

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

Held virtually by Zoom video conference on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 8pm

Present: R Kynaston (Chair), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, D Parry, Mrs J Wilson, Mrs K Stokes, C Bourne and Mrs S Evans

Apologies: PC R Cookson, R Davies and Clr. E Potter

As the Covid 19 restrictions were still in place, this was an ordinary meeting to transact urgent business.

**1527 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** Minutes 1518 to 1526 of the Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were proposed for acceptance by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

**1528 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none

**1529 CLERKS REPORT** The Clerk reported that the 2019/20 VAT repayment had finally been paid after various departments in HMRC had lost our submission; and that Wattlesborough Show had been cancelled in September so no donation was required this year. He told members that Hope House Hospice had very gratefully responded to the donation approved at the last meeting.

He had posted the Annual Statements on the website and the External Auditor submission known as the AGAR was therefore ready for sending, subject to any queries by members (there were none) and approval of the accounts. This was agreed nem con.

Finally an updated expected outturn projection for 2020/21 had been sent to members which included the potential purchases of a second VAS device for Alberbury and more equipment for Wattlesborough playing area, using CIL monies received with the precept. This would result, it was estimated, in a year end position very similar to last year, which felt comfortable. (More about the extra items expenditure follows)

**1530 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS** Not given.

### **1531 PARISH MATTERS**

- a. **Highways** Mr Parry was pleased to report that Shropshire Council and Severn Trent had agreed that the drains and highway connections at Wigmore Lane were faulty, and the challenge now was to transpose that admission into rectification. A noisy drain on the A458 was also reported. There was general disappointment that there was still no rectification of the road surface at and around Westbury level crossing and The Clerk will write again
- b. **Policing:** The latest report had been pre-circulated and members noted two recent burglaries. Mrs Stokes observed that there was currently a significant rural crime problem in the Oswestry and Nesscliffe areas
- c. **Website:** The Clerk noted that the small corrections required to website content had been made. He also suggested that advertisers on the website be given a Covid holiday and not be asked to pay anything for this financial year, this was agreed by all.
- d. **Playground:** The ROSPA inspection report had been generally favourable except for the need to replenish the bark surface. The Clerk will ask Ray Parry Playgrounds to assist by contacting Clr. Parry in the first instance.
- e. **Hedges in Alberbury :** Mr Griffiths asked whether the Council would fund strimming work (40yds) to improve footpath safety (this was agreed unanimously) and asked The Clerk to write to Mrs J Leighton about the state of her edge which require a severe trim for safety reasons
- f. **Other:** The Clerk was asked to write again to the Safer Roads Partnership about speed traps in Alberbury

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**1532 FINANCE** The Clerks Salary and expenses £379.00 (including the second Smartwater mailing), were proposed for payment by Mrs Evans, seconded by Mrs Stokes, and agreed unanimously. Grass cutting at Alberbury £51, Zurich Insurance £577.38, Hope House £250, (previously agreed) and SALC £ 387.47, were proposed for payment by D Parry and seconded by Mrs Evans, again nem com.

**1533 PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR 2020/21:** The aforementioned financial projection had included the purchase of a second VAS device for Alberbury, and there was a general feeling that a more sophisticated device than the existing eastbound sensor, would be desirable. Mr Griffiths asked for some more time to research the subject and it was agreed to reconsider the proposal at the September meeting.

Secondly, it was agreed to invest £4900 inc. VAT on new equipment for the Wattlesborough playing area (Proposed C Bourne, seconded D Parry, all in favour) The Clerk to contact R Parry Playgrounds and check prices before proceeding

**1534 PLANNING** All current applications had been pre-circulated and this section of the meeting was only for any urgent matters to be discussed; the only last minute application was for Jessamine Cottage, house extension, and this produced no queries

**1535 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 7<sup>th</sup> September scheduled for Wattlesborough but will be advised, 8 pm

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: