

## Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

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### **Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm**

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

#### **24.42 Chairman's welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Cllr Colin Campbell apologised for having to leave the meeting due to a work commitment

#### **24.43 To note Apologies**

Laura Christmas – family commitment

Colin Campbell – work commitment

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

There were none at this time

#### **24.45 Public session**

There were no questions or comments from the public at this time

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

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as a true record

#### **24.47 Shropshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr Claire Wild raised the Town and Parish Council Survey that had been circulated by Shropshire Council looking at the future options of working with Parish Councils in delivering in local communities in initiatives such as cutting around road signs and cleaning gullies. She noted that it would not result in 100% reimbursement for costs. At this stage it is a consultation, and thinking how it could be used to address little but annoying things within the community. The Environmental Maintenance Grant has worked well but this initiative would give direct control and would save a lot of time chasing things up.

A meeting had been held with Haworths. Work will be starting on access roads in October. There has been a route improvement from the JPC Quarry, it won't come through Cressage village.

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### 24.48 Planning matters:

#### i. Decisions to note

There were no planning decisions to note

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

24/03108/FUL Erection of a single storey rear extension and alterations to internal layout at High Barn, Harley

No comment to file

There was no update on appeal for the Eagles site

### 24.49 Highways matters:

Cllr John Esp noted that the hedge by the Eagles corner needs cutting back

### 24.50 Financial matters:

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

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 5	£536.60	17/8/2024
HMRC	Tax month 5	£134.20	17/8/2024
Clerk	Salary month 6	£536.60	17/9/2024
HMRC	Salary month 6	£134.20	17/9/2024
Clerk	Travel September	£16.74	10/09/2024
Clerk (Amazon)	Dog waste bag holders	£26.56	8/8/2024
Information Solutions	Website for the year	£246.24	1/7/2024
Ecotricity (direct debit)	Pavilion heat/light	£30.25	12/8/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavilion water	£20.23	14/7/2024
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water	£20.88	14/8/2024
Information Commissioner	Annual fees	£35	29/7/2024
Public Works Loan Board	Loan repayment	£273.46	12/8/2024
Shropshire Council	Streetlights Quarter 2	£555	6/8/2024
SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – August	£717.12	4/8/2024
	September	£717.12	4/9/2024
SLB Groundcare	Additional works (Pavilion benches)	£95	4/9/2024
SALC (due)	Fees	£512.54	13/5/2024

#### ii. Council resolved to note: receipts and expenditure to end August

#### iii. Council resolved to note Bank Reconciliation to end August

- iv. Council resolved to note Spend Against Budget to end August
- v. External Audit: this has not yet been received
- vi. The Internal Auditor is retiring. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should get quotes for another auditor.

**24.51 Other Parish Matters**

- i. Under 11 Play Area:

Funding for accessible play equipment is ongoing. Cllr Rob Davies said that he would look at Blakemore Foundation as a possibility.

It was resolved to not proceed with surfacing work. It was agreed that the surface flooring in the play area is in reasonable condition and does not require replacement or repair at this time. It does need cleaning, and it was agreed to ask the contractor to clean up the matting and the wood edges.

It was agreed to proceed with hedge cutting all the way around the play area. The Chairman, Cllr Victoria Todd, said she would inform the neighbours about the hedge cutting. It was also agreed to proceed with drainage works.

As a matter of safety, fences should be secured all around the edges, there should be one entrance and one exit to it.

It was agreed to get three quotes for the tree works and for the drainage. The Parish Clerk would liaise with Cllr Matt Murray about a spec for the work.

The success of the work party was noted, about 15 people turned up for it.

- ii. Footpaths

A works party has cleared the main road to the bridge. Shropshire Council officers came to look at the bridge but access to it was impeded so the visit was postponed.

- iii. 30mph speeding sign

There were no further updates. The work still has not been completed.

- iv. Speeding

Cllr Rob Davies reported that the Blakemore Foundation had provided planters for the village sign and that this was meant to slow cars down. There was discussion about the possibility of extending this to place a village gateway sign on the verges. This would need permission from Highways

- v. Defibrillator

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Med UK have inspected the defibrillator at Cressage Village Hall and have replaced the battery as it had a fault on it. It is now fully operational and is registered with the Circuit. It was agreed that the numbers listed with Numbers Plus should be checked to ensure they are up-to-date.

vi. Combined Village Event

It had been questioned if Councillors would be willing to support a combine village event possibly to include tug-of-war. It was resolved to assist in helping the event.

vii. Christmas Tree

Councillors would be willing to support putting up a Christmas Tree if the Village Hall wanted to go ahead. Power supply and cost of it would be the main issue.

viii. Benches

The Blakemore Foundation has granted two benches for the use of the community. The Asset Register will be updated accordingly.

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

- Appointment of an Internal Auditor

**24.53 Date & time of next Council meeting** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00pm