

## **Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 7.00 pm**

In attendance: Robert Davies, Matthew Murray, Victoria Todd, John Esp, Colin Campbell, Shropshire Councillor Susan Coleman, four members of the public, and the Parish Clerk

#### **1. Welcome and Opening Comments**

Cllr Victoria Todd welcome everyone to the meeting, particularly the new Shropshire Councillor for Severn Valley, Susan Coleman.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Shropshire Councillor Dan Thomas (Much Wenlock)

#### **3. To approve the minutes of previous meetings – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were approved as a true record

#### **4. Parish Council Report (by Chairman of Parish Council)**

Cllr Victoria Todd said that a written copy of her report will be sent to Village Life.

She noted the following themes of the year:

- Speeding on the A458 and visibility matters have been discussed, solving this problem is a challenge
- Village Gateways have been ordered and will be installed
- The Under 11s Play Area on Severn Way has had some attention
- There have been no controversial planning applications, and no further information on the Eagles site
- Footpaths matters will continue to be pushed by the Parish Council

Thanks were given to Claire Wild, the outgoing Shropshire Councillor, and to Laura Christmas and Kal Parkash who both served four years on the Parish Council.

#### **5. Shropshire Council Report – by Shropshire Councillor**

Cllr Susan Coleman thanked outgoing Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild for her help and support and said that she intended to carry on working hard like as she did during her term of office. She will be coming to each meeting and will be available to help with any problems.

Cllr Coleman said that she had worked for Shropshire Council for ten years, and although I was some time ago, there are still some familiar faces. She will be waiting to see how the new administration deliver on pledges, for example, scrapping payment for green bins will require £4M. The promise to invest in roads will also need monitoring.

Cllr Dan Thomas filed a written report

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Dan Thomas – Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council Report, May 2025

- Thank you

I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who voted for me in the Shropshire Council elections. Speaking to residents and walking around the village of Harley was a good experience, and I'm delighted to be able to continue the work I've been doing. I am committed to working hard to address the challenges facing our community and to ensure that your voices are heard.

I am looking forward to working with Victoria, Colin, Vanessa and the Parish council towards a better future for Shropshire.

- Open Reach in Harley

Openreach will be undertaking some surveys ahead of bringing fibre broadband into the village. Their survey will focus on the existing infrastructure (poles and the underground network) as they agree on the best way to deploy the new fibre cables. They've said they are happy to be approached by the community and have posted on the message from Cressage Facebook group.

- Advice Surgeries

Now that the election is over, my advice surgeries can continue. My next Advice Surgery, which will be my 50th surgery, is on Saturday, 14th of June, between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by a representative from the Police.

### **6. Reports from Village Organisations**

Women's Institute: A written report was read out from the Womens' Institute. It noted that it is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and that the local group currently has 29 members. Meetings are held in Cressage Village Hall with various events organised throughout the year. There is some concern about the condition of the Village Hall car park as some of the membership are mobility impaired and find the surface difficult to walk on.

Cressage Village Hall: there are now regular weekly booking including Tai-Chi, Womens' Institute, Swap-Shop, quiz evening, and bingo once a month. There is a Committee of 6. The Village Hall is an excellent facility that needs more support. The car park needs re-surfacing but the cost is high, at least £30K. The financial support of the Parish Council would be appreciated in this respect.

Tug of War: a written report was provided, this noted that the 41<sup>st</sup> Shropshire County Open Tug of War Championships will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May on Cressage Recreation Ground. It is expected that there will be 15 teams. There will be a medal ceremony after the final.

### **7. Open forum where members of the public may raise any subject for the exchange of information and general discussion.**

No issues were raised by the public for discussion.