

## Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

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### Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Cressge Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Robert Davies, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd, Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, 3 members of the public, two West Mercia Police officers, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

#### **23.122 Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **23.123 To note Apologies**

Apologies were received from Laura Christmas and John Esp

#### **23.124 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **23.125 Public session**

A member of the public expressed disappointment that the road on either side of Cressage Bridge had not been included as part of the works. In places it is badly falling away.

Cllr Victoria Todd (Chairman) said that she had been told that the remit for repairing the sides of the road lay with Highways, not with the bridges team that had done the works. Members of the Parish Council noted that the causeway has eroded through use and flooding, and expressed concern at the road safety implications. This included noting that drivers have swerved to avoid it and that there could potentially be a road traffic accident. Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild said people walking over the bridge in dark clothing without any light were not always visible to drivers and that this was a concern.

#### **23.126 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> February as a true record

#### **23.127 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr Claire Wild reported on the bridge works, there will be a specialist inspection under the bridge on Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Specialist road equipment had been hired for this purpose. She said that she would raise the issue about the side of the road being in poor repair.

Ditching work has been carried out on Harley Road. Works are planned for Kenley Road.

Cllr Wild noted that gullies are cleared regularly, but flash flooding builds them up. Cllr Rob Davies said that there had been unprecedented volumes of water.

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### 23.128 Planning matters:

#### i. Decisions to note

There were no planning decisions to note

#### ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

24/00942/VAR: Rectory Cottage, Sheinton, Variation of Conditions Number(s) 2 and 3 materials) attached to planning permission 21/04535/FUL

No comment to file

### 23.129 Highways matters:

Cllr Matthew Murray noted that tree roots are pushing up the ground at the junction of Severn Way and Sheinton Road. The Parish Clerk said that she would report it through Fix My Street.

### 23.130 Financial matters:

#### i. Council agreed to payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 12	£tbc	17/3/2024
HMRC	Tax month 12	£tbc	17/3/2024
Clerk	Travel March	£30.78	12/3/2024
Shropshire Council	Streetlighting Q4	£502.87	26/2/2024
Christchurch School	Donation for bench	£500	23/2/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£25.48	1/3/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£20.16	9/3/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – March	£717.12	1/3/2024

ii. It was agreed to note the receipts and expenditure to end February

iii. It was agreed to note the Bank Reconciliation to end February

iv. It was agreed to note the Spend Against Budget to end February

v. Draft Risk Management Policy: this item was deferred

### 23.131 Other Parish Matters

- i. Under 11 Play Area: there was discussion on the Play Inspection Report and if it was time to consider renewing the surface rather than patching and repairing it. Consideration was given to a soft tarmacking option.

It was agreed to request the maintenance contractor to carry out remedial repairs, and to jet wash the matting and equipment.

It was agreed to get quotes for replacing the surfacing for consideration at a future meeting.

*Two police officers joined the meeting*

- ii. West Mercia Police: two officers joined the meeting, reporting that there had been 21 incidents in Cressage, Harley and Sheinton in the last 12 weeks, including domestic and road traffic incidents, and one burglary. Mobile police surgeries will take place, this will be advertised two weeks in advance on Neighbourhood Matters notifications. It was requested that the Parish Clerk be notified by email.

Cllr Matt Murray said that he was aware of attempted outbuilding thefts at night, the police officers said that there had this was being addressed. The Parish Council also raised parking by the school in the afternoon, and it was asked if spot checks could be undertaken to remind drivers to park responsibly.

*The police left the meeting.*

- iii. Harley Layby: two quotes have been received to replace the posts in the layby. A third is being sought for consideration at the next meeting. Cllr Victoria Todd said that she had been in contact with Shropshire Council regarding replacing the benches, this has been referred to the Highways Department.
- iv. Footpaths: there were no updates regarding footpaths. Cllr Matt Murray asked if there was a mechanism for getting a quote for repair of the bridge over the footpath and sending it to Shropshire Council, however, Cllr Claire Wild said that there was not, and that the Rights of Way team were under pressure with no spare budget.
- v. Streetlights: the Parish Clerk said that she had received correspondence from a resident who would like to see a reduction in streetlighting. Strong views had been expressed for and against. Cllr Matt Murray said that he would look into this issue again.
- vi. Flooding: correspondence had been received from Shropshire Council about measures to address flooding issues in the Parishes, this was referred to in the Shropshire Councillor's Report
- vii. Radar Keys: radar keys now work on the Sheinton Road gate, however, the lock is seized off the gate on the entrance from Severn Way. After some discussion it was agreed to ask the maintenance contractor to take the lock off. This would be reviewed at a later date.

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- viii. Hedges: Cllr Victoria Todd reported that she had been advised by Shropshire Council about options for addressing the issue of protruding hedges, either a blanket approach or targeting individual households. It was agreed that the blanket approach had been taken in the Village Life newsletters, and that advice on a letter would be a next step. Cllr Todd said that she would ask Highways for advice about a standard letter.
- ix. Tug of War: possible dates for use of the recreational field for a Tug of War competition are 5<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> July. £100 was suggested as a cost for hire.

### **23.132 Items for consideration at next Council meeting, not for debate or decision**

There were no additional items to note at this time

### **23.133 Date & time of next Council meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00 pm**