Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7pm

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

24.19 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

24. 20 To note Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

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

There were no declarations of interest at this time

24.22 Public session

A member of the public said that he not been able to access information about the meeting on the website, and that it had only appeared on Message from Cressage Facebook group the evening before. The Chairman said that the meeting had been properly advertised on the noticeboard, and had also been put in Village Life. The Parish Clerk said that there had been a technical issue with the website and that hopefully this would not be a problem in future

24.23 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th May 2024

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th May 2024 as a true record

24.24 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Claire Wild noted that the Head Teacher at Christ Church School, Cressage, had sent out a letter regarding the plan for the school to join a multi-academy trust with other Church of England schools. This would have potential for sharing resources, such as H.R and I.T. It would involve 8 schools and be put in place towards the end of the year.

24.25 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

There were no planning decisions to note

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

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Outbuilding Adj Sheinwood Cornmill, Sheinton: The addition of new rooflights and a

window to an existing building

There was no comment to file

iii. Eagles Appeal

Consideration was given to making an official representation concerning The Eagles Inn site planning appeal. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Clerk should check and ensure that the Parish Council's comment is on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal It was agreed not to make any additional representation.

24.26 Highways matters:

Councillors noted their concerns at overhanging trees situated at the end of roads needing cutting back to prevent visibility problems. The Chairman said that she would put this on Fix My Street and would speak to property owners about the issue.

Cllr John Esp said the 30mph sign on the entrance to the village still had not been mended, the Parish Clerk said this had been followed up with Cllr Claire Wild who had been advised by Highways Maintenance that there had been an emergency visit to ensure that the sign and electrics were safe and the job for this visit was closed as complete on 17th October. This would explain the automatic email. The Parish Clerk said that she would follow this up.

Financial matters:

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

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 3	£670.80	17/6/2024
		gross	
HMRC	Tax month 3	£tbc	17/6/2024
Clerk	Travel June	£30.78	17/6/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£30.31	2/5/2024
Shropshire Council	Energy	£555	31/5/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£20.23	14/5/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance -	£717.12	1/5/2024
	May		

- ii. Council resolved to note: receipts and expenditure to end May
- iii. Council resolved to note Bank Reconciliation to end May
- iv. Council resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end May

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v. Financial Regulations resolved to adopt the updated version of Financial Regulations

24.27 Other Parish Matters

i. Under 11 Play Area: the Chairman and the Parish Clerk had met with Ray Parry to discuss the play area surface. He had indicated that the safety of the play equipment and tiles was not of immediate concern. He had provided a quote for the consideration of the Council of an alternative of putting down an overlay with 50mm Black EPDM Topping with the edges trenched into the adjoining turf. This would be brought back to the next Council meeting for consideration.

It was requested that the Parish Clerk check with the Contractor regarding invoices sent for the year, and to request that he cleans down the Under 11s play area as it has been particularly impacted in the wet weather with moss appearing on the matting flooring.

Hedges will need cutting in Autumn. Roots were cleared out from the drainage system some years ago but may need to be addressed again soon due to the surface water on the play area.

- ii. Tug of War event: the playing field will not be used for Tug of War events this year but it may be considered next year.
- iii. Broadband works: Cllr Victoria Todd reported that she had spoken to a householder whose house was very close to broadband wires but that they had not been unduly concerned. However, it was noted that there had been visits to the village by Kloud9 and that it was likely that the wires were going to be adjusted.
- iv. Footpaths there were no updates regarding footpaths at this time.
- v. Speeding: Cllr Matt Murray expressed concern at an forthcoming road closure at Farley and the potential impact of excess traffic on the proposed route. It was requested that the Parish Clerk find out more information about the proposals.

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

- Drainage in the play area
- Hedge work for the autumn season (Play Area)
- Under 11s work party
- 30mph road sign
- Defibrillator
- Quote for play area surfacing

24.29 Date & time of next Council meeting 9th July 2024 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00pm