

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, John Esp, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd, Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, Robert Davies, 3 members of the public and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

23.98 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

23.99 To note Apologies

There were none at this time

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

There were none at this time

23.101 Shropshire Councillor's Report

It was agreed to move this item up the Agenda as Cllr Wild had another commitment.

Cllr Wild noted that the next Ironbridge Power Station Liaison Group meeting would be on 8th February.

Cressage Bridge had not been repaired yet, the very wet weather was likely to have been a factor. It was requested that the Parish Council be advised when there is an exact date for the repairs. The tests did not find anything to indicate that there would need to be extensive work.

Regarding the picnic benches in the layby on the A458 at Harley, Cllr Wild did not think it likely that Shropshire Council would replace them and that reporting their poor condition would most likely result in their removal. The benches would have been purchased by the Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council prior to 2009.

Cllr Rob Davies noted that the Severn Way footpath on the river has been repaired. A member of the public noted that the Berrington Footpath Partnership is looking to link up with people in Cressage, but weather conditions meant that this was not possible at the current time.

23.102 Public session.

A member of the public said that information on the Ironbridge Power Station Liaison meeting would be useful for Village Life.

There was some discussion on the suggestion to put a Christmas tree outside Cressage Village Hall this year, possibly with lights supplied by the Parish Council. It was suggested that this could be considered by the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee in the middle of the year.

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A member of the public noted that anything belonging to Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council would have passed onto Shropshire Council after 2009, and that whilst benches might not be a Highways issue it would fall under the responsibility of Street Scene.

23.103 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December 2023

In other Parish Matters vii) 'the footpath' should be replaced with 'Sheinton Road'.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to accept the minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 12th December 2023 as a true record subject to the amendment above

23.104 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

There were no planning decisions received after the publication of the agenda and the meeting of 9th January 2024

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

23/05222/LBC

Modify existing garden room to enable the existing glazed roof to be replaced with a slate roof; Sheinwood Manor, Sheinton, Shropshire.

No Comment

23.105 Highways matters:

The pothole at the bottom of Severn Way has reappeared and has been reported again.

Cllr John Esp noted that the 30mph street sign on the entrance to Cressage had still not been repaired, and that the Give Way sign on the Eagles corner remained impeded.

Cllr Matt Murray said that hedges were still impeding roads into Cressage. There was agreement on this point, with concern raised that it is causing problems for wheelchairs and buggies. It was noted that Shropshire Council has the authority to write to householders to tell them that it is their responsibility to ensure that hedges on their properties do not impede onto the highway and if the work is not done, Shropshire Council can do it and charge households the cost. It was suggested that this be put into Village Life.

23.106 Financial matters:

i. It was agreed to pay the following invoices and charges:

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 10	£tbc	30/11/2023
HMRC	Tax month 10	£tbc	31/10/2023
Clerk	Travel January	£30.78	14/11/2023
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£24.54	29/12/2023
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance	£696.24	5/11/2023

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- 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 Spend Against Budget to end November
- v. Consideration was given to the draft budget for the financial year 2024-2025

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to raise the precept by 2% to protect against inflation.

- vi. It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to retain S.Hackett as the Internal Auditor

23.107 Other Parish Matters

- i. Bins for dog waste – there is still no progress on this matter
- ii. Footpaths – Severn Way has been repaired, but there are no outcomes regarding other footpaths, including the bridge, and the kissing gate on the Wood Lane and Shore Lane footpath
- iii. Streetlights: there were no updates at this time.
- iv. Police Community Charter: West Mercia Police have requested a renewal of its Community Charter. It was agreed that priorities be speeding, road safety, and outbuilding thefts.
- v. School fund: it was noted that the school had said thank you for the pledge of funding. It was agreed that this should be paid when all monies for the project have been pledged.
- vi. Layby posts: it was agreed to get quotes for replacement posts for the layby, preferably with reflective strips.
- vii. Under 11s play area: a boundary tree has fallen into the area. It was agreed to request the maintenance contractor tidy this up.
- viii. Social media: it was agreed to set up an official Parish Council Facebook business page. Cllrs Matt Murray and Rob Davies agreed to set it up.
- ix. Radar keys have been ordered

23.108 Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision none were raised

23.109 Date & time of next Council meeting – 13th February 2023 at Harley Village Hall at 7.00 pm