**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall**

**Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Colin Campbell, Rob Davies, John Esp, Matt Murray, Victoria Todd (Chairman)

**In attendance:** Cllr Claire Wild, Gurnek Singh (Shropshire Council), Ian Cruise-Taylor (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. **Chairman’s welcome –** the Chairman welcomed everyone
2. Council noted Apologies **–** Cllrs Laura Christmas and Kal Parkash
3. There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest to note or dispensation requests to be considered.
4. **Public session –** Gurnek Singh informed Council that a ground penetration survey had been carried out on Cressage Bridge and confirmed the voids underneath the carriageway, steps were now being taken to programme the necessary works which should be accrued out by Spring of next year. An additional interim scheme would be put in place to the kerbing, to reduce the risk of vehicles falling off the carriageway where there is a steep drop. This would be followed by a repair to the edges and verges to reduce the risk permanently

Following discussions it was also agreed that Shropshire Council would mark the approached with ‘slow’ signs.

Attention was also drawn by a member of the public to the dangers resulting from lack of pavements on Station Road. Mr Singh agreed to review this to see what could be done.

The process for the closure of the Church was noted by the Council.

The Clerk confirmed that the traffic survey information had been passed to Shropshire Council with the Council’s support.

1. Council unanimously approved the Minutes from 10th May 2022
2. **Shropshire Councillor’s Report –** Cllr Wild encouraged councillors to draw attention to the rising number of scam phone calls and cold callers, to urge residents to beware
3. **Planning matters:**
4. **Decisions if any to note: see appendix A –** noted
5. **Determine response to new Planning Applications if any: see appendix A –** none to consider
6. **Highways matters:**
7. Councillors to report any highway issues for action
   1. Call for pedestrian crossing on Shrewsbury Road – Council noted this request, that such proposals should be made direct to Shropshire Council and agreed to include it in discussions about road safety improvements on the A458
   2. Cressage Bridge – update – see public session
8. **Financial matters:**
9. Council unanimously approved payment of invoices and charges: see Appendix B
10. Council noted Bank Reconciliation: Appendix B
11. Council to unanimously approved Insurance renewal
12. Annual Governance and Accountability Return\*
    1. Council received Bank Reconciliation and Internal Audit Report and agree any actions – Clerk to report further
    2. Council unanimously approved Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022
    3. Council unanimously approved Section 2 Accounting Statements 2021/2022
    4. Council approved the commencement date for the exercise of public rights
13. **Other Parish Matters –** to include report back from meetings/training courses attended
14. Update on insurance matter regarding damaged fencing – Council noted that a loss adjuster had now visited, quotes for repairs had been provided and that the insurance company was taking steps to bring the matter to a conclusion
15. Update on Smartwater – Council noted that 14 of the kits originally purchased had now been sold and could purchase more on the same terms to meet demand
16. Update on under 11s play area – Council noted that the drain repairs had been carried out and the repairs to the equipment were underway with a view to re-opening in late June
17. Proposal to hold Tug-of-War event in 2023 – Council unanimously agreed to allow the event to take place in May 2023
18. Shropshire Council’s draft revised housing allocations policy and scheme – Council noted that Cllrs Rob Davies and Matt Murray would prepare a response on behalf of the Council and circulate for comment.
19. Council agreed that a resident on Cherry Arbor could access the playing field with suitable equipment to carry out tree maintenance
20. **Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision**

* Young people’s activities

1. **Date & time of next Council meeting – 12th July 2022 at a Harley Village Hall at 7.00 pm**
2. **Confidential session**

Councillors discussed a planning matter, in relation to a possible breach and agreed that the Clerk should make informal enquiries

Council noted the resignation of the Parish Clerk, which would take effect on 31st August 2022, and agreed that an advert should be posted at the earliest opportunity

I.F. Cruise-Taylor

Parish Clerk

**Appendix A**

1. **Planning decisions:**

22/00283/OUT: The Eagles Inn , 1 Harley Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, SY5 6DF

Proposal: Outline application for the development of up to 7 residential dwellings on vacant land adjacent to the former Eagles Inn (all matters reserved)

**Decision: Withdrawn**

None notified

1. **Planning applications**

None received

**Appendix B**

**Remaining Payments for approval May and June 2022**

1. **Payments:**

**May**

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| 16/05/2022 | Ren Energy | £11.95 |
| 24/05/2022 | HMRC | £116.80 |
| 24/05/2022 | SDH Audit | £175.68 |
| 24/05/2022 | Smartwater | £300.00 |
| 27/05/2022 | Sbott G/care | £682.58 |
| 27/05/2022 | Clerk salary | £467.34 |
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| **June** |  |  |
| 25/06/2022 | Shropshire Council energy | £260.41 |
| 28/06/2022 | Sbott G/Care | £682.58 |
| 28/06/2022 | HMRC | £116.80 |
| 28/06/2022 | Clerk salary | £467.34 |

**Total £3281.48**

1. **Reconciliation:**

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| Balance brought forward from Year End 31st March 2022 |  | £30,045.99 |
| Add: Receipts to date |  | £27,763.60 |
| Less: Payments to date |  | £3,638.96 |
| Closing Balance at 31st May 2022 |  | £54,170.63 |
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| Bank Balances as at 31st May 2022: |  |  |
| Current account | £1,303.23 |  |
| Deposit account | £53,328.69 | £54,631.92 |
| less unpresented cheques/payments |  | £461.29 |
|  |  | £54,170.63 |