

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Present: K Evans (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, Mrs J Wilson, C Bourne, and 3 members of the public

Apologies: Mrs K Stokes, P Siese, R Kynaston, D Parry, Cllr. D Roberts and M Mead (Shropshire Council)

**1182 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1172 to 1181 of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> Sept were proposed for acceptance by R Griffiths, seconded by M Tomlins, and approved unanimously

**1183 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Mrs Wilson declared personal interests in Planning items 10a and c on the agenda

### **1184 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** : The pavement at Alberbury was due to be sorted imminently, said Mr Griffiths, and Mr Tomlins said that the potholes and footpath work on the A458, had been completed. Mr Bourne was congratulated for sorting out the road drainage at Cardeston. However, the A458 footpath works past the Old School, Eastbound, had not been completed. The Clerk was asked about the re-surfacing of Wigmore Lane and he said that the last time he had seen this scheduled was the 2017/18 budget year.
- b. **Police**: There was no police representation, however, it appeared that the speed enforcement measures had gone off the boil. Mr Griffiths offered to speak to the Community Speedwatch contact. It was also stated that there was a real risk of Pontesbury Police Station closing in the near future
- c. **Other**: The Clerk had been approached by a local resident Mr Carlyle about the ancient 'Pound' at Cardeston, which needed repairs due to tree damage, and he also wished to fell the tree. As councillors were told that it was Mr Carlyle's tree (in that he planted it) and that it was a spruce type, they could see no objection to felling it, but were not able to financially assist.
- d. **Other**: The proposed Notice Board at Wattlesborough Green had been verbally discussed and approved previously, with Mr Siese and Mr Parry tasked with making it happen, but there appeared to be little progress. Additionally The Clerk had offered a park bench which he had purchased for £105 at a local show. This would need fixing down in some way to prevent theft. On a proposal by Mr Bourne, seconded by Mrs Wilson, it was agreed to do both projects as soon as possible

**1185 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Mr Griffiths said that the Community Speedwatch scheme progress had been discussed at the last LJC and it was thought that the scheme would not be suitable for the A458 because it was for 30mph and 40 mph zones only

**1186 FIREWORKS EVENT** This would take place on 7<sup>th</sup> November said Mr Griffiths, and he asked if the Council would support the event again this year with £100. On a motion from Mr Bourne,

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seconded by Mr Tomlins, this was approved nem con. Mr Griffiths also said that the next meeting with the Lottery Grants people (Alberbury Village Hall) was imminent

**1187 WEBSITE** This was briefly discussed and The Clerk suggested that he accumulate some options for discussion at the next meeting

**1188 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk read out a request from Mrs J O Griffiths to confirm her strong local connection, and this was duly confirmed. The Chair had received a letter asking for further support for Wattlesborough Village Hall, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**1189 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £260.73, Stationery at £40.49 the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for payment by C Bourne, seconded by Wilson, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk tabled the current financial position with an expected outturn in March 2016 of £4405 (all funds, whether ring fenced or not)

**1190 PLANNING** The Clerk said that the Planning Officer had had some concerns about the Reserved matters application for Mr and Mrs Stokes, but for reasons of bias prevention, had not said what they were. Councillors looked at the plans and had no comment to make

The second application discussed 15/04347/FUL, for a 32000 hen house, would result in additional traffic on Wigmore Lane, said members, and the diversion of Footpath 14 had to be done with care, but otherwise there were no other comments. The Clerk was asked to remind the Council about the white lining promised for Wigmore Lane some time ago

Finally there was an application for an additional CHP engine house at Lower House Farm, Cardeston, but with little detail available. Members said that the planting promised when the first engine was installed, had never been fully developed, and The Clerk was asked to comment appropriately

**1191 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm, at Wattlesborough

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: