

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of held at Harley Village Hall, Tuesday 13th December 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, John Esp, Matthew Murray, Victoria Todd (Chairman)

In attendance: Shropshire Council Claire Wild, three members of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

22.70 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Richard Parkes, gues representative of SYA

22.71 To note Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Kal Parkash and Rob Davies

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

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest or requests for dispensation at this time

22.73 Public session.

A member of the public commented on the quality of the work recently undertaken on Harley Bank, he said that whilst recognising that the weather conditions were appalling, the quality of the work is awful, and that it will be back to square on in 12 months' time. The night closures must have been costly particularly in consideration of the resulting work.

Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild responded that work is monitored and that she will ask about it.

22.74 SYA

Richard Parkes of SYA gave a verbal presentation about youth services and support available to the Parish Council for young people. SYA is a charity based in Shropshire (and Telford and Wrekin) with the purpose of ensuring that every young person in the county has access to quality youth provision.

There are three main types of support on offer:

- Support given to voluntary youth clubs including Young Farmers and Scouts, support on offer may include DBS checks, access to training, and support with policies and procedures. The clubs are generally funded by fund-raising, with some small grant available from Shropshire Council.
- Fully-staffed youth clubs, normally with two to three staff but depending on needs and the facilities being operated in. SYA employed qualified staff run the clubs.
- Partnerships based on a community development model. This will normally involve the setting up of a Management Committee and will include paying for a qualified youth worker. There are 17 places across the county running on this model.

Further comment on the partnership model was that SYA has equipment that can be borrowed by most clubs across the county. A good youth club will have some activities set up. Most clubs meet weekly, during the term time, there is only 10% take up in the holiday period. Cross Houses is one place that meets fortnightly - it is not suggested to meet as infrequently as once a month. Marcus Rashford HAF models are delivered in some locations and putting in a bid is one option.

Cllr Claire Wild offered some background on the Cross Houses project, noting that committed volunteers were key in it being set up. Insurance and DBS checks were time-consuming, and this was taken care of by SYA. At least 6 volunteers would be needed to set up a similar club, with a cost of £2,400 for a fortnightly club.

The cost for a once-a-week term-time club would be £4,500 excluding VAT, this would include trips.

The recommended age range would be not below school year 6, age 10, as this would require a different professional skill-set. Rural clubs tend to have a broader age range and will start from age 10.

Cllr Claire Wild noted that it was important to ascertain if a Youth Club was wanted to address a particular issue or in itself. She suggested that an initial approach might be for a group of volunteers to visit Cross Houses to see what they do, and to find out what they want for their community.

Richard Parkes said that a decision might be that a Scout group or Young Farmers might be more suitable for the community than a Youth Club and this could be supported by SYA if this was considered to be the right fit.

The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, suggested that members of the Council had a look at the SYA website, and considered it for the next meeting.

22.75 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from 8th November 2022

The minutes from 8th November 2022 were accepted as a true record

22.76 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild noted that a Youth Club would need committed volunteers.

It was reported that she had spoken with the head teacher of Cressage Primary School about getting everyone together to talk about school parking issues. She had received detailed information about how the children get to school. To progress the issue would need the involvement of the pre-school. Emails had been sent but a reply had not yet been received.

The Integrated Care Board had been in contact with the Doctor's Surgery and it was anticipated that a meeting would be organised regarding parking issues and that there would be engagement with the Parish Council. It was noted that as the Surgery is private property, Shropshire Council could only act in an advisory capacity. The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, noted that she had also spoken with the Practice Manager about the possibility of putting in a lay-by, and the number of staff requiring parking facilities during the working day.

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There will be road closure on the A458 between 16th and 20th January 2023, between the hours of 8am and 5pm, with diversions between the A458 Junction with Harley Nursery to the A458 Junction with the Old Mill, Harley.

Essential building works will take place in the next year at Cressage Bridge on the B3329.

22.77 Planning matters:

- i. **Decisions to note:** there were no planning decisions to be noted.
- ii. **Determine response to new Planning Applications**

22/05214/EIA: Restoration of part of Farley Quarry by means of the recycling of construction, demolition and excavation wastes and the engineered placement of the rejects from the recycling process to raise levels in the Quarry to create a restoration landform, together with ancillary activities and improvements to the site access at Farley Quarry, Farley, Much Wenlock, Shropshire, TF13 6NX. *No comment to file*

22/05225/FUL: Erection of extension to existing home office and convert the current garage area into a gymnasium for personal use at Barn Yonder, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LX. *No comment to file*

22.78 Highways matters:

It was noted that a complaint had been received by Cllr Rob Davies about litter being thrown out of cars parking along Severn Way. It was agreed that the Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, would speak to the football club using the sports field about this matter and also about match fixture dates and the Terms and Conditions of use of the facilities.

22.79 Financial matters:

- i. Council agreed to the payment of the following invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Royal British Legion	Donation	£50	11/11/2022
Renewable Energy	Direct Debit (retrospective)	£15.45	13/09/2022
Renewable Energy	Direct Debit (retrospective)	£15.96	13/10/2022
Renewable Energy	Direct Debit (retrospective)	£15.31	21/11/2022
Harley Village Hall	Room Hire	£30	Oct/Nov/Dec meetings
Clerk (VNV)	Salary month 8	£467.34	15/11/2022
HMRC	Tax month 8	£116.80	15/11/2022
Clerk (VNV)	Travel Expenses (Dec)	£15.39	13/12/2022
SLB Groundcare	Maintenance, December	£682.58	
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- ii. Council agreed to note the receipts and expenditure to end November:
- iii. Council agreed to note the Bank Reconciliation to end November
- iv. Council agreed to note the Spend Against Budget to end November
- v. Cost of street light supply – the Parish Clerk reported that she had corresponded with the supplier of electricity at Shropshire Council but that a prediction of cost for the next financial year was not yet available. The Parish Council would be kept updated.
- vi. Annual Playground inspection – a quote for an outdoor inspection of £149.90 had been received via Came and Company. It was agreed to proceed and to arrange the annual inspection.

It was also noted that Village Life had sent a request for payment for the Parish Council's annual advert, of £64 for 12 months. It was agreed to proceed with this, it was requested that the Parish Clerk check that the information provided is current.

- vii. Draft Budget

The baseline band D figure had not been received at the time of the meeting, considering this and the apologies sent by two members of the Council, it was agreed to finalise the budget at the next meeting prior to setting the precept. The Parish Clerk requested that any additional comments be sent to her prior to the meeting.

22.80 Other Parish Matters – t

- i. Update on under 11s play area and proposals for more accessible equipment: the Parish Council is currently waiting for official quotes
- ii. Update on young people's facilities: this was covered by the SYA presentation earlier in the meeting, and will be considered by the Council at its next meeting in January
- iii. School Parking: Cllr Claire Wild updated the Parish Council in her report
- iv. A458 safety: a partnership meeting with Shropshire Council representatives and West Mercia Police has been arranged for 10th January 2023 at 9.30am in Harley Village Hall. It was requested that the Parish Clerk inform and invite neighbouring Parish Councils. It was agreed that this be a breakfast meeting with refreshments provided by the Parish Council.
- v. Coronation 6th May 2023: Cllr Laura Christmas had used social media forums to request volunteers for a parish event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should put a similar advert in Village Life, and that if not enough volunteer interest was raised then the idea should be reconsidered.
- vi. Hedging: Cllr John Esp said that he would be speak to the owner about tidying up the conifer hedge where it is starting to damage fencing.

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

SYA and Youth Worker Facilities

22.82 Date and time of next Council meeting:

10th January 2023, 7pm, Harley Village Hall

22.83 Confidential Session: Exclusion of the Public and Press

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

22.84 NALC payrise

It was agreed to accept and implement the agreement made by NALC on national pay. This raises pay at SCP 19 by £1 an hour, with effect from 1st April 2022.

22.85 Pensions Update

The Parish Clerk provided a verbal update on Pensions and opting out of pension provision.