

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall, Tuesday 11th October 2022

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, Rob Davies, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd (Chairman)

In attendance: 3 members of the public and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

22/45 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and extended her welcome to the new Parish Clerk

22/46 To note Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr John Esp

22/47 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest or requests for dispensation at this time

22/48 Public session

The Parish Clerk reported that a member of the public had raised the issue of speed of traffic going through Harley, including buses, and for an update on the 20 is Plenty campaign and if measures would apply in Harley.

Councillors present noted that the Parish Council had given formal support for the 20 is Plenty Campaign in its June meeting. Shropshire Council has a lead on the project and decisions on where it will apply will be in its remit.

A member of the public noted, for the benefit of the new Parish Clerk, that the Village Life newsletter deadline is 15th October but that it could be extended to 17th October. This was noted.

A member of the public advised the Parish Council that he would be promoting a property insulation programme within the Parish, quite likely this would include knocking on doors and inviting members of the Parish Council to come along. There was some discussion on the suggestion of having a presentation at a Parish Council meeting.

22/49 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from 12th July 2022

The minutes from 12th July 2022 were unanimously agreed

22/50 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild was unable to attend this evening's meeting and there was no report from Shropshire Council at this time

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22/51 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following was noted:

: **22/03055/VAR**

The Eagles Inn, 1 Harley Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6DF
Application to vary condition no.5 (site investigation report) pursuant of 21/02078/FUL to allow for a more proportionate condition
Refuse (12/8/2022)

View the application directly online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=REAY2XTDH5L00>

ii. Determine response to new Planning Applications

It was noted that approval for the following application had been granted following the publication of the agenda:

22/03772/FUL

No.s 2, 3 And 4 The Moors, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6DA
Addition of external cladding to front, side and rear elevations and roof to be extended by 180 mm complete with new bargeboards

The following was noted:

TWC/2019/1046 Former Ironbridge Power Station, Buildwas Road, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire

Cross boundary planning application for outline application (access for consideration comprising formation of two vehicular accesses off A4169 road) for the development of (up to) 1,000 dwellings; retirement village; employment land comprising classes B1(A), B1(C), B2 and B8; retail and other uses comprising classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, D1 and D2; allotments, sports pitches, a railway link, leisure uses, primary/nursery school, a park and ride facility, walking and cycling routes, and associated

22/52 Highways matters:

i) Harley Bank will be subject to closure on 3rd and 9th of November, between the hours of 8 in the evening to 6 in the morning to minimise disruption.

ii) A458 incidents and accidents have been commented on by residents to Councillors.

The Chairman reported that she had met with the Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, and a highway technician from Shropshire Council, in regards to re-siting the green road sign that is currently in a private property and obscured with foliage. Two possible sites opposite have been identified as suitable alternatives.

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iii) A leak in the road on Severn Way has dried up, tracing the source will require another wet spell. This is a watching brief.

iv) Parking on the junction of Ashdale Road and Severn Way has been raised as an issue by residents. It was suggested that a comment should be put in the Council's Village Life article asking for more considerate parking

22/53 Power of General Competence

It was agreed and resolved to confirm that the Parish Council is an eligible council to exercise the General Power of Competence in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 ss.1-8 as the Parish Clerk holds CiLCA and two-thirds of the Councillors were elected and not co-opted.

22/54 Financial matters:

- i. The agreed to the payment of the following invoices and charges:

Recess (July to September) (retrospective)

| Payee | Item | Amount | Date of Invoice |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Gallaghers (Came &Co) | Insurance | £1406.82 | 28/6/2022 |
| Renewable Energy | Direct Debit | £11.53 | 15/6/2022 |
| Renewable Energy | Direct Debit | £11.90 | 13/7/2022 |
| Information Solutions | Website | £228 | 27/07/2022 |
| SLB Groundcare | Rounder's pitch | £48.50 | 1/8/2022 |
| Brown's Plant Hire | Playing field | £620 | 28/6/2022 |
| Chairman | Pavilion items | £50.17 | 15/07/2022 |
| SALC | Training | £30 | 27/7/2022 |
| PWLB Lending | Loan repayment | £273.46 | 15/7/2022 |
| Wyevale Property Care | Fencing replacement | £1,300 | 17/7/2022 |
| Online Playgrounds | Gap filler for playground | £72.56 | 8/8/2022 |
| Renewable Energy | Direct debit | £11.51 | 12/8/2022 |
| Clerk | Salary Month 5 | £467.34 | 12/8/2022 |
| HMRC | Salary Month 5 | £116.80 | 12/8/2022 |
| County Pension Fund | Closure Deficit (1 st Annual Payment of 5) | £2202 | 22/8/2022 |
| Lyreco | Stationery | £95.72 | 31/8/2022 |
| Shropshire Council | Energy Costs | £260.41 | 31/8/2022 |
| SLB Ground Care | Maintenance Sept. | 682.58 | 1/9/2022 |
| SLB Ground Care | Maintenance U11s | £1157.34 | 1/9/2022 |
| Clerk (ICT) | Expenses | £109.80 | 3/9/2022 |
| Mark Harrod Sport Supplies | Parts for goal posts | £148.13 | 15/9/2022 |

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| Clerk (VNV) | Salary month 6 | £467.34 | 15/9/2022 |
| HMRC | Tax month 6 | £116.80 | 15/9/2022 |
| Clerk (VNV) | Travel Expenses (Aug/Oct) | £32.22 | 11/10/2022 |
| PKF Littlejohn | Audit 2021/2022 | £240 | 109/09/2022 |
| SLB Groundcare | Pitch markings, Environmental Maintenance, October | £873.81 | 1/10/2022 |

- ii. A cheque received from Rounders hire for £90.00 was noted
- iii. The Council noted the Bank Reconciliation for balance date 29th July 2022
- iv. The Council noted the Spend Against Budget for to end of July 2022
- v. The Council noted the Conclusion of External Audit Conclusion. The Parish Clerk outlined the notes that had been made by both the Internal Auditor and External Auditor, and noted that she had spoken with the Internal Auditor who had requested that the Parish Council let her know if it wished to retain her services.

It was unanimously agreed to retain Sue Hackett as Internal Auditor.
- vi. The issue of damaged fencing has been resolved with insurance, the Council is now waiting for payment.

22/55 Other Parish Matters

- i. Update on under 11s play area and proposals for more accessible equipment

Cllr Laura Christmas reported that she had done research on equipment and had met with Ray Parry, a playground equipment supplier. The brief from local children had been discussed in this meeting. Cllr Christmas had also met with a local parent who had requested more accessible equipment, noting that accessing the play area through the existing gate was a challenge.

The likely cost of play equipment is estimated to be between £10,000 and £15,000. The skate park project would be more expensive and would be between £18,000 and £30,000. It is likely that to deliver the play equipment would require different funding sources, and the National Lottery had been identified by Cllr Christmas and the Parish Clerk as a possible source.

There was some discussion on the current ring-fenced reserves and the implication for expenditure on the playground project, and different approaches to moving the project forward.

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It was agreed that Cllr Laura Christmas and the Parish Clerk should work on sending a spec with a budget of £15,000, £20,000, and £25,000 to playground equipment suppliers and see what could be obtained within each budget.

ii. Update on young people's facilities

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, reported that she had been in correspondence about the possibility of funding of youth worker for Cressage but that this has not moved forward at this time. She noted that the area is not considered an area of deprivation and this impacted on what would be made available through the current system.

iii. School Parking

Councillors had met with the Head of School and officers from Shropshire Council regarding school parking, but there were no updates at this time. It was agreed that contact would be made with Cllr Claire Wild to progress this forwards.

iv. A458 safety

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, reported on the potential partnership meeting with other Parish Councils and West Mercia Police about safety on the A458. She noted that this had not progressed further forward than July and that it is waiting on Shropshire Council for a reply.

v. Smart Water

Cllr Rob Davies and Cllr Matt Murray reported that all kits had been taken up by residents, and that signs were up. There has been positive feedback. It was suggested that if offered again it by collecting ten orders before putting in an order for more packs.

vi. Hire of playing field

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, reported that the football team is now hiring the pitch and will be hiring the pavilion. The team will get fixtures one month in advance. The cost will be £40 each session. Terms and conditions have been sent out. Brackets have been ordered for the nets.

It was requested that Terms and Conditions be put on the Parish Council website.

vii. Act of Remembrance

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, reported that a request had been put in for a vicar to cover the Act of Remembrance. It might not be possible to offer refreshments at the event. A wreath will be order for the Parish Council.

viii. Dog Waste

It was reported by Cllr Rob Davies that replacement of dog poo bags had been requested by the public, other Councillors present had received similar requests. Dog waste remains an issue, particularly by the school. There was some discussion on providing and placing dog waste bags in the Parish, it was noted that previously a member of the public had done

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this, and it was suggested that the Parish Council should be seen to be doing something to help with this issue.

It was agreed that Cllr Rob Davies should purchase some compostable dog waste bags and that this sum should be reimbursed by the Parish Council.

22/56 Items for consideration at next Council meeting

Cllr Kal Parkash requested that support for Cressage Village Hall be put as an item for discussion on the next agenda. This was supported by Cllr Rob Davies.

Cllr Laura Christmas requested that the next agenda include the possibility of putting on an event for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, due to be held on 6th May 2023.

22/57 Date & time of next Council meeting – 8th November 2022 at a Harley Village Hall at 7.00 pm