

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Rob Davies, John Esp, Matt Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd, one member of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

22.124 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

22.125 To note Apologies

An apology was accepted from Cllr Laura Christmas – family commitment

Cllr Claire Wild had send in an apology for health reasons

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

There were none at this time

22.127 Public session

A member of the public noted that three were two dead deer on the side of the road in Harley that had been there for some time. The Parish Clerk said that she would see where this could be reported for action.

22.128 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from 14th March 2023

The minutes of 14th March 2023 were accepted as a true record

22.129 Shropshire Councillor's Report

There was none at this time

22.130 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following decisions were noted:

23/00686/FUL High Barn, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LP
Internal changes to improve the layout and natural daylight into the property

23/00755/FUL 16 Sheinton Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6DH
Proposed conversion of detached garage including rear extension to form one bedroom annexe and erection of rear kitchen extension

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ii. Determine response to new Planning Applications

23/01309/TPO Harley Village Hall, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire
 Deadwood branches no bigger than 10cm and remove two medium branches leaning over entrance from 1no. Sycamore (T1) protected by the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (Harley) Tree Preservation Order 1991 (Ref. SA/225)

Received after the publication of the Agenda:

23/00686/FUL (validated: 21/03/2023)
 High Barn, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LP
 Internal changes to improve the layout and natural daylight into the property

There was no comment to file

22.131 Highways matters:

- i. There are two large potholes to be reported – one is on Severn Way and the other is on the top of Harley Bank.
- ii. Another accident has occurred at the junction by the Eagles Inn. Concern was raised about this and it was requested that the Parish Clerk bring this to the attention of the Shropshire Councillor, Shropshire Council Highways, and the Police.
- iii. The deterioration of the road surface on the bridge remains a concern. It keeps being put off as a job and needs a reminder.

22.132 Financial matters:

- i. Council to agree payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 1	£tbc	14/4/2023
HMRC	Tax month 11	£tbc	14/4/2023
DM Payroll Services	2023/2024	£120	2/4/2023
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£15.92	Due 13/3/2023
Ecotricity	Pavilion heat/light	£14.38	Not due
SLB Maintenance (Standing Order)	April	£682.58	1/4/23
Shropshire County Pension Fund	Deficit 2023/24	£2202.00	4/4/23
Wicksteed	Re-stocking fee, carriage (June 2022)	£70.34	Statement 17/3/2022

It was noted that the Shropshire County Pension Fund invoice arrived after the publication of the Agenda, it covers the current financial year and is not an additional charge on top of the agreed schedule.

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There was some discussion on the Wicksteed request for a stocking fee; the Parish Clerk said that this had been questioned. It was agreed to pay it but to note that the Councillors are not impressed and would be reluctant to use the company again.

It was noted that the Maintenance Contractor should be providing worksheets, and it was suggested that a tick box worksheet could be provided to assist with this process.

- ii. Council agreed to note receipts and expenditure to end March
- iii. Council agreed to note the Bank Reconciliation to end March
- iv. Council agreed to note the Spend Against Budget to end March

22.133 Other Parish Matters

- i. SALC – Cllr Victoria Todd reported that the SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) meeting had raised several issues: the lack of action from Fix My Street reports; concern at pothole repair work not being done; road closure signs not being very informative; ten solar farms are in the pipeline across the county and need to show community benefit; a play area forum is being set up.
- ii. Football Foundation: the Chairman and Parish Clerk attended a webinar held by the Football Foundation about funding programmes to improve the quality of grass football pitches. A written report had been filed in advance of the meeting. The first step would be to test the quality of the grass. The need for someone to run the project with an active interest in it was discussed. There was agreement that the pitch surface is generally good and that for the time being the maintenance of it should be left to the contractor. No further action was considered necessary at this time.
- iii. Football Pitch: a request has been received from Wenlock Warriors Under 11s Club for use of the pitch for practice sessions. It would not require the use of the pavilion. It was agreed that either a financial donation for the season for the upkeep of the pitch or a physical endeavour to help its upkeep, for example, a litter pick, would be appropriate. The booking form should be sent for insurance purposes.
- iv. Update on under 11s play area and proposals for more accessible equipment: this item was deferred as Cllr Laura Christmas was not present
- v. Parking on Sheinton Road: a meeting has been organised for 19th April with the school, nursery, medical practice, and Shropshire Councillor. As the Village Hall will not be available, the Pavilion would be suggested as a location for the meeting.
- vi. Cressage Village Hall: the new floor needs laying down. Bookings are being taken, and the Parish Council meetings have been booked for May, June, and July.
- vii. Customer Service Survey: it was requested that the Parish Clerk respond to Shropshire Council's survey to say that none of the offered options are preferable. There was

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some discussion on the options and the view was expressed that the service should be available for at least 40 hours a week.

- viii. Insurance review: the insurance renewal is due on 1st June. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should seek two other quotes.

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

Insurance quotes

Play Inspections

Fix My Street requests including request for a new bin

Update on securing the play area perimeter

22.135 Date & time of next Council meeting – 9th May 2023 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00 pm