

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALBERBURY WITH CARDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Wattlesborough Village Hall on 14th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: D Parry (Chair), Mrs J Wilson, R Kynaston, R Davies, Mrs K Stokes, Mrs S Evans and Clr. E Potter

Apologies: R Griffiths, C Bourne and M Davies

1645 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Minutes 1636 to 1644 of the Meeting held on 10th January 2022 were proposed for acceptance by R Kynaston, seconded by Mrs J Wilson, and approved unanimously.

1646 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mr Kynaston declared a personal interest in Planning, item a, as he is related to the applicant.

1647 CLERKS REPORT The Clerk reported that Clr. R Griffiths was still in hospital with a life threatening condition and he had offered the Council's support to Yve Griffiths. In the absence of Mr Griffiths he was progressing a further signatory for the bank accounts, D Parry.

The new noticeboards were both now erected and in use, looking very smart, and The Clerk said that he would now invoice Alberbury Village Hall for half the cost of theirs, as previously agreed. There was a small bill to pay for the installation at Wattlesborough. He reported that following a check by Ms Jane Weston it was now apparent that the pads on the two Parish defibrillators were close to expiry and needed replacing. New pads have a 5 year life and he would organise this as soon as possible. Finally he had proposed a yellow line scheme for Wigmore Lane to Shropshire Council and this had been accepted.

1648 PARISH MATTERS

Highways The potholes in Red Abbey Lane have still not been fixed and The Clerk will write again.

Policing No report, but Mrs Wilson asked whether there was any preventative action for village speeding at the present time. The Clerk will chase

Website Mr Parry said that a website committee meeting was overdue. Mrs. Evans noted that there should be a Jubilee page set up asap, and this will be organised.

Other Code of Conduct 2021 – this had been pre-circulated by The Clerk. On a motion by D Parry, seconded R Kynaston, Councillors agreed to adopt the Code unanimously.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – there had been a productive meeting of the 'organising committee', said Mr Kynaston, with ideas to raise funds, such as a Progressive Supper and a Fun Run, and various events over the four day holiday including the Beacon event, a wildflower competition and Proms in the Park. The Clerk had confirmed that providing any event was organised under the aegis of the Parish Council and complied with notified guidelines, then they would be covered by the Parish Council insurance. Clr Potter told members that he would be donating an oak tree to the Parish, which might be planted at Wattlesborough. The Clerk also suggested that the Parish Council could donate prizes for competitions and other support funds to the tune of say £1000, and this was agreed unanimously. It was decided not to give mugs or medals to local children.

1649 COUNCILLORS REPORTS Clr. Potter addressed the meeting, saying that there was a current £5m project to address homelessness locally by providing temporary accommodation leading to social housing tenancies. The Shrewsbury centre development project was proceeding well and closure of the Pride Hill centre had improved occupancies in the surrounding area. The future project was considering, inter alia; a new MSCP, hotel, new civic and commercial offices, accommodation over the shops, a new bus station, a new footbridge to Frankwell, a cinema and the diversion of Smithfield Rd to allow the development of a riverside area. In all, about £800 million investment and 2500 new jobs, which members applauded.

He then said that Shrewsbury had not received any levelling up funds, despite his efforts. He also reminded members that there were extensive roadworks planned for the next few weeks and there could be complaints from local residents, but the works were needed and some disruption would have to be borne.

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1650 FINANCE The Clerks Salary and expenses £439.39 (which included the Zoom renewal) were proposed for payment by Mrs Stokes, seconded by Mrs Evans, and agreed unanimously. The Village Hall Grant payments agreed at the last meeting of £500 each, and the hall hire costs of £15 and £12 (Jan and Feb) were also approved, proposed Mrs Wilson, seconded R Kynaston, none against.

The Clerk then confirmed to the meeting that former Councillor David Roberts had agreed again to be the Internal Auditor.

Mr Groome then went on to remind members that they were required to confirm if they were happy with the current financial systems and procedures in place. This was agreed unanimously. Finally the year to date financial position was reported and the Council would finish the year with approximately £11000 in funds, said The Clerk.

1651 PLANNING

a. 22/00230/FUL Snod Coppice, Rowton, Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the installation of CHP unit producing 100kw of heat and 40kw of electric and all associated works Applicant: T K Evans & Co. Councillors decided unanimously to support this application

b. 20/04750/FUL Proposed Barn Conversion East Of The Willows, Halfway House. Proposal: Conversion of two outbuildings into a single dwelling and garage/storage; Permission granted

1652 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21st March 2022 scheduled for Alberbury Village Hall, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Clerk

Date: