

Cressage, Harley and Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes

of the Annual Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 26 May 2021 at Cressage Village Hall

Present:

Chairman: Cllr. Victoria Todd, Cllr. Colin Campbell, Cllr. Laura Christmas, Cllr. Robert Davies, Cllr. John Esp, Cllr. Matthew Murray, Cllr. Kalpna Parkash.

In attendance:

Locum Clerk, Sharon Clayton
Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild
Approximately 17 members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

In pursuance of the LGA 1972 S15(1)(2) nominations were sought for the election of Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Kal Parkash be elected as Chairman, but the proposal was not seconded.

It was then PROPOSED that Cllr. Victoria Todd be elected as Chairman and, after being SECONDED, it was **unanimously AGREED that Cllr. Victoria Todd be elected as Chairman**

2. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Chairman, Cllr. Victoria Todd signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman.

3. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

All newly elected councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. Election of Vice Chairman

In pursuance of the LGA 1972 S15(6) nominations were sought for the election of Vice Chairman for the ensuing Council year.

It was PROPOSED that Cllr. Rob Davies be elected as Vice Chairman, but the proposal was not SECONDED.

It was then PROPOSED that Cllr. Colin Campbell be elected as Vice Chairman and, after being SECONDED, it was **unanimously AGREED that Cllr. Colin Campbell be elected as Vice Chairman.**

5. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The newly elected Vice Chairman, Cllr. Colin Campbell signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. Chairman's Welcome

We have 4 new members of the Parish Council, to which I extend a warm welcome. In doing so, you are advised much of the business we discuss is not controversial it is in fact regular and mundane.

I would like you to note in my 23 years of being on the P.C. I have never had a political conversation with any other councillor. In fact I wouldn't even know what their political affiliations they had. The recent canvassing has been driven by a political agenda I would advise councillors to leave their political associations at the door. We are all here to serve and do the very best we can for our community and residents.

You are now the eyes and the ears of the village. It is your role to report potholes, street lights that aren't working, litter, overflowing bins, the state of the play area and the recreation ground, flooding, overgrown hedges, fly tipping, damage to P. C. assets (as often happens), anti social behaviour, parking on pavements. Not forgetting the ever present issue of dog fouling.

A word of warning though – don't expect things to happen quickly – as we have all evidenced by the time it took to repair the dip in the road by the under 11's play area on Severn Way but most particularly the kerbing that is still awaiting repair/replacement on the village side of Cressage bridge.

So now lets proceed with the Parish business and let our watchwords be politeness and decorum.

7. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies from Members as all were present, although apologies were received from the Locum Clerk, Lorna Pardoe who was ill.

8. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

The following interests were declared:

None declared.

9. Minutes

The draft minutes from a Parish Council meeting held on 14 April 2021 were considered for approval.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the minutes be signed and ADOPTED as a true record.

10. Shropshire Council Report

Cllr. Claire Wild reported that she had asked Shropshire Council to carry out an audit on emptying recycling bins and Shropshire Council was to issue a third bin later in the year. There were big cavities underneath the Cressage bridge and Shropshire Council planned to carry out repairs during the summer holidays. The Local Plan timetable would probably be submitted to the Inspector in September. Raby was putting their site forward although it was not in Shropshire Council's preferred options. WSP had been commissioned by Raby to carry out a report on its behalf.

NOTED.

11. Public Session

One member of the public informed that he had asked the Parish Council for permission to use the recreation field and pavilion to hold a village fete, tug of war competition and other events for children, and possibly maypole dancing. He informed that he had the support of the Head Teacher at Christchurch Primary School.

One member of the public referred to the planning application for The Eagles public house and said that the footway was inadequate. The footpath across the car park had been used for circa 200 years but very difficult to prove. The planning application suggested that the new build could be moved further back from the Farley Road and allow more footway width and better visibility at the road junction.

One member of the public said that he had registered the footpath through The Eagles car park. It had been used for decades and no-one had ever been stopped from using it. However, the path was blocked but is currently usable.

One member of the public referred to The Eagles planning application and said that if the development did go ahead there should be some form of footpath or access from the A45 to the Sheinton road. He then alluded to previous parish meetings at which various organisations had been invited to attend, but this had not been the case for this year. Finally, he expressed concern about the dispute between the Clerk and the Council.

One member of the public referred to previous actions of the last Parish Council and hoped that these could be laid to rest so that the new Council could move on.

One member of the public wanted to discuss the 2012 Parish Plan and the Chairman informed that, following advice, it would not be discussed at this evening's meeting.

12. Planning Matters

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

Planning Application Details	Proposals
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<p>21/02078/FUL The Eagles Inn, 1 Harley Road, Cressage</p>	<p>Conversion of former public house to two residential dwellings; associated works. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council supports the development in principle. ○ The Council would like to work with the developer to ensure an equitable outcome. ○ The developer should be asked for a commitment to maintain an adequate footpath. ○ The original features of the Listed Building should be preserved, and the conversion should be in keeping with the street landscape of the village centre. ○ The exit onto Sheinton Road should be reconsidered as a matter of grave importance
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<p>21/02123/LBC The Eagles Inn, 1 Harley Road, Cressage</p>	<p>Internal alterations in association with conversion of former public house to two residential dwellings. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council supports the development in principle. ○ The Council would like to work with the developer to ensure an equitable outcome. ○ The developer should be asked for a commitment to maintain an adequate footpath. ○ The original features of the Listed Building should be preserved, and the conversion should be in keeping with the street landscape of the village centre.
<p>21/01469/FUL Outbuilding adjacent to Sheinwood Cornmill, Sheinton</p>	<p>Erection of lean-to extension to outbuilding to form storage/forestry building and toilet facilities ancillary to the maintenance of the land and private storage purposes. It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED to support.</p>

Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**.

Planning Decision Details	Proposals
<p>21/00917/FUL The Granary Barn, Harley</p>	<p>Erection of detached double garage. Permission GRANTED 24 May 2021.</p>
<p>21/01124/FUL Castleholm, Harley</p>	<p>Erection of replacement dwelling and detached double garage with store. Permission GRANTED 6 May 2021.</p>
<p>21/01424/FUL Crows Nest, Harley</p>	<p>Installation of ground mounted solar panel array comprising 16 panels (7.2m x 5.8m). Permission GRANTED 13 May 2021.</p>

13. Highways matters

The following highways matters were considered:

- The number of potholes at various places. Their location would be provided at the next meeting so that they could be reported to Shropshire Council for attention.
- The stability of Cressage bridge was being observed by Shropshire Council due to a number of holes underneath the bridge.
- There was a blocked drain at Sheinton Common (SY5 6DP) which needed to be reported to Shropshire Council.
- The bollards were still fallen at Wood Lane.

NOTED.

14. Financial Matters

a) Payments to date 2021

Members considered for approval payments to date.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the following payments be APPROVED.

	7	2285	Ecotricity	24.11
26th May	8	2286	HMRC	87.00
	9	2287	Came & Co	1060.50
	10	2288	SALC	425.60
	11	2289	L Pardoe	626.40
	12	2290	S Bott	59.64
27-May	13	S/O	S Bott	662.70
24-May		D/D	WaterPlus	46.36

b) Bank Reconciliations

Members considered for approval bank reconciliations to date.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that bank reconciliations to date be APPROVED.

c) Insurance Policy

Members considered for approval the insurance policy.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that the insurance policy be renewed.

15. Parish Matters

- a) Members considered a request for permission to use the recreation field and pavilion for holding a tug of war competition and to develop a village day in 2022, and permission for a further two years should the event be well received.

It was AGREED that:

- o **The Tug of War could go ahead for the next 3 years.**
 - o **Other activities would be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- b) A letter had been received from local residents at Sheinton Road seeking assistance from the Parish Council to assist with the following:
- o For the pavement to be cleaned more frequently outside Christchurch C of E School especially where the trees hang over the road.
 - o Seek assistance from the school to reduce the height of the trees overhanging the footpath as they are too high.
 - o Seek assistance to prevent obstructive parking from parents dropping off and collecting children to and from school.

It was AGREED to write to Shropshire Council and ask that improvements be made to the road outside the school to prevent obstructive parking, and to write to the school and request that the overhanging trees be reduced in height and spread.

- c) Members received a request for permission to enter the under 11s play area in Cressage to construct a suitable fence in place of an overgrown hedge.

It was AGREED to grant permission in principle, although works should not take place for the next couple of months nor in wet weather, and measures should be put in place to prevent damage to the ground.

- d) . Ownership of land skirted by Meadow Close & Severn Way, Cressage has been sought, for the purpose of a resident's enquiry to re-wild the area once ownership is established. Shropshire Council offered to undertake a Land Registry search to determine ownership.

NOTED.

16. Date of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting would take place at 7 pm on 30 June 2021 at Cressage Village Hall.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED** that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press should not be present.

17. Clerk Vacancy

Members considered for approval arrangements for filling the Clerk vacancy.

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that:

- **Cllrs. Matthew Murry, Kalpna Parkash and Victoria Todd be elected to the interview panel.**
- **Interviews would take place on Monday 7 June at Cressage Village Hall, the first commencing at 7 pm and the second commencing at 7.45 pm.**
- **A Zoom meeting for full Council would take place at 7pm on Wednesday 9 June 2021 to receive a recommendation on which candidate should be appointed.**
- **The appointment of the Clerk would be ratified at the Parish Council meeting on 30 June 2021.**

The meeting closed at 21:12.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

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