

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Victoria Todd, Matt Murray, Rob Davies, Colin Campbell, John Esp and Laura Christmas; Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, 2 members of the public, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

24.53 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24.54 To note Apologies

An apology was accepted from Cllr Kal Parkash

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

There were none at this time

24.56 Public session

A resident thanked the Parish Council for its action regarding the overhanging foliage by the War Memorial. It now looks a lot better. It was noted that reporting through Fix My Street got the response that Shropshire Council said it was not its responsibility.

A comment was made about the proliferation of buses going through Cressage village and the low level of usage. Cllr Claire Wild said that it is always difficult to calculate how many students will use the buses. Operators will be looking at the 436 and 437 routes and will make decisions about the services after Christmas. There are no Sunday services in this area at the moment.

24.57 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th September 2024

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 10th September 2024 as a true record

24.58 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild said a solution had been found to the schools' library service and a plan had been proposed that will involve one school keeping the books and another the artefacts. Schools will be organising themselves to use the service.

The green bin scheme will now start at the beginning of November. The stickers that had been ordered were not fit for purpose, a new batch has been ordered. The stickers will be coded.

Cllr Wild noted that she and the Parish Clerk had put some work into sorting out the damaged 30mph sign on the entrance to the village. It is hoped that this will get sorted out soon.

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24.59 Planning matters:

i. Decisions:

The following were noted:

24/02344/FUL (validated: 22/07/2024)

Unit 2, Sheinwood Barns, Sheinton: Part conversion of 1No redundant barn to residential dwelling and provision of new roof to create additional accommodation in roof space

Decision: Grant Permission

24/03108/FUL (validated: 19/08/2024)

High Barn, Harley: Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to internal layout

Decision: Grant Permission

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications:

There were none at this time

24.60 Highways matters:

Cllr John Esp noted that the hedge at the Eagles corner had not been cut. Cllr Victoria Todd said that she would follow this up.

It was noted that warning signs are up at Buildwas.

24.61 Financial matters:

i. It was resolved to agree payment of the following invoices and charges:

Payee	Item		Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 7		Tbc	17/9/2024
HMRC	Tax month 7		Tbc	17/9/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light		£31.31	29/09/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water		£20.88	14/9/2024
Med UK	Defib pads		136.68	21/8/2024
PKF Littlejohn	External Auditor		£252	23/09/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – October		£717.12	4/10/2024

ii. It was resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end September

iii. It was resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end September

iv. It was resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end September

v. The External Audit, and the conclusion of the Audit for the financial year 2023-2024 was noted

vi. Internal Audit: the Parish Clerk had contacted an Internal Auditor who has capacity. It was agreed to go ahead if the cost is less than £300.

24.62 Other Parish Matters –

i. Under 11 Play Area

A work specification has been written for the hedge cutting works, this will go to three different organisations for quotes.

There was discussion about drainage works, and the possibility of putting in a new French drain and intersecting drainage. There was agreement that this should be delayed until Spring. It was agreed to request the maintenance contractor to quote for supplementary work to locate the manholes, see if they are clear, and repair them if this is feasible.

ii. Footpaths – there was no update on footpaths at this time

iii. Village Gateway

There was discussion on village gateway improvements including ongoing maintenance of grass areas if gateways are put in place. Cllr Victoria Todd noted that the Parish Council is not permitted to cut certain areas of the A458 and that a conversation was needed with Shropshire Council to establish where would be possible. It would also be beneficial to contact the Traffic Management Advisor at West Mercia Police, and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.

Mention was made of the village gateway in Morville, and that it may be worth contacting the Parish Council for their advice. Cllr Claire Wild said that companies that sell gateways would be able to explain rules and what is possible.

It was agreed to review information at the next meeting.

iv. Speeding

A resident of Harley has contacted the Parish Council to express concern at the speed of traffic going through the village. It was noted that there is no speed limit through the village and that for this to be put in place it would need to have streetlighting.

v. Community Charter

After some discussion it was agreed to put outbuilding theft, drugs, and speeding as policing priorities. Illegal parking remains an issue. The Police are to be asked to attend monthly meetings were possible.

vi. Christmas Tree at Cressage Village Hall

Friday December 6th has been suggested as a possible date for a light-up event. The Village Hall Committee will be speaking to Raby Estates about a tree. If the event goes ahead the Parish Council might be requested to grant a sum of approximately £100 towards lighting and cable costs.

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vii. Remembrance Day

Cllr Victoria Todd said she would speak to the Village Hall Secretary about refreshment provision. The road closure requirements would be the same as last year.

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

Christmas Tree event

24.64 Date & time of next Council meeting 12th November 2024 at Harley Village Hall
at 7.00pm