

## Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

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### Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Victoria Todd (Chairman), Matthew Murray, Robert Davies, Kal Parkash, John Esp, Colin Campbell, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and three members of the public

#### **24.99 Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **24.100 To note Apologies**

An apology was accepted from Cllr Laura Christmas

An apology was received from Shropshire Cllr Claire Wild who had another commitment

#### **24.101 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests.**

There were none at this time

#### **24.102 Public session**

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would be having a discussion about Neighbourhood Plans as it would give more control over development. The Local Plan has been found not sound and the county could be open to more development plans being pushed through.

Parish Councillors noted this suggestion with comments that the Neighbourhood Plan is a long process that requires resources and engagement with the community, there were also concerns that changes in planning at a national level might negate the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan process.

#### **24.103 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

There was none at this time

#### **24.104 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 as a true record

#### **24.105 Planning matters:**

##### **i. Decisions:**

The following was noted:

24/04342/LBC (validated: 19/11/2024)  
Old Crown House , Crown Lane, Cressage

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Replacement of existing lead casement windows with timber casement windows  
Decision: Grant Permission

ii. **Determine response to any new Planning Applications:**

There were none at this time

**24.106 Highways matters**

There were no highway issues to report for action

**24.107 Financial matters:**

i. Council resolved to agree payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 11		<i>Tbc</i>	17/2/2025
HMRC	Tax month 11		<i>Tbc</i>	17/2/2025
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£20.88	17/2/2025
Ecotricity	Pavilion electricity		£21	3/2/2025
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – February		£738.64	4/2/2025

- ii. Council resolved to note: receipts and expenditure to end January
- iii. Council resolved to note Bank Reconciliation to end January
- iv. Council resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end January

**24.108 Other Parish Matters**

- i. Under 11 Play Area: the works have been completed. It was noted that it is the Parish Council's responsibility to keep its boundary tidy, and to clear roots out of the drains. It was also noted that it is homeowner's responsibility to keep hedges, verges and foliage clear on the boundaries of their properties.  
It was agreed to ask the maintenance contractor to expose the drainage covers, and to undertake repairs on boundary fences and the gate.
- ii. Village Gateway: Cllr Todd reported on contact with Shropshire Council officers regarding what village gateways could be placed on the verges in Cressage. There are two main suppliers, one will install the signs, the other option would require someone to install it. There was some preference expressed for purchasing the gateway from the company that would fit it.  
It was agreed to go forwards with the plan of putting a village gateway in place. Cllr Todd to discuss with suppliers a suitable location and to bring back prices to the next meeting.

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- iii. Verges clearance: three quotes were considered for tidying the verges. Excluding VAT, Company A £200, Company B £450, Company C, £150.  
It was agreed to requested that J.Almond be requested to tidy the verges at the cost of £150 excluding VAT. The Parish Council thanked the Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, for all her hard work on the village gateway project.
- iv. Tug of War: it was agreed to say yes to the request to hold a tug-of-war match on the playing field on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2025
- v. Road Closure: Sheinton Road will be closed on 29<sup>th</sup> April between 9.30 and 14.30 because of B.T works
- vi. Grit Bin on Sheinton Bank: Cllr Matthew Murray will be following up the request for a grit bin on Sheinton Bank
- vii. Tree works: Cllr Victoria Todd has asked the maintenance contractor for a price for trimming the branches of the trees by Cambers
- viii. Parking opposite Cambers: the low wooden stakes have been flattened and an informal layby has been established. It was agreed to ask the maintenance contractor for a price for works.

### **24.109 Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision**

Village Gateway  
Verges – follow up  
Neighbourhood Plan

### **24.110 Date & time of next Council meeting** March 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Harley Village Hall at 7.00pm