

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 7pm

In attendance: Cllrs Rob Davies, John Esp, Victoria Todd, Roger Beardsmore, Shaun Bott, 3 members of the public, Shropshire Councillor Dan Thomas and the Parish Clerk

37.25 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

38.25 To note Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthew Murray (work commitment), and Cllr Colin Campbell (Annual Leave). An apology was received from Shropshire Councillor Susan (alternative commitment).

39.25 To note Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or consider dispensation requests

Cllr Shaun Bott – owner of SLB Maintenance

40.25 Public session

The Parish Clerk noted that she had received correspondence from members of the public about the installation of the village gateway. Two residents had asked for the 30mph speed enforcement area to be extended, and a third had complained that the cutting of the hedge at the Shrewsbury end of the village was aggressive and had left a hole in it. Cllr Todd said she had also received correspondence about it. The speed limit is a matter for the Highways authority. The Parish Council does not have a remit to address this but can pass on the concern. Regarding the hedge, Councillors agreed it was aggressive but did not see it as a long term problem.

A member of the public said that he had written to Shropshire Council about the different standards in cutting along the A458 between Bridgnorth and Much Wenlock. He had been told to report it via Fix My Street and upload photographs, however, this was a general issue about working to a contract specification and not a specific problem. In his view, the Parish Council had addressed some of the issue by doing an extra cut at the Wig Wig turn.

A member of the public said that diversions at Much Wenlock for works undertaken during the day had been very poor. He referred to closure between Morville and Tasley. Another resident present at the meeting agreed with this view.

A member of the public said that a hedge on Severn Way by the shop was impeding on the footpath. Cllr Victoria Todd said that she would speak to the property owner about it.

41.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report

Cllr Dan Thomas reported that he had attended a meeting about the Leisure Centre at Much Wenlock, this had included discussion about improving accessibility and overall viability of the

centre. CiL money may be used as part of this future. The trust is considering the possibility of Halo taking over the centre.

Cllr Susan Coleman has been working with Severn Trent to resolve drainage issues in Cressage.

Cllr Dan Thomas will be holding a surgery on July 12th in Much Wenlock. Residents are welcome to come along with any issues they may want him to look into.

The North West Relief Road scheme is 'dead in the water'. There is a question about the money already spent on it will need to be paid back. If so, it could bankrupt Shropshire Council. Shropshire Councillors Susan Coleman and Dan Thomas will both report back to the Parish Council with any updates on this issue.

42.25 Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th June 2025

Councillor Susan Coleman had requested that the draft minutes quoted her were changed from the 'North West Relief Road will be cancelled' to 'may be cancelled'.

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th June 2025 with the above amendment

43.25 Call for Information: Town and Parish Councils Survey

Cllr Victoria Todd said that she had attended a SALC (Shropshire Association of Local Councils) that discussed Shropshire Council's collaborative working initiative. Discussion included more working in collaboration with other Councils and more efficiency in working.

It was agreed that Cllr Victoria Todd, Cllr Rob Davies, and the Parish Clerk file an online report to the survey.

44.25 Youth Offer and Community Profiling

Shropshire Council has sent out a survey of youth service provision and community needs, this has a short turn around time and needs to be filed by 18th July.

It was agreed that Cllr Victoria Todd, Cllr Rob Davies, and the Parish Clerk file an online report to the survey.

45.25 Planning matters:

- i. **Decisions:** there no planning decisions to note
- ii. **Determine response to any new Planning Applications:**

25/01628/FUL: Change of use from a former public house to two residential dwellings
The Eagles Inn, 1 Harley Road, Cressage <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online/applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SVHRO2TDHLD00>

To file: the Parish Council supports the application. It would like to see the site developed. It is an eyesore.

25/02254/FUL: Pergola

3 Harley <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online->

[applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SY2CXITDIPG00](http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SY2CXITDIPG00)

No comment to file

46.25 Highways matters

The village gateways are now in place. Grounds maintenance will need a review as the area will need to be kept clear and tidy. This would likely be a minimum of four cuts extending to the village signs, taking place between April and October. It was agreed to put this item on the next agenda.

47.25 Financial matters:

- i. Council resolved to agree payment of invoices and charges

Payee	Item	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary months 4	£559.91	17/7/2025
HMRC	Tax month 4	£182.21	17/7/2025
HMRC	Employer NiC (1 & 2)	£84.42	17/7/2025
Clerk	Travel July	£16.78	8/7/2025
Clerk	Vouchers	£52.75	13/6/2025
Cressage Village Hall	Hire 2022 – 2025	£472.50	31/5/2025
Cressage Village Hall	Hire 2025	£45	31/5/2025
Information Solutions	Website	£258.55	1/7/2025
Lloyds Bank	Service Charges	£4.75	9/6/2025
Water Plus (direct debit)	Pavillion water	£19.76	29/6/2025
Tomato Energy	Electricity	£1.13	29/6/2025
Gallaghers insurers	Payment shortfall	£21.46	1/4/2025
JACS	Village Gateways	£5528.09	5/7/2025

- ii. Council to agree payment of monthly environmental maintenance charge

SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – June	£738.64	4/7/2025
SLB Groundcare	Verge maintenance A458	£180	1/7/2025

Cllr Shaun Bott did not vote on this item

- iii. Council resolved to note the receipts and expenditure to end June
iv. Council resolved to note the Bank Reconciliation to end June
v. Council resolved to note the Spend Against Budget to end June

It was agreed to commit Neighbourhood Fund monies held in reserve towards the Village Gateway project.

vi. Council resolved to approve the following policies:

- Grievance Policy
- Disciplinary Policy
- Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Councillor Clerk Protocol
- Complaints Procedure

48.25 Other Parish Matters

- i. Recreation ground: it was agreed to discuss the maintenance of leylandii trees backing onto the recreation ground at the September meeting. A letter is to be drafted to the responsible homeowner about the removal of the fallen tree
- ii. Verges: there will be further discussion on cutting verges in the Parish in September
- iii. Footpaths: Fix My Street reports have been filed about outstanding footpath works. Cllr Susan Colemore will be following this up.
- iv. Email logo: it was agreed to choose a logo after the meeting. Cllr Rob Davies had options prepared, and had worked with local school children on this project.
- v. Defibrillator: the Parish Clerk had spoken to electrical companies about moving the defibrillator following social media advertisement, but this had not resulted in a quote. Cllr Victoria Todd had contacted John Peters as discussed in the last meeting, he had put in a quote for £80.
It was resolved to accept the quote from John Peters to move the defibrillator at the Village Hall.
- vi. Yellow lines: Highways have been contacted about yellow lines in Cressage but had not received a response as yet, it was agreed that the Moors and Severn Way would be good places to consider. Cllr Dan Thomas noted that a similar project in Much Wenlock had been a slow process.

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

Grounds maintenance review for village gateways area
Replacement benches for the recreation field

50.25 Date & time of next Council meeting 9th September 2025, at Cressage Village Hall