

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7pm

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

24.111 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24.112 To note Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

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

There were none at this time

24.114 Public session.

Dan Thomas, Shropshire Councillor for Much Wenlock, gave an update on funding plans for the Leisure Centre in Much Wenlock. The plans will improve the facility and make it more financially viable.

Two members of the public made comment about the Neighbourhood Plan, questioning if the Parish Council would be taking a lead on it and if there was any interest for the public at large. It was noted that Cllr Dan Thomas had Chaired the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Committee and that the Town Council had taken a lead on it. Cllr Thomas offered his help if there was interest in moving it forwards.

A member of the public commented on the work undertaken by the Parish Council on the verges and hedges, a very good job has been done by the contractor.

24.115 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild commented on the Much Wenlock Leisure Centre plans as outlined by Cllr Dan Thomas, she said that there was the possibility of doing something very positive for the community, and noted that there had been cross-party co-operation on this issue at Shropshire Council.

24.116 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2025

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

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24.117 Planning matters:

The following were noted with no comments to file:

i. **Decisions:**

24/04862/FUL (validated: 08/01/2025)
 Sheinwood Manor, Sheinton, Shrewsbury
 Proposal: Replacement of faulty leaking storage tank
 Decision: Grant Permission

ii. **Planning Applications:**

25/00514/FUL (validated: 11/02/2025)
 1 Shrewsbury Road, Cressage
 Proposal: Erection of a detached garage/workshop

25/00780/FUL (validated: 27/02/2025)
 The Granary At, Blakeway Farm, Harley Hill, Harley
 Proposal: Retrospective change of use from granary to residential annexe

24.118 Highways matters:

Cllr John Esp said that the junction to the A458 from Harley by Cambers can be difficult to see at night. The road markings at the junction have worn away. Cllr Victoria Todd noted that brambles have been cleared away on one side from the turn into Wig Wig from the A458.

24.119 Financial matters:

- i. Council to agree payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 12		£559.71	17/3/2025
HMRC	Tax month 12		£140	17/3/2025
Clerk	Travel to year end		£122.58	15/3/2025
Amazon	Dog waste bag holders		£17.56	17/3/2025
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£20.88	4/2/2025
Lowthers	Under 11s works		£1275	3/2/2025
Harley Village Hall	Room hire		£50	3/2/2025
Shropshire Council	Streetlighting		£555	27/2/2025
Public Works Loan Board	Loan		£273.46	15/1/2025
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – March		£738.64	4/3/2025

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The £460 invoice for tree cutting at Harley by Cambers was questioned by the Parish Council and it was agreed that Cllr Matt Murray (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr Victoria Todd (Chairman) would meet with the contractor for private meeting about it.

Cllr Victoria Todd noted that there had been no invoices from Cressage Village Hall for room hire. Harley Village Hall charge £10 a session.

- ii. It was resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end February
- iii. It was resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end February
- iv. It was resolved to note the Spend Against Budget to end February

24.120 Other Parish Matters

- i. Village Gateway: there has been a site meeting with a technician from a company that sells village gateways (JACS). The resulting quote including delivery and installation is £4606. Councillors discussed this and considered that the financial position of the Parish Council included ample reserves to go ahead. However, it was agreed to seek additional quotes for installation costs and to consider this at the next meeting before making the final decision.
- ii. Verges clearance: this item was covered in the public session
- iii. Neighbourhood Plan: it was agreed to put out ascertain public interest in participation through Village Life again.
- iv. Harley phonebox: BT has plans to remove the payphone in Harley. The Parish Council can request that this does not happen. It was agreed that to request that the phonebox is not removed.
- v. Parish Council logo: it was requested that the Parish Clerk inserts a logo into the Parish Council's email. An oak tree logo had been found that might be suitable.

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

- A decision on gateway signs

24.122 Date & time of next Council meeting April 8th 2025 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00pm