

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall Tuesday 10th January 2023

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Rob Davies, John Esp, Kal Parkash, Matthew Murray, Victoria Todd (Chairman)

In attendance: Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, one member of the public and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

22.86 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

22.87 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Laura Christmas

22.88 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest or dispensations at this time

22.89 Public session

A member of the public commented on grants being available for Village Halls and that he would send Cllr Rob Davies information. He advised the Parish Council that Marches Energy are interesting in doing a study on a rural village and that Cressage might be suitable as a location. He also said that there were no draft minutes available on the website.

22.90 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from 13th December 2022

The minutes of 13th December 2022 were accepted as a true record

22.91 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wilde noted that she had attended the meeting held that morning in Harley Village Hall about road safety on the A458. She had raised concerns about motorbikes in this meeting.

A conversation is underway regarding the surgery and parking issues. It would be helpful to establish a relationship with the pre-school, this has not yet happened. Cllr Rob Davies noted that the shortened drop-off times for schools had so far seemed to be an improvement.

Cllr Wilde updated the Parish Council on the Local Plan. She noted that Shropshire Council has a duty to co-operate with Black Country Councils and considers it has done so. However, it is not in agreement with Weston Park about building houses in Shifnal and this has been challenged by Weston Park.

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22.92 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following were noted:

- a) 22/04713/FUL: Finches Barn, Shrewsbury Road, Cressage, Installation of solar panels on roof. Decision: Grant Permission
- b) 22/04787/COU: Chestnut Cottage, Sheinton, Change of use from private dwelling to short term holiday let which will be let more than 90 days per year. Decision: Withdrawn.

ii. Determine response to new Planning Applications

The following was noted with no comment to file:

22/05713/T POLL The Mount, Shore Lane, Cressage. Fell 1no. Black Pine and deadwood and crown clean (branches max. 50cm) 6no. Black Pines protected by the Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council (Land at Shrewsbury Road, Shore Lane & Crown Lane, Cressage) Tree Preservation Order 2007 (Ref. SA/441)

22.93 Highways matters:

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, reported that a breakfast meeting had been held in the Village Hall earlier (on 10th January). It had been attended by Cllrs Matthew Murray, Colin Campbell, Cllr Claire Wild, and Councillors from Much Wenlock Town Council, Berrington, Cound, Morville and Tasley Parish Councils.

David Gradwell, Traffic Engineer from Central Area, and Rod Lake, the Traffic Management Advisor for West Mercia Police, had spoken about processes for addressing road safety concerns. The bottom line from Shropshire Council is that the budget is small and gets smaller every year.

It has been agreed to hold a follow-up meeting in 6 months' time.

22.94 Financial matters:

- i. The Council agree payment of the following invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Village Life (agreed in December)	Annual Advert	£64	15/12/2022
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£15.86	15/12/2022
Salaries inc backpay (retrospective)	Salaries month 9	£778.97	15/12/2022
HMRC (retrospective)	Tax month 9	£194.60	15/12/2022
Clerk (VNV)	Travel Expenses (Jan) Office Expenses (paper)	£15.39 £18.00	10/1/2023

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Ecotricity (<i>direct debit</i>)	Pavilion heat/light	£15.45	02/01/2023
SLB Groundcare	Maintenance, February	£682.58	(<i>standing order</i>)
SLB Groundcare (<i>reported by Clerk in meeting</i>)	Cutting of hedge at the Eagles (additional cost on December invoice)	£75	1/12/2022
Snack Shack of Shropshire (<i>reported by Clerk in meeting</i>)	Bacon Rolls for breakfast meeting	£36	10/1/2023
Morrisons (via Chairman) (<i>reported by Clerk in meeting</i>)	Refreshments for breakfast meeting	£26.18	10/1/2023

- ii. Council agreed to note receipts and expenditure to the end of December
- iii. Council agreed to note the Bank Reconciliation to the end of December
- iv. Council to note the Spend Against Budget to the end of December
- v. Council considered the Draft Budget.

The Parish Clerk said that her income predictions were conservative, and that a claim for £1200 VAT had been sent to HMRC. There was discussion on income generation including increased hire of the pavilion and the possibility of applying for an Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council.

The cost of living crisis was mentioned, and there was a general agreement amongst Councillors that it would be appropriate to file a 0% budget increase this year and draw any extra expenditure from reserves.

It was agreed to accept the draft budget for the financial year 2023-2024, with the shortfall to be drawn from reserves.

- vi. The Parish Council agreed to request a Precept of £28,174 for the financial year 2023-2024.

22.95 Other Parish Matters – to include report back from meetings/training courses attended

- i. Update on under-11s play area and proposals for more accessible equipment: the Parish Clerk reported that the Christmas hiatus had slowed progress and that quotes would be chased up.
- ii. SYA and Youth Worker Facilities: consideration having been given to the presentation given by SYA at the last meeting about provision of youth services, there was discussion the need for volunteers to run a successful service and that this could be a challenge. It was agreed to further investigate with SYA the possibility of working with Cross Houses in providing services.

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- iii. School Parking: the earlier discussion was noted, there was also discussion about the possibility of Cressage Village Hall being able to alleviate the problem when it re-opens.
- iv. A458 safety: and update on meeting with other Parish Councils, Shropshire Council representatives and West Mercia Police had been given earlier in the meeting. The Parish Clerk would be sending out notes from the meeting to participating Councils.
- v. Coronation 6th May 2023 : a requests for volunteers for a parish event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III had been placed in Village Life and on social media. There has been no response from potential volunteers willing to take it on.
- vi. Cressage Village Hall: there was a discussion on progress on work on Cressage Village Hall, and the use of parking spaces.

22.96 Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision

- Updates on the leak on Severn Way

22.97 Date & time of next Council meeting 14th February 2023 at Harley Village Hall at 7.00 pm

22.98 Confidential Session It was agreed that in accordance with Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters, and pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded

22.99 Planning Matters: the Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, gave a verbal update on a confidential planning matter raised by Shropshire Cllr Claire Wild