

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 14th January 2019

Present: R Kynaston, (Chairman), R Griffiths, Mrs J Wilson, M Tomlins, Mrs K Stokes, D Parry, Mrs S Evans and Clr. Ed Potter

Apologies: M Mead (Shropshire Council), C Bourne and PC R Cookson

1431 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1422 to 1430 of the Meeting held on 11th December 2018 were amended to read Abbey Lane instead of Rowton Lane in point 1424, and then proposed for acceptance by Mr Griffiths, seconded by Mrs Wilson, and approved unanimously.

1432 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1433 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** The VAS pole required for Alberbury was now estimated as mid to late February for installation, reported The Clerk, and he was keeping the pressure on the suppliers.
The bus stop at Abbey Lane was discussed again and The Clerk was asked to write and suggest that the Village Hall would be a safer location.
No reply had been received from Ian Walshaw of Shropshire Council following his visit to the Council in December, and this would be chased by The Clerk.
Finally there were a number of complaints about drain clearance at Halfway House and at Red Abbey Barns, and Clr. Potter offered to investigate.
- b. **Police:** The Police report had been pre-circulated by The Clerk and there were no additional matters to report, however, it was noted that the speed detection van had been in the village recently. The Clerk was asked to check with the police if anything had transpired with the poor parking situation on the corner of Wigmore Lane.
- c. **Website:** The Clerk reported that a recent committee meeting had resolved to tidy up the archive section of the website, which had been done, and the site now appeared to be in good order. Two more adverts had also been secured. This continues as a work in progress
- d. **Other:** The Clerk had pre-circulated the current Council Standing Orders and the latest Code of Conduct, the latter of which was based on the latest NALC guidelines. Councillors agreed unanimously that they conformed to current Council and personal practice (proposed Mrs Stokes, seconded Mrs Evans, nem con)

1434 LOCAL COUNCIL BUSINESS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, reporting that £400k additional income pa. was being generated by Shropshire Council as a result of better shopping centre management; there were now very few voids in either of the centres. The growth of the University was also good news, he said, with every £1 invested in the University generating £3 for the area reportedly. He said that the Council would deliver a balanced budget this financial year, but there was a £45m funding gap going forward.

Slightly to his surprise, the County had retained its Tier 3 Highways status, which meant an extra £1.9 m for the local roads. There had been a 742% increase in the number of potholes compared with last year, he said, so the money would soon be absorbed.

Local consultations or plans included the recycling bins in car parks, the Local Plan review and a potential crematorium at Nesscliffe.

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1435 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk read out several items of correspondence and there were no matters arising

1436 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £340.77, (including £73.18 website hosting) and the Village Hall hire £15 were proposed for acceptance by Mr Parry, seconded by Mr Griffiths, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk had previously circulated a yearly cash estimate and suggested budget for 2019/20, which suggested a reduced precept of £9000 would still give room for playground expenditure and other projects in the next financial year. This was proposed by Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mr Parry, and agreed unanimously.

1437 PLANNING There was no further action requested on any of the current Planning matters

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

1438 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th February at Wattlesborough Village Hall, 7.30 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: