

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.00 pm

In attendance: Cllrs Colin Campbell, Laura Christmas, Robert Davies, John Esp, Matthew Murray, Kal Parkash, Victoria Todd, Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, 2 members of the public, PCSO Stuart Roberts, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

23.134 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked PCSO Stuart Roberts for his attendance.

23.135 To note Apologies

Cllr Rob Davies had notified the Clerk before the meeting that he may be late

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

Cllr Matt Murray - item 10 ii) bollards for Harley Lay-By – owner of Murray Farms Ltd

23.137 Public session.

PCSO Stuart Roberts said that a surgery had been held in the car park on the Friday before the meeting.

Cllr Rob Davies arrived at the meeting

He reported that County Lines remains a problem across Shropshire, but it is much less so in rural areas like Cressage. Focus is more on farm burglary and high value vehicles being taken off drives. It is a low crime area, if police are not seen that is a good sign. 2 PCSOs cover 250 to 300 square miles, they do what they can, and will try and get down to the school when possible. Other schools have requested the same and will of course require this presence to be at similar times of the day.

A rolling bid has been put in for covert cars and bikes to do speed checks. It was noted that several speed surveys have been done at the War Memorial. PCSOs have rules to follow and have to be in a pair and in a marked vehicle. The purpose is to slow traffic down.

Parishioners raised concerns about the narrowness of the road at Sheinton Common, and also gave a reminder the footpath on Wood Lane remains a problem.

23.138 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2024

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12th March as a true record

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23.139 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild raised two consultations being conducted by Shropshire Council, and expressed the wish of getting as many responses as possible. The first consultation is a survey on green waste and household recycling centres, and asks if residents would consider a charge of £52 a year for emptying of green bins. This would offset the cost of keeping all 5 recycling centres in the county open, and keeping the same opening hours as present. The second consultation seeks comment on the draft drawings of the extension of Shrewsbury Sports Village, including a swimming pool.

There was some discussion on crossing county borders to use recycling facilities, and the concerns of Telford and Wrekin that it would have extra usage from Shropshire if it introduced charges. How people find out about consultations if they are not online was also raised, and it was suggested by the Parish Clerk that both consultations are included in the Parish Council's Village Life article for this month.

23.140 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

The following was noted: **24/00273/FUL** (validated: 05/02/2024)

The Croft, Sheinton: Erection of rear/side extension, covered rear entrance new front porch

Decision: Grant Permission

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

The following planning notification was noted with no comment to file:

24/01129/AMP: Sheinwood Barns, Sheinton. Amendments to Planning Permission
21/02839/FUL – Change on one barn from double gable end to single gable end.

23.141 Highways matters:

It was noted that the 30mph sign on the entrance to the village from Much Wenlock direction still has not been fixed, and is now less visible because of foliage.

Cllr Claire Wild noted that the very wet weather has delayed some work.

23.142 Financial matters:

i. Council agreed to payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 1	£tbc	17/4/2024
HMRC	Tax month 1	£tbc	17/4/2024
Clerk	Travel April	£30.78	12/3/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£25.75	
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£18.88	14/3/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – April	£717.12	

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- ii. It was agreed to note receipts and expenditure to end March
- iii. It was agreed to note Bank Reconciliation to end March
- iv. It was agreed to note Spend Against Budget to end March
- v. It was agreed to apply for the Environmental Maintenance Grant 2024-2025

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

- i. Under 11 Play Area: it was noted that the very wet weather in the past weeks has delayed works. There was also concern at the condition of the sports pitch and the suitability of it being used for Tug of War. It was agreed that the suggested date of 5th May would not be viable. It was requested that three quotes for matting for the play area be brought to the next meeting.

Cllr Matthew Murray left the meeting

- ii. Harley Layby: three quotes were considered for the replacement of bollards in Harley Lay-by and reflector strips. After some discussion, it was agreed to accept the cheapest of the three quotes (Murray Farms).

Cllr Matthew Murray re-joined the meeting

- iii. Footpaths – there was some discussion on the potential for establishing a volunteers working party in the Summer to address footpaths problems potential to include the bridge, and the kissing gate on the Wood Lane/Shaw Lane footpath
- iv. Streetlights: there was no update at this time
- v. Speeding: the police had emailed the Parish Council to say that a bid had been put in for police bikes to conduct speed checks.
- vi. Request for a bin on Sheinton Road: Cllr Rob Davies said that despite efforts, Shropshire Council will not be putting in the requested bin, and that the guidance was that there was no money for new bins.

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

23.145 Date & time of next Council meeting – 14th May 2024 at Cressage Village Hall on the rise of the Annual Parish Meeting due to be held at 7pm