

# Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting 11th October 2016

### Questions from the public.

One member of the public attended the meeting.

### Questions to Shropshire Councillor

Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild dealt with questions prior to the meeting..

#### **79/16 Attendees**

Councillors: , Mr. SL Bott, Dr. I W Lawrence, Mrs. V W Todd,  
Mr. D.Quenby Mr. C Campbell , Mr. J Esp. Cllor Wild (Shropshire Council)

#### **80/16 Apologies**

Mr. R Tipper

#### **81/16 Declarations of Interest**

Mr . SL Bott re: Grounds Maintenance

#### **83/16 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed as a true record.

#### **84/16 Matters Arising/ Unresolved Issues**

Repairs to the Under 11's Play Area nears completion. One of the new replacement parts has been delivered incorrectly and as soon as this has been replaced the facility will be re-opened.

The issue of flooding at the site has been reduced but given the problems associated with the underground section of the stream it is likely this may return with wet weather . Shropshire Council continue to investigate the problem of the greatly reduced flow of the stream .

The overgrown hedge at the foot of the hill in Harley Village remains a problem to residents and traffic. The problem has been reported to Shropshire Council Highways but it seems a problem with British Telecom wires running through the hedge has caused an undue delay in efforts to cut back the hedge, however due notice has been served advising that the council will cut back the hedge and recharge the work to the owner.

#### **85/16 Planning**

16/04154. Tythe Barn, Shrewsbury Road, Cressage.  
Installation of a utility/cloakroom pod at the rear of the central bay within a grade II listed building .

#### **86/16 Accounts**

Bank Reconciliation, Cash-book, Payments (including Bank Standing Orders) and income were approved by the Council and are appended as Appendix A.

#### **87/16 Financial Matters**

The report of the government appointed External Auditor in respect of the 2015/16 Accounts has been received. It concludes that in its opinion the information in the Annual Return is in accordance with proper practices and there are no matters giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. Copies of the Annual Return are posted for inspection on Parish Notice Boards.

#### **88/16 Correspondence**

#### **89/16 Parish Matters**

Cressage Sports FC the regular user of the Recreation Ground no longer exists and the football facility is therefore free for hire. Two Junior Football Clubs, one from Much Wenlock, and one from Lawley have expressed an interest in use of the pitch, requesting information on fees etc. It was resolved to offer the facility at existing hire rates plus costs of marking.

Problems still exist with graffiti and vandalism at the Cressage Recreation Ground. This is a costly problem to remedy and it was agreed to explore CCTV options to determine if there is a cost effective solution.

Cressage School is to hold a firework display etc. on the school playing field. The Governors have requested use of the Parish Recreation Ground for emergency access. It was resolved to agree to the request.

## **Any Other Business**

The meeting heard that damage has been caused to the steel gates at the entrance to the Under 11's Play Area. This followed permission being granted to Cressage resident Mr. Hughes of 7 Severn Way to allow a contract gardener access across the Under 11,s Play area for a mini digger to carry to carry out work in his rear garden. Permission was given on the understanding that he must obtain keys from the councils grounds maintenance contractor for access, including keys for the additional padlock used when the play area was temporarily closed for safety reasons. In the event the keys were not obtained and the gates were lifted from their hinges causing damage. Also the gates were not replaced leaving access to the public even though it was clear the area was closed for safety reasons. The councils contractor replaced the gates and damage to the posts needs attention. It was resolved to seek an estimate for repair costs and charge these to Mr Hughes.

## **91/16 Date and Time of Next meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at Cressage Village Hall.**