

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Alberbury Village Hall on Monday 24th October

Present: K Evans (Chairman), R Griffiths, M Tomlins, Mrs J Wilson, C Bourne, R Kynaston, Mrs K Stokes, D Parry, Clr. D Roberts and 3 members of the public

Apologies: P Siese, PC Summerfield and M Mead (Shropshire Council)

The Clerk and Chairman thanked Mrs Stokes for taking the notes on the last meeting, as The Clerk had been unavoidably absent.

1258 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1248 to 1257 of the Meeting held on 5th Sept were proposed for acceptance by R Kynaston, seconded by R Griffiths, and approved unanimously

1259 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

1260 PARISH MATTERS

- a. **Highways:** The Clerk reported that he had not had a reply as yet on the speed limit for Alberbury and promised to expedite the reply.
There had been a letter from a Wigmore Lane resident about the speeding traffic there which had led to the death of her cat, and The Clerk was asked to find out when any promised road improvements were due; he was also asked to write back to the resident concerned. 'Children Emerging' signs were also discussed.
The footpath between Halfway House and Stretton was reported to be overgrown and 'lifting' and needs attention; The Clerk to write to Highways England. Additionally, several members reported chaos ensuing every time there was an incident on the A458, with a recent case being typical, when the road was shut at Churncote for a fire at Buttington, 15 miles away. It seemed that Powys CC might be closing Highways England roads without much consideration for local difficulties resulting. The Clerk will attempt to investigate.
It was also noted that the 7.5 tonne weight limit around the Pecknall Lane area, had now been removed
- b. **Police:** There was no police representation, however, it appeared that there had been an attempted burglary at the Halfway House Stores, involving 6 youths, and it was not clear what the Police had done about it.
- c. **New 105 Service:** The Clerk read out details of the new 105 telephone number for power cut information, and Mr Kynaston said he had tried it and it was working well.
- d. **Defibrillators:** Following information from The Clerk about the unit at Westbury Post Office, it was noted that the only known defibrillator in Alberbury Parish was at Rowton Country Club. The Clerk said there were various initiatives available for these units and he would first approach West Mids Ambulance for ideas, with a target of two units, one at Alberbury Village Hall and the other at the Halfway House Stores potentially.
- e. **Workplace Pension:** The Clerk reported that this Council would need to set up such a pension for their Clerk, but he intended to opt out of such a requirement as he was past retirement age and already in receipt of two pensions.
- f. **Other:** It was noted that the Pre-School Committee/Organisation at Wattlesborough Village Hall had ceased operating and it was hoped to re-start this as a private business. Mrs Stokes said that there was around £8000 left in the funds which needed to be passed onto another charity (not the Village Hall), and members were asked to think creatively.

Finally Mr Griffiths said that he had uncovered a Minute in the Archives dated 3rd March 1950 confirming that Alberbury Parish Council was to be in future charge of the upkeep of the War Memorial, and would be paid £8 per year towards this. The Clerk said that to his knowledge said amount had not been paid recently, and he would have a look at this.

1261 COUNCILLORS REPORTS/LJC BUSINESS Cllr. Roberts told the meeting that he would not be seeking re-election as County Councillor next March, and would be pleased to provide information on the post to anyone interested. At Shropshire Council some £150 million had been found in hidden funds which would assist that Council going forward; however he did not expect to see the planned cuts reversed.

The question of the X75 bus had caused much local concern; this was the service from Rhayader to Shrewsbury. It appeared that for some time, Shropshire Council had ignored requests from Powys CC to assist in sponsoring the cost of this service, and as a result, from Dec 1st it would not stop at all in Shropshire except at Shrewsbury. As this was the only bus service through Halfway House, Cardeston and Ford, this was extremely concerning. Cllr. Roberts said that both sides were talking and he thought that a sensible resolution was very likely.

He also told members that Shropshire Council were still bent on moving the swimming baths from the Quarry to Sundorne, a retrograde step he thought, for all those people on the west of Shrewsbury.

1262 FIREWORKS EVENT This would take place on 5th November said Mr Griffiths, and he asked if the Council would support the event again this year with £100. On a motion from Mrs Wilson, seconded by Mr Tomlins, this was agreed unanimously. The event will be publicised on the website and by posters throughout the Parish.

1263 WEBSITE The current website was shown to councillors and member of the public Roger Carlyle outlined his ideas for some modest improvements. He and The Clerk will attempt to install these over the next few weeks, and will use the Shropshire IT man if necessary (at modest cost).

1264 CORRESPONDENCE The Clerk read out a request from Mrs J Cole to confirm her strong local connection, and this was duly confirmed. The Chair had received a letter asking for similar support for Mr G Clifton, and this was also agreed. The Clerk had also received the update to the Powys CC Strategic Plan.

1265 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £261.41, and the Village Hall hire £12, were proposed for payment by D Parry, seconded by R Griffiths, and agreed unanimously. The Clerk tabled the current financial position, which was accepted, and members asked for an expected outturn in March 2017 for the next meeting.

1266 PLANNING Councillors discussed 5 matters, some of which had been commented upon by e mail, and there were no further matters arising

1267 DATE OF NEXT MEETING December 5th, 7.30pm, at Wattlesborough

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: