

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7pm

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

24.122 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24.123 To note Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

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

There were none at this time

24.125 Public session.

A resident noted that a bus had collided with a parked car on the junction of Sheinton Road and Severn Way in the preceding week. It was questioned if parking restrictions could be put in place so that vehicles can get around junctions.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact Highways about putting double yellow lines

24.126 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild commented on the parking issue raised by a resident, noting that meetings had been held with the Doctor's Surgery and the Parish Council about strategies to alleviate problems along Sheinton Road. She said that the Parish Council would need to consider how far it would want double yellow lines to go and how it would affect the parking situation by the Surgery.

Work is due to take place to address flooding on Kenley Road, Harley. It will be done in the Summer after harvesting. Drainage issues on Sheinton Road have been reported via Fix My Street and reported to the Parish Clerk.

24.127 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2025

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2025 as a true record

24.128 Planning matters:

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The following was noted:

- i. **Decisions:**
25/00514/FUL (validated: 11/02/2025)
1 Shrewsbury Road, Cressage
Proposal: Erection of a detached garage/workshop
Decision: Refuse
- ii. **Planning Applications:** None at this time

24.129 Highways matters:

The erosion at the halt sign by Cambers needs follow up.

24.130 Financial matters:

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

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 1		£559.91	17/3/2025
HMRC	Tax month 1		£139.80	17/3/2025
Clerk	Travel to April		£16.74	15/3/2025
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£20.88	4/2/2025
Ecotricity	Electricity pavilion		£6.44	26/3/2025
SLB Groundcare	Tree works at Harley		£460	4/3/2025
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – April		£738.64	4/4/2025

The Environmental Maintenance Contractor will be sent a job list by email. Instructions for additional works will be emailed in future for clarity.

It was resolved to pay £55 for rounders marking and £45 for a re-marking.

It was resolved to charge £100 for the hire of the pitch for rounders

- ii. It was resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end March
- iii. It was resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end March
- iv. It was resolved to note the Spend Against Budget to end March
- v. It was resolved to note the Asset Register value at end March (writing off the obsolete laptop and printer)
- vi. It was resolved to apply for the Environmental Maintenance Grant for the financial year 2025-2026

24.131 Other Parish Matters

- i. Village Gateway: alternatives for installation had been investigated but had not been successful. It was therefore agreed to go ahead with the option of getting the supplying company to install the gateways.

It was resolved to accept the quote from JACS for delivery and installation of village gateway picket fence for £4606.

It was also agreed to request that the contractor who had cut the verges where the gateways are to be installed does an extra cut. Ideally this should be at around the same time as Shropshire Council instructs contractors to cut the verges. This extra work should be built into the Environmental Maintenance Grant request.

Cllr Victoria Todd was thanked for her hard work on this project.

- ii. Recreation ground: a resident has queried ownership and maintenance of leylandii trees backing onto the recreation ground. The trees are not on Parish Council land and are the responsibility of the landowners in the houses they are in. It was agreed to write to the landowners bringing the matter to their attention.
- iii. Email logo: Cllr Rob Davies said he would ask the school Head Teacher for help from the children for designing a logo for the Parish Council email
- iv. Neighbourhood Plan: no interested parties have come forward as yet, it was noted that there had been two Parish Council meetings discussing it, two articles in Village Life, social media posts, and direct approach to residents. It was decided to not pursue a Neighbourhood Plan at this time.
- v. Harley phonebox: Shropshire Council has given a response about retaining the payphone in Harley. A resident has noted objections including 11 RTAs between April 23 and February 25, and the poor mobile signals. The Parish Council has also requested that the phone box is not removed. Shropshire Council is supporting this view and will present it to B.T.

Cllrs Laura Christmas and Kal Parkash have not sought re-election to the new Council. They were thanked for their service.

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

- Double yellow lines and parking
- Verges clearance: to be identify any for clearances not currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council contractor

24.133 Date & time of next Council meeting April 8th 2025 at Cressage Village Hall to be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm