

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Rob Davies, John Esp, Matt Murray, Victoria Todd, Roger Beardsmore, Shaun Bott, 3 members of the public, Shropshire Councillor Susan Coleman and the Parish Clerk

22.25 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

23.25 To note Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

24.25 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests.

Cllr Shaun Bott – owner of SLB Groundcare

25.25 Public session.

A representative of the Village Hall Committee advised the Parish Council that it would remain available for its Tuesday evening meetings as the dog training booking would be for other three Tuesdays evenings in the month.

A member of the public had raised serious concerns on social media about vehicles parking in front of the defibrillator, potentially costing valuable seconds if it is needed in an emergency. A recent incident had highlighted this issue. There is already a clear notice asking car park users not to park in front of it. It was questioned if putting up a notice in the Social Club would prevent future incidents, and it was agreed that moving the defibrillator to the front of the Village Hall would make it more visible as well as more accessible. This would require re-wiring work, but there would still be electricity connection making it a viable alternative.

A member of the public said that the hedges in Harley need sorting out, and expressed concern at the proximity to telephone lines.

26.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Susan Coleman reported that there would a third pothole team in place. She expressed doubt that this would be enough to address the issues faced by road users.

The North West relief road may be cancelled. There are financial implications, the Leader of the Council is waiting to hear if money spent on it will need to be replaced or if it will be written off.

There are a lot of new Councillors in place, this has meant that there has been a lot of work in training and in elections for committees. Cllr Coleman noted that one of her new responsibilities would be sitting on the Joint Fire Authority.

Cllr Coleman noted that she had not forgotten the grit box in Sheinton as pursued by Cllr Matt Murray. She will be looking into this in due course.

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27.25 Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2025

It was resolved to confirm the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 13th May 2025 as a true record.

28.25 SALC representative

Council agreed that Victoria Todd, Matt Murray, and Shaun Bott, be representatives for the Shropshire Association of Local Councils

There was some discussion on the plans of the new administration at Shropshire Council to work more closely with Town and Parish Councils, and the request for comments. It was considered that the main options to progress the idea were either funding to let local councils get on with work, or a better system be put in place, including an improvement in communications. It was considered that to get the best out of the meeting it would be beneficial to take a list of problems. A written response was agreed to be the best option with the Parish Council represented at the next meeting online or in person.

29.25 Planning matters:

i. Decisions

The following was noted:

25/02037/DIS Discharge of Condition 2 (Level 3 photographic survey of the interior and exterior of the building) attached to appeal decision APP/L3245/Y/22/3306565 (Variation of LB consent 21/02123/LBC).

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications:

No new planning notifications were received

30.25 Highways matters

There were none at this time

31.25 Financial matters:

i. Council agreed payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 3		£599.71	17/6/2025
HMRC	Tax month 3		£182.41	17/6/2025
Clerk	Travel June		£16.78	10/6/2025
Clerk	Paper		£11.99	30/5/2025
Shropshire Council	Energy Quarter 1		£560.38	19/5/2025
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£19.12	14/5/2025
Tomato Energy	Electricity		£1.98	2/6/2025

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- ii. Council agreed payment of the monthly environmental maintenance charge
(Cllr Bott did not vote on this item)

SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – June		£738.64	4/6/2025
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- iii. Council noted receipts and expenditure to end May
iv. Council noted the Bank Reconciliation to end May
v. Council noted the Spend Against Budget to end May
vi. Council considered and approved the Risk Assessment
vii. Council consider a move to gov.uk website and emails. It was agreed to pay the additional £25 cost to have a gov.uk website with a commitment for the current and next financial year. It was agreed to have a gov.uk email for the Council's official address but that it was not necessary to invest in additional emails for Councillors at this time.

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

- i. Village Gateway: the installation of the village gateway is due to be on 5th July. Photos have been sent by email of similar installations, including the one recently put in place in Morville. It was noted that the fee for S50 paperwork had been waived by Shropshire Council.
- ii. Verges: the Shropshire Council contractor will be cutting in the area in the last week of June. It was agreed that the Chairman should liaise with him to arrange for the verges to be clear for the installation of the gateways. There was discussion on the areas in Harley that would benefit from cutting, particularly at the entrance to Wig Wig Lane. It was agreed to proceed to request a cut for a section of 20 yards with 2 swipes on the Wig Wig side.
- iii. Recreation ground: regarding the maintenance of leylandii trees backing onto the recreation ground it was noted that it is now out of season for cutting and any letters regarding it should be sent in September. It was agreed to write to the householder responsible for the fallen tree to ask them to remove it. An alternative is for the Parish Council to do it and forward the charge. It was agreed for Cllr Bott to look into this matter.
- iv. Footpaths: there were no updates on replacement of the missing bridge at this time. Cllr Rob Davies said he would liaise with Cllr Susan Coleman about it.
- v. Future meetings: as Cressage Village Hall will now be available on the second Tuesday of the month, it was agreed to not consider changing starting times and location of future meetings.
- vi. Email logo: it was agreed to proceed with purchasing 5 lots of £10 vouchers for children participating in the email logo competition.

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- vii. Planning matters: it was agreed to move the item regarding special connection consent to private session due to GDPR considerations.
- viii. Defibrillator: it was agreed to consider moving the defibrillator at Cressage Village Hall to the front of the building and to get three quotes from electricians for the works.

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

- Future cuttings around the village gateway
- Removal of the fallen tree from the recreation ground
- Placement of yellow lines in the Cressage

34.25 Date & time of next Council meeting 8th July 2025, at Cressage Village Hall

34.26 Private Session

Exclusion of public and press: 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. It is therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded

34.27 Planning Matters

The Parish Council considered a request to establish that a family satisfied the criteria for affordable housing 'strong local connection' definition. It was agreed that this was the case, the Parish Clerk said she would follow this up with the family's agent.