Shropshire Highways was now understaffed and in particular, M Davis had not been replaced.

There would be an LJC meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September, said Clr. Potter, but there was no money available so it was difficult to see what the LJC could achieve. A member of the public commented that the LJC had been very important in the past and had given this Council everything it had asked for, so the concept should not be written off.

### **1330 WATTLESBOROUGH CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND**

It was noted that the overhanging hedge had been dealt with and the wood chip deficiency corrected. The rusty spring on one of the riders still needed attention

### **1331 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways:** The Clerk was asked to make another attempt to get a litter bin at the Halfway House telephone exchange. It was noted that the rattling drain had been fixed at Wattlesborough (due to the efforts of Mr D Lewis) and that more stone had been placed opposite the Rowton Castle entrance.
- b. **Police:** PC Ross Cookson, as the new rural Constable, introduced himself with 26 years of policing behind him, and members noted that both he and CSO Tim Griffiths were wearing the new Video/Audio recording sets. These are used at various times to give more information on incidents, though the public are supposed to be told if they are being recorded. PC Cookson told members that Pontesbury Police station now housed the Rural West and Rural East teams so there were more police in evidence and it was a better use of the building. Commenting on recent incidents, he said that the murder enquiry at Halfway House café was continuing. Two recent break ins at Wigmore Lakes and Rock Cottage were discussed, and they are continuing to roll out the 'Stop That Thief' initiative on rural farms etc. His new contact details were provided:  
[shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyrw.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

A member of the public asked if this Council had thanked the previous rural Constable PC Summerfield for his service to the area and the Clerk replied that he had already done that.

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- c. **Website:** Mr Carlyle said that the new website was ready to go and he now needed the Domain name released, which The Clerk will arrange. Mr D Lewis will also be approached to see if he wishes to help keep the new site updated
- d. **Other:** Mr Griffiths reported that of the four houses at Abbey Lane now let, one of them went to a Cannock family, so The Clerk was asked to find out why this was the case. Parking was still an issue at No. 6.

Parish trees, P Roberts will make enquiries for these.

Defibrillators: no response from anyone at Halfway House for training but 5-6 have volunteered at Alberbury, where the first unit would now be installed. The siting of the unit at Halfway House which was going in the fish restaurant until the incident there delayed things, will now be re-activated.

**1332 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk reported that the Parking Strategy consultation mentioned earlier, had arrived, and he was asked to point out that a further increase in parking charges would lead to more charity shops in the town. He was also in receipt of the Library strategy with a concentration on mobile libraries, and he was asked to stress how important these were.

Finally, this Council had been asked if it would provide any financial support to restore Rodney's Pillar at Criggion, and members were not convinced that this was a good use of funds.

**1333 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £268.20 and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for acceptance by Mr Parry, seconded by Mr Griffiths, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk circulated a year to date cash position which was judged satisfactory, and he also reported that the External Audit had been completed with no qualifications. It was also agreed that Clr. Parry could authorise further grass cuts at Wattlesborough as required.

**1334 PLANNING** One application was discussed and there were no matters arising.

The meeting closed at 21.38

**1335 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** October 23<sup>rd</sup> at Alberbury, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: