CRESSAGE, HARLEY & SHEINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Report

Listed below is an update of issues that have been reported to the Parish Clerk as part of the public participation session or from direct contact. The update also includes further info on some items on the agenda

Issue	Update(s)
Cressage Social Club decking (Item 64/1920 a)	Public Protection/Licensing have advised that they are trying to ascertain the position with regards to planning permission for the decking. Once the Shropshire Council's position regarding this is clear, the Club will be requested to submit an application to vary the plan on their Club Certificate, if they intend to and/or are using the decking for the consumption of alcohol supplied from within the club. A planning application has now been submitted.
The Eagles Inn (Item 62/1920 1)	 Meeting held with representative for The Eagles Inn. An application for demolition has been submitted. Emails received from two members of the public outlining the following issues: "The Eagles Inn is an important undesignated heritage asset within the village of Cressage. It appears as an existing building on the Roque Map of 1747 (attached) it is marked as G9 tenanted by Joseph Hanson from Lord Newport. It became an Inn in the 1800s and it is shown on the 1842 map as plot 18 (image attached) and on the OS 1889 map. As I have never been inside I am not sure what historic fabric remains, but it has a jettied front and obviously historic gables, denoting probably a farmhouse of the early 1700s. Whilst the building is currently deteriorating due to vandalism and neglect it is crucial that a Historic Building Recording be made of the building due to its historic character and construction." "A major reason for the refusal of the earlier planning application on this site related to the significant contribution that the former Eagles building makes to the centre of the village. This point remains valid, of course. However, of greater concern to me is this. The building has the shape and form of a late-sixteenth or early-seventeenth century half-timbered building. Little of the actual structure of the building is visible from the outside. However, a fine moulded bressumer beam is visible along the front. This also tends to suggest that the building could be a late-sixteenth or early-seventeenth century half-timbered building." The correspondent feels the historic interest of the building should be investigated prior to demolition.
Street lights (item 64/1920 h)	 Loan for £5,100 from PWLB for LED lights now received. The interest rate is fixed at 1.35% for 10 years 0 months plus an admin fee of £25, total repayable £5,469.18. Bi-annual repayments of £273.46 each due in February and August each year, commencing February 2020. LED lights ordered from EON for unconverted parish lights – likely to be installed Sep/October as there is a lead time on orders.

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	• SC have now sent the inventory to Western Power but the power to the telephone kiosk box which is presently billed with the street lights is not on the inventory. Western Power are querying this with SC and once it is resolved the energy supply will be transferred to SC. Once converted the schedule will be updated with details of the LED lights. Due to delays in SC processing the transfer (staff changes) and the LED lights being installed mid-year there is likely to be an overspend on electricity this year as the lights were not converted and transferred to a cheaper supplier at the start of the financial year for the reasons detailed above.
Highways (Items 64/1920 b, c, d & f)	 Councillors met with new Highways Officer Jonathan Ingoldby and will report back at the meeting Clerk to Cound PC emailed to say one of their councillors reported a concern about lack of visibility at the bottom of Shore Lane approaching the A458 due to overgrown bushes from a private garden. Cllr. Bott was asked to check the area by the clerk and did not feel there is a safety concern and the bushes are on private land. Council to decide whether to write to the property owner and ask them to cut them back. I suggest it would be worthwhile to put a general reminder in Village Life asking residents to cut back hedges/foliage from the highway and around any street furniture as the season for doing this is approaching.
Severn Trent work (Item 64/1920 g)	Severn Trent are due to do work in the vicinity of the war memorial and have advised likely to start of 16 th October 2019. I am waiting for confirmation of duration of the works as council may want to ask for the dates to be changed if it were to clash with Remembrance Sunday? They have also asked the council if it is felt a public meeting is needed about the works – they would organise.
Dog fouling stencils (not on agenda)	Stencils could be purchased for under £25 so a set has been purchased for use.