

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council Meeting Cressage Village Hall - Wednesday 30th June 2021

1. **Chairman's welcome:** the chairman welcomed all to the meeting. She introduced the locum clerk Lorna Pardoe to the members of the Council and also the newly appointed Clerk for the Council, Ian Cruise-Taylor, who would be taking over at the beginning of July.
2. **a) Present:** Cllrs Laura Christmas, Rob Davies, John Esp, Matthew Murray, Kalpna Parkash, Victoria Todd – Chairman. Claire Wild – Shropshire Council

b) Apologies were noted from Cllr Colin Campbell who was on holiday.

c) In attendance: Lorna Pardoe - Locum Clerk, Ian Cruise-Taylor - newly appointed Clerk to the Council and 10 members of the public.
3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** there were none declared at this point.
4. **Council to approve the minutes from May 26th 2021 meeting,** The minutes were unanimously approved.
5. **Shropshire Councillor's Report:** Councillor Wild reported on
 - Cressage Bridge. There needs to be 2 trenches dug in front of the pavement as there are voids and these need to be dealt with. The road will probably be closed for 2 or 3 days whilst the work is done.
 - The roads have been swept and the bins have all been emptied.
 - The Ironbridge Power Station Planning Application has been deferred for to a future meeting.
6. **Public session.**

A resident queried when the chain link fencing to be repaired. The Chairman replied that the Locum Clerk had arranged for two contractors to look at the work to be done and provide a quotation so the Parish Council could go to the Insurance Company and get the fence sorted out. She apologised for the delay.

A resident asked the Council what plans are in place to engage with residents more formally to understand priorities. This led on to a discussion about a short survey.

A resident had written to the Parish Council requesting an approach to the school regarding cutting back the trees overhanging the footpath to reduce the health and safety risk to pedestrians and children attending the school. Councillor Wild reported that she had arranged for the pavements to be cleared. There was to be a meeting with the Headteacher of the School to discuss the matter. The trees were to be put on the School Assets Register and properly maintained. Shropshire Council (SC)

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Highways Engineer had stated in a survey carried out in 2019, that the road surface, camber, drainage and markings needed to be improved.

A resident raised his concerns over the proposed Boundary Changes which will take the Parish out of the Shrewsbury & Atcham Area and put it in the Ludlow Area with Shrewsbury. It was agreed that the Parish Council to discuss their response to this at the July meeting.

Also, the same resident queried Shropshire Councils stance on building on greenfield sites. Councillor Wild replied to this stating that she has always stated that brownfield sites should be used in preference to greenfield site. Shropshire Council were opposing the reduction in affordable homes in the application made for the former Power Station Site.

A non-resident asked the Chairman if she had shared an e-mail he sent to her with the other members of the Parish Council. The Chairman replied that she had not. She went on to apologise for not speaking to him directly before putting in a complaint. The non-resident was allowed to hand out a letter that he had written which he wished the members of the Parish Council to agree to sign apologising unreservedly to him. Council noted the contents of the letter.

7. Community Policing the consultation priorities for Cressage were identified as:

- Speeding through the parish
- Break-ins and burglaries
- Lack of Smartwater

Cllr Murray has spoken to Smartwater representative and suggested that they be invited to the Council to speak to members on the benefits of the Smartwater Scheme. The Clerk to check if the Police & Crime Commissioner's discount scheme with Smartwater was still running.

The Chairman suggested that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Harley be re-instated and a new initiative taken in Cressage. She suggested that the Recreation field could be checked on occasionally as lights were being triggered in the late evening early hours.

8. Council to discuss reviewing the Standing Orders: The incoming Parish Clerk suggested a working party to carry out a review and propose any amendments for Council to consider. Cllrs Laura Christmas, Rob Davies and Kalpna Parkash agreed to form the working group with the Parish Clerk.

9. Council to review the following policies and documents:

- **Risk Assessment documents-** it was unanimously agreed to adopt these documents.
- **Financial Risk Assessment documents** it was unanimously agreed to adopt these documents.

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10. Planning matters:

a) Council noted:

- 21/00917/FUL: The Granary Barn, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LP: **Permission Granted**
- 21/01162/COU: Annex At 2 Orchard Close, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6BZ **Permission Granted**

b) New Planning Applications.

None for consideration.

11. Highways matters: Councillors to report any highway issues

- In Sheinton the roads are in a bad state of repair and degenerating.
- The trees overhanging the footpath at the school need trimming The clerk to write to Mrs Cansdale, the headteacher and seek an update on progress
- Parking outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times creates a traffic hazard

Cllr Laura Christmas declared an interest in the following item as it was proposed by her partner. Standing Orders were lifted to allow Mr Christmas to speak.

- Council to consider a circulated proposal allowing the verge Layby to the East side of the A458 approximately ½ mile southbound out of Cressage to be set aside for wildflowers. After a brief discussion of the proposal it was agreed to include it in the agenda for the July meeting for a decision, possibly including a trial area. .

12. Financial matters

- a. Council unanimously approved the payment of invoices listed

30-Jun	2291	Locum clerk 2	pay and travel	175.20
26th May	2292	Shropshire Council	Energy	262.82
	2293	SDH Accounting	Internal Audit	70.00
	2294	HMRC	PAYE	118.38
	2290	Unpresented		59.64
	2296	Locum Clerk 1		780.51
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- b. Council to unanimously accepted the Bank Reconciliation as presented by the Locum Clerk.
- c. Council to receive and accept Internal Audit Report. The Internal Audit was received and unanimously accepted
- d. Council to agree Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/2021. The council unanimously agreed Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

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- e. Council to agree Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/2021. The Council unanimously agreed Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21.

13. **Play Areas** Council noted that the Play area report is due to be done in the new 10-12 weeks. It was noted that the older children do not have a lot to use.

14. Parish Matters

- Cllr Davies proposed a survey of young people to contribute ideas for the Parish Council to consider. Cllrs L Christmas, R Davies and K Parkash agreed to work with the Clerk on the proposal.
 - It was agreed that:
 - A meeting with young people be set up as soon as possible
 - The clerk would contact William Brooks School with a view to circulating information about the event
 - A suitable message be added to Message from Cressage
 - The Clerk was requested to invite PCSO Jaqueline Baldwin to the next Parish Council meeting to meet the members
 - The hedge at The Old School House Harley has grown so high that it is obscuring the road sign. The Clerk to write to the resident and request that they reduce the height of the hedge.
 - The hedge at the Eaton Constantine Crossroads has not been cut back far enough. The Locum Clerk reported that this was being looked at by Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council at their meeting next week.

15. **Date & time of next Council meeting** Wednesday 28th July 2021 starting at 7.00pm at Cressage Village Hall. It was agreed that from September meetings would take place on the second Tuesday of the Month.

16. The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Chairman.....

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