

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, Robert Davies, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd (Chairman), Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, five members of the public and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

23.45 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

23.46 To note Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr John Esp

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

There were none at this time

23.48 Public session.

A member of the public commented on the 436 bus service and students being left waiting at the bus stop as an 'out of service' bus drives past, presumably as it is full. Another member of the public said that they had seen a bus go past where every seat was taken and there was standing in the aisles. Cllr Claire Wild said she had received a few complaints from residents, and had spoken to Select Buses, the company who had won the tender. Putting an extra mini-bus on the route might be a possible solution. It was also hoped that as college timetables are implemented, usage of the bus service will even out. She also noted that there will be a license for how many people the bus can carry.

A member of the public expressed their disappointment at the overgrown condition of local footpaths, only one out of three routes by Cressage Bridge is clear enough to walk with children. Disappointment was expressed by members of the Parish Council that part of the route in question is along the Severn Way. Cllr Claire Wild said that the Public Rights of Way team rely on volunteers helping out and that the Parish Paths Partnership has been successful elsewhere and is something that could be considered in the future. Parish Councillors also noted that landowners should keep footpaths clear, and that there is no subsidy in place for this responsibility.

A member of the public complained that the bridge still had not been repaired. Cllr Victoria Todd (Chairman) said that this had been pursued by the Parish Council for replacement or repair.

A member of the public asked if not having draft minutes on the website was deliberate or an oversight, and questioned what opportunity the public would have to change quotes attributed to them, the Parish Clerk said that members of the public would not have their names included in the minutes and that the responsibility for considering and agreeing the accuracy of minutes lies with members of the Parish Council.

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23.49 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2023

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2023 as a true record

23.50 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild reported on the proposed plans for the National Trust to create a cycling and walking centre on the Attingham Industrial Estate. This is part of a push to give access to the countryside.

23.51 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following decisions were noted:

23/02013/FUL: Plume Of Feathers, Harley: Works to enclose the existing canopied entrance area to create a replacement conservatory, the small conservatory to the rear of the building is to be demolished and replaced with a green oak framed garden room and In addition, the existing prefabricated concrete, large double garage is to be replaced with a timber framed and weather boarded 4 bay garage and workshop

Grant Permission

23/02326/FUL: 10 Raby Cottages , Sheinton Road, Cressage. Two Storey Side Extension

Grant Permission.

23/02989/VAR: The Lawns , Shrewsbury Road, Cressage. Variation of condition no. 4 (use of garage restriction) attached to Application Reference Number: 16/01749/FUL Date of Decision: 21/06/2016 to allow the conversion of the existing garage into living accomodation to be permitted development

Grant Permission

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

23/00525/OUT

Outline application for 4 self-build houses on vacant land adjacent to the former Eagles Inn (all matters reserved). Resubmission of 22/00283/OUT.

The Eagles Inn, 1 Harley Road, Cressage, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

To file: support, noting that the Parish Council would like the barrier to be improved from bollards to something more substantial, to include hard physical landscape feature, to prevent vehicles to usin the site as a thoroughfare.

23.52 Highways matters:

There was nothing to discuss at this time.

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23.53 Financial matters:

- i. It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to agree payment of the following invoices and charges:

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 5	£501.87	31/8/2023
HMRC	Tax month 5	£125.60	31/8/2023
Clerk	Travel September	£15.39	12/9/2023
Clerk	Salary Month 6	£637.47	30/9/2023
HMRC	Tax month 6	Tbc	
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion Water	£19.51	8/7/2023
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£20.16	8/8/2023
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£22.52	29/6/2023
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£22.66	29/7/2023
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£23.44	1/8/2023
SALC	Affiliation fees	£461.29	25/4/2023
Shropshire Council	Energy Costs Quarter 2	£502.87	10/8/2023
SLB Maintenance	July and August	£696.24	1/8/2023
		£696.24	1/9/2023
SLB Maintenance	Pitch marking	£240.73	28/8/2023
PWLB lending facility (direct debit)	Loan repayment	£273.46	17/7/2023
Information Solutions	Domain renewal	£23.02	3/7/2023
Information Solutions	Hosting and Support	£228.00	1/7/2023
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor's Fees	£252	27/7/2023

- ii. It was agreed to note: receipts and expenditure to end July
- iii. It was agreed to note Bank Reconciliation to end July
- iv. It was agreed to note Spend Against Budget to end July
- v. It was agreed to note the conclusion of the External Audit

23.54 Other Parish Matters

- i. The Eagles Junction: the amended application to four self-build unit was well received, particularly the reinstatement of a footpath in the plans.
- ii. West Mercia Police Safer Roads funding: Cllr Victoria Todd reported on a meeting with a Shropshire Council Highways representative to discuss the Police and Crime Commissioners grant funding. This focused on gateway improvements in Cressage, and making it more visible that vehicles are entering a residential area. The Police Commissioner will take advice from Shropshire Council Highways on whether the proposed scheme is suitable or not, and then will decide what should be funded. It was questioned if the Parish Council would like to continue to pursue funding.

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It was agreed that the Parish Council should pursue funding. It was requested that Councillors let the Clerk know if they would like to assist her and the Chairman with the application.

- iii. Under 11s play area: the Parish Clerk and Cllr Rob Davies had worked on a spec and three quotes had been sought for the work. After some discussion, it was agreed to delay consideration of pursuing this work until Spring.
An online application with the National Lottery Form is being drafted online. This will be for two pieces of accessible play equipment at the cost of just under £10k.
- iv. Recreation area rents and income: the Football team relocated to Much Wenlock for friendly matches and have stayed there, concern was raised by members at losing the football team after the damage caused to the pitch by the tug-of-war match. The maintenance contractor had been asked to re-seed and fill in the holes on the pitch.
- v. Bins for dog waste: Cllr Rob Davies said that all the dog bags that been put out had been used and requested that more be purchased. This purchase was agreed by the Parish Council.
- vi. Footpaths: there were no updates regarding footpaths.
- vii. Update on securing the play area perimeter: it was agreed that this should be postponed until Spring.
- viii. Streetlights: Prysman advised the Parish Clerk that it has operated on a call-out rather than a maintenance basis due to the low amount of points. A guide price had been given for supplying and fitting night cells and replacing LED lights. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should request more information, with the assistance of Cllr Matt Murray.
- ix. War Memorial: Cllr Victoria Todd reported that the dandelions around the memorial had been weedkilled and were dying off. The War Memorial will be tidied up for Remembrance Day.

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

Update on parking outside the doctor's surgery

23.56 Date & time of next Council meeting

10th October 2023 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00 pm

23.57 Confidential Session

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

23.58 Planning Matters

Members noted a confidential planning matter sent to the Parish Council by Shropshire Council

23.59 Contractual Matters

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved that the contractor be requested to sign the contract that is on the website as the tender put out.