

CRESSAGE, HARLEY AND SHEINTON

PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Council Meeting held on 4th September 2019

at Cressage Village Hall at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Quenby (Chairman), Cllrs. Aston, Bott, Campbell, Esp and Todd

Absent: Cllr. Lawrence

In attendance: Clerk: Rebecca Turner, Shropshire Cllr. Claire Wild, 12 members of the public

55/1920 **PERSONS PRESENT & APOLOGIES & REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Lawrence (holiday).

56/1920 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Cllr. Bott declared a pecuniary interest in Item 65/1920c – payments to his company

57/1920 **DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None.

58/1920 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

- Owner of land at Harley (Aitchinson) – has been approved by SC for local needs housing but can't build on first choice plot due to a covenant and has identified another plot 25 metres away from the road. The applicants are seeking parish council support for the alternative plot. Mr Aitchinson handed out plans and the parish council agreed to put this on the October agenda for discussion.
- A resident spoke re a proposal for a gardens open day in 2020; the event was last held in 2013. The parish council confirmed it had no objection to the event.
- A resident spoke re The Eagles and highlighted a study by Dr Trevor Hill and a 1747 map of the village. It is known that The Eagles was a major farmhouse prior to that. The wall around The Eagles is not a very historic wall. If the wall were demolished it would help a lot with sight lines. The resident was proposing retaining the building and possibly dividing it into residential units. The chairman asked who would pay to restore it and the member of the public suggested the developer would pay which the chairman questioned in terms of viability. A member of the public said that the building must be recorded as a matter of public record even if it is knocked down. A further member of the public spoke re The Eagles and the poor state it is in. A community asset is meant to be something that has been used by the community recently but the pub has not been used for circa 8 years. He felt it needs to be re-developed and re-align pavement and save the internal part of the building if possible. A further member of the public agreed and highlighted the fact the building is an eyesore at the centre of the village. He had seen little architectural merit from when he had been inside it as a public house. A further member of the public emphasised the need to sort this out soon as don't want another winter with concerns re ASB associated with the building The chairman noted all of the points made and said the parish council will try and negotiate a development that satisfies everyone.
- A representative of the Tug of War Association spoke. He was seeking the parish council's permission to hold the Shropshire Open Championships on Cressage recreation ground in May 2020 (24th provisionally). He wants to involve the community via a committee to help with organisation e.g. car parking, refreshments. The event would start circa 8am and requires a 60m by 50m arena with 4 or 5 ropes. Weigh-in takes place and there are 8 per team with circa 10 teams and 9 competitions during the day. The event would have a permit from the Tug of War Association – this covers the activity inside the arena but PC would

need to insure the rest of the area. He presented a draft site plan. He was asking the council for permission to use the ground and pavilion and help with organising parking etc.

- Bus service 436 – it was highlighted that this often misses the loop around the village of Cressage. This has been noticed on Friday/Saturday evenings. The clerk will contact Arriva.
- Subsidence on B4380 near bridge towards Eaton Constantine – this has been reported to SC.
- CCTV and damage to pavilion – a member of the public asked how much has it cost? The chair said at present he did not have the information needed to answer.
- Station Road speed limit –traffic calming measures being requested such as a VAS. Concerned re safety of the large number of children walking along there. Questioning whether it is wise of the parish council to spend on CCTV when this money could be spent on traffic calming. The chairman advised that the parish council has asked for the speed camera van to go there but the member of the public said he had been advised there was not a suitable location for the van. Cllr. Wild had spoken to Jason Hughes from SC – VAS is circa £2,500 but need to add electric connection costs of circa £2,500; solar signs are circa £6,500.
- Isobel Trow was applauded for organising a very successful community fete. She donated surplus funds to be banked by the parish council and ringfenced towards a future fete.

59/1920 **REPORTS**

a) Police Report

None.

b) Shropshire Council

There has been no application to discharge the conditions for School House Farm Sheinton. This means no work on the site can start. It also means that no management plan has been submitted. Looked After Children numbers continue to rise in Shropshire due to the County Lines issue, if you see suspicious activity and think that drugs and young adults are involved please report it to the police.

c) *Clerk's Report*

Issue	Update(s)
Cressage Social Club decking (Item 64/1920 a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Protection/Licensing have advised that they are trying to ascertain the position with regards to planning permission for the decking. Once 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 l)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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.

d) *Parish Councillor Reports*

Cllr. Todd had circulated a report re highways.

e) *Fete*

The chairman invited Isobel Trow to speak. He asked her to submit accounts for the fete to the clerk. She was thanked for her efforts in organising this.

60/1920 **MINUTES** – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2019 as being a correct record and they were duly signed by the chairman.

61/1920 **PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS** – *For information only*

- 19/02163/VAR - Yarchester Barns, Mill Farm, Harley Hill, Harley, Shrewsbury, SY5 6LP
Proposal: Removal of conditions 4 and 5 attached to planning permission SA/06/1084/F dated 15 September 2006 to allow unrestricted occupancy
Decision: Grant Permission
- 18/05179/FUL - Land Off Shrewsbury Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
Proposal: Formation of a new agricultural access
Decision: Grant Permission

- 3) 18/04266/FUL - School House Farm, Sheinton, Shrewsbury, SY5 6DN
 Proposal: Change of use of farm yard and buildings to holiday complex to include: some demolition of buildings; siting of four glamping units and one log cabin; works to and change of use of two buildings to form office and store and leisure facilities, formation of parking areas; and installation of package treatment plant (Amended Description)
Decision: Grant Permission
- 4) 19/03121/TPO - The Limes, 5 Shrewsbury Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, SY5 6AA
 Proposal: To crown reduce overextended branches to lateral limbs throughout crown remove major deadwood, ivy and growth at basil area 1no Lime tree protected by Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Land at Shrewsbury Road, Shore Lane & Crown Lane, Cressage) Tree Preservation Order 2007
Decision: Grant Permission
- 5) Mr & Mrs Bayliss – Build Your Own Affordable Housing Scheme Application
 Local need in principle but queries re location.

62/1920 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FOR COMMENT**

- 1) 19/03059/FUL - The Eagles Inn, Harley Road, Cressage, SY5 6DF
 Proposal: Demolition of former public house and clearance of site
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to support the application but ask that a record is made of its historic interest.
- 2) 19/03416/HRM - Severn Springs Farm, Sheinton, Shrewsbury, TF13 6NT
 Proposal: To remove one section of hedgerow totalling 138m on land at Seven Springs Farm, Much Wenlock, to improve the workability of the fields and reduce soil erosion.
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to not comment.
- 3) 19/03422/FUL - Cressage Mens Club, Sheinton Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, SY5 6BY
 Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the formation of a decked area (re-submission)
Comments: It was **RESOLVED** to object on grounds of safety, ASB, noise and traffic moving between the two buildings – cars, pedestrians etc.

63/1920 **POLICY MATTERS**

- a) *Press & Media Policy* – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy. It was further **RESOLVED** to publish editions of Village Life on the parish council website and to ask for the Parish Council website address to be publicised on Cressage Residents Association Group Facebook site.

64/1920 **PARISH MATTERS**

- a) *Cressage Social Club*
 See clerk's report.
- b) *Collapsed road on Severn Way* – A site visit had been held with Jonathan Ingoldby of SC Highways on this and a number of highways issues. The site visit had commenced by surveying and discussing the history and time scales of the collapse having been monitored carefully by the PC over time, probably 2 years. It was noted there were yellow marking on the road, which seemed to indicate some imminent work. SC Highways had assumed the collapse had settled and there was only a requirement to back fill and re-surface. The PC had conveyed to JI that investigating what caused the collapse was necessary. This discussion had also included highlighting issues with the water courses in general and poor drainage in the play area.
- c) *Bollards on Wood Lane* - It was observed that 2/3 bollards had fallen down the bank and were spied through foliage. Other bollards were loose and being held in position by vegetation. JI was able to see the potential of the issue but felt that the hedge needed to be cut in order to better assess the problem. He was also finding out who owns the land beside Wood Lane, Cressage, to ask them to trim their hedge before the damaged reflector posts are replaced.
- d) *Overgrown bushes bottom of Shore Lane affecting highways visibility* – clerk to send letter to people and reminder in Village Life to people to cut hedges on private property that overhang the highway.

e) *Play area/recreation ground safety inspection reports* – noted, some brackets had needed replacing on the pavilion guttering – this has been done.

f) *Other highways matters*

(i) SHEINTON BANK

The surface of Sheinton Bank was deemed to be particularly poor and JI indicated it was “too far gone” for surface dressing or other standard surface coatings and would need a machine overlay. This is a much more costly job. JI gave some technical appreciation what needed to be done. JI was made aware of the subsidence this bank was subjected to at the top. He wasn’t conscious of whether it was scheduled for work to be carried out. JI indicated he would have a conversation with Ian Walshaw. JI has requested that the Roadmaster lorry (which sprays bitumen and chippings) visit Sheinton Bank to fill areas of spalling, to try to improve the ride quality.

SHEINTON ROAD SURFACE.

JI was aware of the problem that has led to erosion of the surface outside the school particularly. The road had been surface dressed, about 6/7 years ago and because the road is flat, it is not shaped to shed water. Water lies on the surface and causes ingress. In effect, the road needs reshaping so that there is a crossfall. The solution is to reshape the road ensuring an efficient crossfall and camber; it may necessitate raising the kerbs. JI will report it to the Highway Manager.

CRESSAGE BRIDGE.

JI was aware of the kerbs but his best advice was to keep pursuing SC on the matter. Clerk to chase up with SC Bridges what is happening.

HEDGES IN HARLEY

JI agreed to look at ‘the hedge’, which is an ongoing cause for concern. The landowner is also responsible for part of the hedge on the A458, which he was going to pursue via the usual procedures. Additionally, also on A458 another hedge obliterates 3 advisory signs JI indicated he would serve a notice as he could see the hedge had never been cut. JI was asked to address the obscured chevrons in the hedge of conifers at the Red House on Harley Bank.

OTHER

JI has agreed to hold regular site meetings as part of his regular 3 monthly inspection tours.

- g) *Severn Trent works near war memorial* – works scheduled 16th October to 6th December 2019, clerk has asked STW to delay start until after Remembrance Sunday. The clerk has also asked STW to book a drop-in info session about the works for residents, at Cressage Village Hall.
- h) *Street lights – ordering of LED lights and query re kiosk electricity supply* – lights have been ordered for install by end of October. The kiosk electricity supply needs to be transferred to SC’s register as it was on same inventory as the street lights.
- i) *Remembrance Sunday* – it was **RESOLVED** that the PC will run the 2019 event and road closures will be arranged. Cllr. Todd to order a Type B wreath for a donation of £50.
- j) *Access to recreation ground for bonfire in November* – 2019 event cancelled.
- k) *Tug-of-War – to consider proposal for a competition in 2020* – it was **RESOLVED** to support the proposal. A committee will need to be formed – to be agreed at next council meeting. It was further agreed to put an article in Village Life inviting people to form the committee.
- l) *Reports of urgent parish matters (for info only)* – it was confirmed that the dog fouling stencils have arrived. Non-permanent paint will be used and the dog warden will be informed. It was noted that some parishes spray the mess with high vis spray paint.

65/1920 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) *Q1 bank reconciliation & budget report* – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the report as per Appendix 1, the reconciled balance being £35,159.18.
- b) *Confirmation of PWLB loan and payment terms* – loan of £5,100 (less admin fee of £25), over a 10-year term, interest 1.35%, bi-annual repayments commencing Feb 2020 of £273.46 each
- c) *Payments including payments made between meetings*

Ref	Payee	Item	Chq	Net	VAT	Gross
P34-1920	Npower	Electricity	DD	£835.97	£41.80	£877.17
P35-1920	S L Bott	Maintenance contract	SO	£643.40	£0.00	£643.40
P36-1920	R Turner	Salary July	SO	£372.64	£0.00	£372.64

P37-1920	ICO	Reg fee	DD	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
P38-1920	S L Bott	Maintenance contract	SO	£643.40	£0.00	£643.40
P39-1920	R Turner	Salary August	SO	£372.64	£0.00	£372.64
P40-1920	SCPF	Pension August	2206	£80.36	£0.00	£80.36
P41-1920	R Turner	Expenses July & Aug	2207	£77.08	£5.06	£82.14
P42-1920	Great Hanwood PC	Office costs	2208	£348.75	£0.00	£348.75
P43-1920	Great Ness & Little Ness PC	Backup software	2209	£31.46	£0.00	£31.46
P44-1920	DM Payroll	DPO	2210	£133.33	£0.00	£133.33
P45-1920	SALC	Training	2211	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00
P46-1920	Cambers	Signs	2212	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00
P47-1920	PKF	Audit	2213	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
P48-1920	J Elwell	Pavilion plumbing	2214	£230.00	£0.00	£230.00
P49-1920	V Todd	Water heater & pavilion cleaning materials	2215	£120.17	£22.02	£142.19

d) *Income received*

Ref	Payee	Item	Amount
R6-1920	Shropshire Council	Litter picking grant	£103.00
R7-1920	Shropshire Council	Environmental maintenance grant	£1,500.00
R8-1920	Lloyds	Interest July	£0.29
R9-1920	Lloyds	Interest August	£0.31
R10-1920	Rounders team	Donation for use of pitch	£150.00

66/1920 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) *SALC Bulletins* – noted.
- b) *SALC 70th AGM and Celebration Evening* – declined to attend.
- c) *SALC training programme 2019* – noted. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the clerk's attendance at the contracts course and website accessibility course.
- d) *Flytipping Advice* – noted.
- e) *Forthcoming BT payphone consultation* – noted. Cllr. Todd advised that the Harley phone box has not been adopted. In principle, the council would like to adopt the box for £1 but need to see if it is on the list of payphones to be removed.
- f) *Elections recharge – advanced notification of charges* - £1,116.63
- g) *Shropshire Council Strategic Sites consultation* – it was **RESOLVED** to object to the identification of Ironbridge Power Station on ground of highways/access.

67/1920 **NEXT MEETINGS**

- a) *Date of next meeting* – 2nd October 2019, Harley Village Hall at 7pm
- b) *Items for agenda- to note requests*
 - Local needs house (Aitchinson)
 - Parking spaces at the church

It is recommended that pursuant to Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of Item 68/1920, due to the likely disclosure of confidential information

68/1920 **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT MATTER**

An enforcement case was noted 19/06758/ENF.