

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, John Esp, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd, Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

23.86 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

23.87 To note Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Rob Davies (alternative commitment)

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

There were none at this time

23.89 Public session.

There was none at this time

23.90 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th November 2023

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the minutes from the meeting of 14th November 2023 as a true record

23.91 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild reported that extra time had been needed for investigative work on Cressage Bridge. Repair work will be carried out at the same time as flooding work in Much Wenlock. Trial access-only signs have been put in place for Sheinton Road. Traffic will be monitored so there is some control on heavy traffic. The exact dates of works will be 22nd January to 12th April, but it is hoped that works will be completed before April.

The Parish Clerk noted flooding issues raised by a local farmer. Cllr Wild said that there had been some drainage work done a couple of years ago in the location of his farm, and suggested that the Clerk contact Shropshire Council's head of drainage works for details on the scheme and advice.

Cllr Matt Murray said that he thought the situation with parking on Sheinton Road had improved, although Cllr Rob Davies had reported that there were still some problems. Cllr Claire Wild said that double yellow lines would be unlikely to help with an overall solution.

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23.92 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following was noted:

22/05214/EIA (validated: 30/11/2022) Farley Quarry, Farley
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.

Decision: Refuse

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

23/04870/TCA (validated: 13/11/2023): Forge Barn, Harley, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY5 6LX: To reduce height by 3 meters of 1no. Beech (T1) and to fell 3no. fruit trees (G1) within Harley Conservation Area)

No comment to file

23.93 Highways matters:

A potholes on Ashdale Road in Cressage had been repaired about two months ago but had reopened. A pothole in Hughley Road in Harley is getting worse. Both had been reported.

Cllr Matt Murray noted that the pipes will be put in next week in Sheinton Common, and that this should finish the highway works in this area. He also noted that a grit bin was still missing from Sheinton, and that this should be followed up with Shropshire Council.

23.94 Financial matters:

- i. It was agreed to pay the following invoices and charges (including three items received after the publication of the agenda)

| Payee | Item | Amount | Date of Invoice |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Clerk | Salary month 9 | £tbc | 30/11/2023 |
| HMRC | Tax month 9 | £tbc | 31/10/2023 |
| Clerk | Travel Nov. & December | £30.78 | 14/11/2023 |
| Village Life | Subscription | £64 | 5/12/2023 |
| Ecotricity (direct debit) | Pavilion heat/light | £40.34 | 29/11/2023 |
| SLB Groundcare | Monthly maintenance | £696.24 | 5/11/2023 |
| Shropshire Council | Streetlighting | £502.87 | 5/12/2023 |
| Harley Village Hall | Room hire | £20 | 11/12/2023 |
| WaterPlus | Water | £19.51 | 8/12/2023 |

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

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- v. It was agreed to re-tender the Environmental Maintenance Contract to SLB Maintenance from 1st February 2024
- vi. Consideration was given to the draft budget for the financial year 2024-2025. The Parish Clerk said she anticipated that it would be possible to put forward a zero percentage rise in precept but that the tax base figures would not be available until the end of the month.
- vii. Consideration was given to the request for a grant towards the cost of two benches for Christ Church C of School (the cost of each bench will be £710). It was agreed to pledge £500 towards the cost of the benches.

23.95 Other Parish Matters

- i. Recreation ground: it was agreed to purchase half a dozen radar keys to assist residents in accessing the recreation area, these would be available for hire on request to the Parish Council. Cllr Victoria Todd noted that the gates are not left open because of dogs and vehicles.
- ii. Under the 11s play area: unfortunately, the bid for a grant from the National Lottery had not been successful, but feedback was encouraging. It was agreed to consider reapplying in the Summer and to send additional information regarding consultation with the public.
- iii. Bins for dog waste: despite being marked as a completed by Shropshire Council this is still not in place.
- iv. Footpaths: Cllr Rob Davies had filed a report prior to the meeting to say that help may be available from a volunteer action group based in Cross Houses
- v. Streetlights: Cllr Matt Murray said that he was still waiting for an update and that he would continue to chase it up
- vi. Parking on Sheinton Road: the situation has improved but the Parish Council will continue to monitor it.
- vii. Hedges on Sheinton Road: It was suggested that a note go into the Parish Council's Village Life article reminding residents of their responsibilities in making sure hedges don't impede onto the footpaths.
- viii. Correspondence: the Parish Clerk noted that correspondence had been received from Snowball, an organisation promoting a disability access app.
- ix. PCSO reports: it was agreed that the local police should be invited to attend a future meeting

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

Setting a budget and precept

23.97 Date & time of next Council meeting

9th January 2023 at Harley Village Hall at 7.00 pm