

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Wattlesborough Village Hall on Monday 5th September

Present: K Evans, (Chairman), and Mrs K Stokes, P Siese, R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, C Bourne, R Kynaston, D Parry, Dianne Dorrell of SALC (part meeting) and 3 members of the public

Apologies: The Clerk, M Mead (Shropshire Council), PC J Summerfield and Clr. D Roberts

1248 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1240 to 1247 of the Meeting held on 11th July were proposed for acceptance by Mr Siese, seconded by Mr Kynaston, and approved unanimously. There were several matters arising: member of the public Mr Carlyle mentioned on behalf of P Roberts, that his concern about the Gethin application was based on the processing of food waste. The Chair then read out a letter from Mr Gethin about dates and permission types.

On the letter about the school bus at Abbey Lane, the Clerk subsequently confirmed that the letter had not been sent previously as there was some indication that the Owen family were giving up the operation license. This was not now the case and the letter had now been sent.

The Clerk in absentia had also explained that a computer error had placed the hedgerow letter in his Outbox (Unsent) and this had not been picked up. The application had been determined very quickly, four days after the last meeting, and before the Outbox error had been noticed, so the letter was not sent, and he had sincerely apologised for this.

1249 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1250 MEMBERSHIP OF SALC Dianne Dorrell addressed the meeting and described the advantages of this Council belonging again to the Shropshire Association of Local Councils, which include, inter alia, training for councillors and officers, lobbying on behalf of Councils etc. After a detailed discussion, councillors decided that membership was not necessary for the Council at this stage.

1251 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND LJC BUSINESS Nothing to report

1252 ANNUAL PLAYGROUND REPORT The Chair said that this report appeared to be favourable, and that next year it could perhaps be reviewed again before the next inspection

1253 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways** Councillor Griffiths addressed the meeting. He reported on a visit to Alberbury by David Perridge and Wendy Harries of the Safer Roads Partnership. They were not prepared, he said, to vary the position of the speed measurement. It emerged that they work on a 46 mph limit for the issue of potential speeding tickets and other enforcement, and this appears to be the typical minimum speed through the village. They confirmed that village speeds were on the increase and that a camera van would visit occasionally.

Three other suggestions were made to increase pedestrian safety: that the hedges are cut back more frequently, that Shropshire Council should also attend to the growth on the pavements more often, and the white gates at the Shrewsbury end of the village should be renovated.

Mr Griffiths then said that all Shropshire villages on A or B roads that he had surveyed (25 in all), had 30mph limits, except Atcham which is on the old A5. There was no reason why Alberbury should not also have a 30mph limit; it was a busy road with heavy HGV traffic, causing considerable vibration and noise, notwithstanding the danger of speeding traffic. Additionally when the A458 or A5 were closed, all traffic was diverted through Alberbury. The Clerk was asked to write and request a 30mph limit. The Clerk was also asked to write about white lining, hatching and speed limit on Wigmore Lane.

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- b. **Website/Parish Plan actions:** Member of the public Mr Carlyle asked about progress with the website and the Chair said that the Clerk had had no response to a request for volunteers. Mr Carlyle then offered to assist, and will contact the Clerk. Mrs B Carlyle then asked about trees and daffodils in relation to the Parish Plan and this was noted by the Chair.
- c. **Police:** No report in person but the monthly summary had been circulated.
- d. **Other:** The 105 service and Workplace Pension will be discussed at the next meeting

1254 CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence of note

1255 FINANCE The Clerks Salary for this meeting, plus expenses, total £261.41; Village Hall hire £12; Ground Maintenance at Wattlesborough £162.00, and the ROSPA inspection £88.20; were all proposed for payment by Mr Parry and seconded by Mr Griffiths, all in favour. The Clerk had previously issued a finance update showing bills paid and expected for the year to April 2017, and there were no queries.

The external audit result will be reported at the next meeting.

1256 PLANNING Three applications were discussed and all were supported. Councillors were also asked to confirm the local connection status under the Affordable Housing Scheme, for Linda Jebb, and this was confirmed

1257 DATE OF NEXT MEETING October 24th at Alberbury, 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: