

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Harley Village Hall on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Victoria Todd (Chairman), Colin Campbell, John Esp, Kal Parkash, Laura Christmas, Matt Murray; Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, 4 members of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

24.87 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24.88 To note Apologies

An apology was accepted from Cllr Rob Davies (work commitment)

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

There were none at this time

24.90 Public session

Two representatives from BT Openreach gave a presentation about plans to upgrade the Cressage exchange by installing fibre broadband. As part of a roll-out in rural areas the UK Government is offering £4,500 subsidies for each household that signs up. To be viable for the scheme, 78 out of 358 eligible properties will need to sign up. Eligible properties can be found by using the Openreach website [openreach.co.uk/connectmycommunity]. It was noted that BT Openreach will be putting in the infrastructure, households will be able use the service provider of their choice.

24.91 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild reported on the following:

- i. Flooding on the Kenley Road – re-fitting the drains has got rid of most of the excess water problems, one gully has been replaced with a larger one and an additional gully has been added.
- ii. The Local Plan – currently, Shropshire Council does not have a 5-year land supply and any building in a sustainable location is likely to be approved. It has proposed approximately 1450 new houses, but central Government has stipulated 2,000. It is likely that the Parish Council will see a lot of housing applications.
- iii. Devolution – the Government wants to abolish Borough Councils and wants Unitary Authorities areas to be of at least 1 million people. The intention is to form more regional local government with bigger authorities. This could mean that Shropshire Council at a third of this population would be looking at merging with Telford and Wrekin or another authority.
- iv. Bus services – service discussions will be ongoing with the bus service providers, currently they are looking at extending routes to make them work better. Sunday services might possibly be included but is not certain.

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24.92 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th December 2024

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th December 2024 as a true record

24.93 Planning matters:

i. Decisions:

There were no planning decisions received after the publication of the agenda and the meeting of 14th January 2025

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications:

The following were noted with no comment to file:

25/00105/TCA

Oaklands, Harley

Reduce height by 25 percent and side branches by 15 percent of 1no. Swamp Cypress within Harley Conservation Area

25/00079/TCA

Old Rectory, Harley

Reduce 1no. Oak (T1) by 20 percent, reduce 1no. Oak (T2) by 20 percent and remove branch overhanging Domas Lane, fell 1no. Rowan and prune overhanging branches of 1no. Ash within Harley Conservation Area

24/04862/FUL

Sheinwood Manor, Sheinton

Replacement of faulty leaking storage tank with double skin plastic oil storage tank with same capacity of 1,800 litres. Replacement tank to be on same location as existing tank but rotated by 90 degrees.

Proposed measurements of tank:

Length 2050mm

Width 1355mm

Height 1530mm

24.94 Highways matters

Grit Bins - Cllr Matt Murray said that he had received a complaint from a resident about the lack of grit bins on Sheinton Bank. He said that Fix My Street had not resulted in action. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact Highways directly to ask for this to be looked into.

Drainage covers – it was noted that drain covers are coming loose coming out of Cressage from the War Memorial towards Cound on the A458 up to the Riverside straight. It was agreed that this should be reported through Fix My Street.

Potholes – potholes on Kenley Road and by the river bridge need to be reported on Fix My Street

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24.95 Financial matters:

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

| Payee | Item | | Amount | Date of Invoice |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------|-----------------|
| Clerk | Salary months 10 | | £559.71 | 17/1/2025 |
| HMRC | Tax month 10 | | £140 | 17/1/2025 |
| Med UK | Replacement Defib case | | £72 | 14/1/2025 |
| Water Plus (direct debit) | Pavillion water | | £20.88 | 17/1/2025 |
| Ecotricity | Pavillion electricity | | £21 | 3/12/2024 |
| SLB Groundcare | Monthly maintenance – January | | £717.12 | 4/10/2024 |

- ii. Council resolved to note: receipts and expenditure to end December
iii. Council resolved to note Bank Reconciliation to end December
iv. Council resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end December
v. Council resolved to agree the draft budget and a precept for the financial year 2025-2026 of £29,153 representing a 0% increase in charge

24.96 Other Parish Matters – to include report back from meetings/training courses attended

- i. Under 11 Play Area: Cllr Victoria Todd reported that she had been on a site visit with the contractors for the upcoming works. Letters will need to be drafted for neighbouring residents for when the work dates are decided.
ii. Village Gateway: Cllr Victoria Todd had received a detailed email from a Shropshire Council Highways officer about what is possible for putting village gateways in place
iii. Verges clearance: the proposed clearing of the verges would be on the left-hand side from the 30mph sign to the new illuminated sign. Quotes will be sought for the works.
iv. Eagles site: Cllr Victoria Todd said that a meeting had been proposed with planners and the owner of the site but she had been advised that planning officers would not have time
v. Church Grange parking: available documents for Church Grange show that community parking was included in the plans.

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

Under 11 Play area update
Village Gateway
Verges Clearance

24.98 Date & time of next Council meeting 11th February 2025 at Harley Village Hall at 7.00pm