

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council**  
**in Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

Present: K Evans, (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, M Tomlins, R Kynaston, D Parry, P Siese, Cllr. D Roberts and 5 members of the public

Apologies: PC J Summerfield, C Bourne and M Mead from Shropshire Council

**1211 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes 1202 to 1210 of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January were approved, nem con.

**1212 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

**1213 PARISH PLAN AND WEBSITE** The Clerk reported that work on the website had started and he had agreed a skeleton structure with the new website builder. It was suggested that the end of year figures should form one page, and that various extra pages be added for future use. There was a discussion on whether a committee could assist the Clerk to get all the information faster and it was also agreed to use the Parish Plan e-mail list to update interested parties on progress.

**1214 PARISH MATTERS – Highways** Mr. Parry outlined a serious car parking problem in Wigmore Lane (supported by a local resident) where a vehicle had recently been hit by a lorry, and the white lining was almost non-existent. It was said that it was very important to create a safe environment at the end of the lane, and at the moment, the access for emergency vehicles would probably be blocked. Mr Siese suggested that 3<sup>rd</sup> party involvement was required and Shropshire Council should be invited to attend asap  
It was also reported that there is a continuous problem with stone lorries using Pecknall Lane as a cut through because of the restrictions on Llandrinio bridge. A one way system was suggested; The Clerk is to write to the quarry and/or Powis Council.  
A large puddle just off the A458 at Cardeston was reported, probably a blocked soakaway or drain, to be investigated.  
Finally it was agreed to purchase 100 stickers for wheelie bins, showing 40 mph, as a trial in Alberbury village.

**- Policing** Nothing to report

**- Other** The Clerk was asked to enquire what alternative prices could be obtained for the grass cutting of the Alberbury war memorial. Mr Griffiths said that the present incumbent did a good job and price was not the only thing to be considered

**1215 COUNCILLORS REPORT AND LJC BUSINESS** Cllr D Roberts addressed the meeting. He said that after massive problems the new company I P & E, started by the now disgraced former Leader of the Council, would all but disappear by this March. He also said that 2017/8 would be a very difficult year for the Council, and there was a rumour that green waste would be subject to an extra charge.  
He reported that Westbury, Worthen and Hope primary schools might be federating into one school because of low pupil numbers. He also told members about a planning issue on Pecknall Lane, where a poultry farmer has now erected three new sheds without planning permission. There was no LJC report.

**1216 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk read out several items of correspondence and there were no matters arising

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**1217 FINANCE** The Clerk's salary and expenses for March (including £44.93 website fee) totalling £305.57, and the Village Hall hire for £12, were proposed for payment by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mr Griffiths and approved unanimously. The Clerk circulated the year to date cash position sheet showing a projected outturn of approx. £3000, assuming the bill for the Church clock maintenance at Alberbury was received

**Grants to Village Halls** On a proposal by Mr Kynaston, seconded Mr M Tomlins, it was agreed to donate £500 to both Village Halls as in previous years (all in favour), subject to sight of the audited accounts for each hall in due course.

The Clerk confirmed that Clr. D Roberts had agreed to carry out the Internal Audit function again, and he asked members to confirm that all current financial instruments and controls in place were satisfactory and sufficient; this was agreed unanimously. Members passed on their thanks for this service by Clr. Roberts.

**1218 PLANNING** The Clerk reported that the 'affordable' house proposed at Heath Drive, Wattlesborough, (15/00312/FUL) was in fact an open market house; councillors agreed to oppose the application as not consistent with our stated SAMDev policy and Parish Plan

**1219 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING** 11<sup>th</sup> April, Alberbury

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

CLERK

CHAIRMAN