

## **Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 on the rise of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7pm**

In attendance: Cllrs Matt Murray, Victoria Todd, Rob Davies, Laura Christmas, John Esp, Colin Campbell, two members of the public

#### **24.1 Election of a Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to elect Cllr Victoria Todd for the municipal year 2024-2025

#### **24.2 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of office

#### **24.3 Election of a Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to elect Cllr Matt Murray as Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2024-2025

#### **24.4 Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance of office

#### **24.5 Chairman's welcome**

Cllr Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

#### **24.6 To note Apologies**

An apology was received from Cllr Kal Parkash

Cllr Laura Christmas said that she would need to leave the meeting at 8pm

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

There were no declarations of interest at this time

#### **24.8 Public session.**

There were no public questions at this time

#### **24.9 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the minutes form the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### **24.10 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

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There was none at this time, Cllr Claire Wild gave a report in the Annual Parish Meeting

### 24.11 Planning matters:

#### i. Decisions to note

It was noted that the appeal against the decision made regarding the plan to put 4 self-build houses on the Eagles Inn site, planning application 23/00525/OUT, would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10am in Shire Hall.

There was discussion on whether or not to make a representation on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

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Woodland Adjacent To Sheinwood Cornmill, Sheinton Road, Much Wenlock, Shropshire  
Alterations to existing building to provide side window, rooflights, internal insulation and sliding patio doors on frontage

No comment

### 24.12 Highways matters:

The 30mph sign on the entrance to the village had still not been fixed. The Parish Clerk said that it had been reported on Fix My Street and a notification had been sent that it had been completed. Cllr Claire Wild is following this matter up.

The contractor has clearing signs on the programme for the next month.

*Cllr Laura Christmas left the meeting at 8.05pm*

### 24.13 Financial matters:

There was a discussion on the frequency of pitch-markings, currently this is done twice a year. It was agreed that the Tug-of-War event should be brought back to the next Parish Council meeting for discussion.

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

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 2	£457.20	17/5/2024
HMRC	Tax month 2	£213.60	17/5/2024
Clerk	Travel May	£30.78	14/4/2024
Shropshire Council Pensions	Pension shortfall	£2202	30/04/2024

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AJG Insurance	Annual Insurance	£1,498.81.	27/4/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£30.67	2/5/2024
DM Payroll Services	Payroll for year	120	13/5/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£tbc	
SDH Accounting	Internal Audit	£190.75	30/4/2024
SALC	Annual fee	£512.64	13/5/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – May	£717.12	1/5/2024
SLB Groundcare	Locks	£45	1/4/2024
SLB Groundcare	Pitch marking	£240.73	1/5/2024

- ii. It was resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end April
- iii. It was resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end April
- iv. It was resolved to note the Spend Against Budget to end April
- v. Council received and accepted the Internal Audit for the financial year 2023-2024
- vi. Council resolved to complete and sign the Annual Governance form for the financial year 2023-2024
- vii. Council resolved to approve and sign the Annual Return for the financial year 2023-2024
- viii. Council resolved to confirm the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights for the financial year 2023-2024 as June 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>

### 24.14 Other Parish Matters

- i. Under 11 Play Area: a meeting has been arranged with Ray Parry to look at the flooring of the play areas. 3 quotes for works will be sought.  
  
There is standing water on the left hand side of the play area, previously work was done to cut out tree roots from the pipework, as this may have built up over time, this might need to be addressed. Hedges will need to be looked at, but cuts will not be until Autumn.
- ii. Footpaths – Cllr Rob Davies reported that he had met up with footpath volunteers from Cross Houses. Regarding resources, they have volunteers but not materials. This is being looked into so that action can be taken.
- iii. Streetlights: Cllr Matt Murray reported that he had spoken with Prysmian who were willing to have a look at sites and costs. Replacement for each cell would be approximately £65. Given the numbers required, the overall cost could be around £3,500. There was discussion about proceeding given the cost and that there had been some negative public feedback. It was therefore resolved to not go ahead.

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- iv. Speeding: a speeding van has been active in Cressage, the speeding bike has mainly been working in the Much Wenlock area.
- v. School Library Consultation: it was agreed to put information about the consultation on the Parish Council's Facebook.

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

Broadband works  
Drainage on the Under 11s Play Area - Autumn  
The Eagles appeal  
Tug of War event  
Financial Regulations

### **24.16 Date & time of next Council meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00pm

**24.17 Confidential Session:** Exclusion of public and press: in accordance with Schedule 12a, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters. It is therefore resolved that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, that the public and press be excluded

### **24.18 Contractual Matters**

Members considered an update regarding contractual matters.

Cllr Matt Murray said that Murray Farms would not be providing quotes for works in future and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

It was agreed not to proceed replacing layby posts at this time.

It was resolved to not repair the picnic benches and tables and to request that Shropshire Council remove them from the layby.