

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

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Present: K Evans (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, C Bourne, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, R Kynaston, Mrs K Stokes, Cllr. D Roberts, CSO Tim Griffiths from the police (part mtg.) and 3 members of the public

Apologies: M Mead, P Siese

**1220 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1211 to 1219 of the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 were proposed for acceptance by R Kynaston, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

**1221 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

**1222 PARISH WEBSITE** The Clerk reported that despite an e mail to all interested parties about the website, he had not had more than three replies; however he then showed members the embryonic new website on a lap top, stating that it was work in progress and would continue to be so, but could be live by July. Members were very pleased with this progress and promised to make further comments in the next few weeks.

**1223 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Councillor Roberts told members that the Council had now issued a spreadsheet of what areas would be cut in the next financial year; it will be possible for Parish Councils to contribute towards services if they wish. Mr Tomlins commented that it still appeared possible for Shropshire Council to spend £9-10m a year on footpaths, but, said Mr Roberts, this was coming from a national budget. He was also asked about rumours that Shrewsbury might be pedestrianised in the centre, and he thought this very unlikely. Mrs Stokes asked about the mergers of local primary schools and Mr Roberts confirmed that Westbury, Worthen and Hope schools are to federate together, forming one school with three premises.

The next meeting of the LJC would be on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**1224 VILLAGE GREEN** The grass cutting service from Shrewsbury Town Council at this location was continuing, said Mr Parry. It was also agreed to source a contractor to fix the new bench down, and put in a proper section of path to the notice board at the same time.

### **1225 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Mr Bourne reported continuing problems at Cardeston, just off the A458, caused by a blocked drain or channel, with extensive flooding every time there was significant rainfall. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways Dept.
- b. At Wigmore Lane, it was agreed that the current problems could be solved by common sense prevailing and a notice for the board would be appropriate. It was also pointed out that no date had yet been given for the re-surfacing.
- c. **Policing:** CSO Tim Griffiths addressed the meeting. He was new to the patch and had nothing of import to raise, so he asked members about any concerns they had. Mr Griffiths said that speeding in Alberbury was still very concerning and he would be writing to the Safer Roads Partnership again very shortly.
- d. **Other:** Mr Bourne asked whether the landscaping promised by Mr Gethin at his farm, could be chased up as it did not appear to have happened

**1226 CORRESPONDENCE** The Clerk read out several items of correspondence and there were no matters arising

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**1227 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £305.57, the two Village Hall grants of £500 each and the Village Hall hire £12 were proposed for payment by R Griffiths, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and agreed unanimously. It was also agreed to fund a £57 insurance charge for the Beacon event to celebrate the Queen's birthday, at Loton Park.

The Clerk informed members that Clr Roberts had agreed to carry out the internal audit this year, and he asked members to confirm that all financial systems and procedures currently in place were satisfactory; this was confirmed nem con.

The Clerk then circulated the forecast year end position and the reconciliation with the monies held in the Bank were shown to The Chair; subject to any queries/adjustments these accounts will be signed at the AGM.

**1228 PLANNING** There was one matter considered, a new open market house at Heath Drive, and this had already been opposed after an e mail exchange.

**1229 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 16<sup>th</sup> May at Wattlesborough, the AGM

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: