

Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at Cressage Village Hall

on Tuesday 9th June 2026 at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllrs Rob Davies, Colin Campbell, Victoria Todd, Shaun Bott, Roger Beardsmore, Shropshire Councillor Dan Thomas, eight members of the public and the Parish Clerk (V.Voysey)

19.26 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman, Cllr Roger Beardsmore, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

He presented Cllr Victoria Todd with a bunch of flowers, and thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all her work as Chairman over the last few years

20.26 To note Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr John Esp and Cllr Matthew Murray

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

Pecuniary interest: Cllr Shaun Bott is the owner of SLB Maintenance

22.26 Public session.

1. Speeding in Harley

Residents from Harley requested an update on speed monitoring in Harley. It was noted that the speed limited has not changed since the main road to Shrewsbury was diverted from going through it. It is still 60mph speed limit. Residents are concerned about the speed of traffic coming into Harley from the Kenley Road where there is no room for planters or signage on the verges.

It was confirmed that no Parish Council funds have been spent on speed monitoring in Cressage, this is because data was already available from partner agencies. Neighbourhood Fund money was spent on installing village gateways along the A458 where there is data establishing a speeding issue.

2. Local Plan

A resident asked if the Parish Council would be responding to the Local Plan.

A member of the public said that producing a Neighbourhood Plan, potentially with neighbouring Parishes, could be considered as it would provide more control over development matters. Measures to address speeding could be built into the plan.

3. Pump Track

A resident asked about the pump track suggestion, and questioned how much it would cost, he would like more information.

4. Severn Trent Community Flood Officer

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A presentation was given by a representative from Severn Trent, appointed as a Community Flood Officer in November as part of a newly established team working across the region, and one of two working in Shropshire.

There are proactive and reactive elements to the initiative: the reactive focuses on flooding and storms. Pollution incidents and internal flooding (in resident's properties) are the priority. Where the issues is not within the remit of Severn Trent residents will be signposted to other agencies, for example, the Environment Agency. The proactive element is going out to Town and Parish Councils and getting established as a liaison point, primarily for flooding incidents but also for other Severn Trent related concerns. Common themes are impact of development and the impact of road closures on small communities.

It was requested or concerns be channelled through the Parish Clerk. Any sewer related issues should go through the emergency number 0800 783 4444.

Cllr Victoria Todd said that two issues of note in the Parish Council's are the flooding problems on Kenley Road, Harley, and a drain with unpleasant sewerage odour near the school in Cressage. The drain had not been resolved as responsibility had been passed between Shropshire Council and Severn Trent. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the representative, the Parish Clerk and Cllr Todd to look into this matter.

23.26 Council to consider and agree the Minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2026

It was agreed to accept the minutes from the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2026 as a true record

24.26 Shropshire Councillors' Report

Cllr Dan Thomas reported that he had met with residents from Harley, Cllr Todd, and Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineer. A speeding issue in the village was recognised but there was no data to back it up. The lived experience of residents is not enough to initiate any measures to address speeding. The funding crisis at Shropshire Council means that it will not pay for the full cost of a speeding survey but would agree to fund half of it if the Parish Council funded the other half. The cost would be £3,000. So the Parish Council is being asked to pay £1500. Any resulting measures, such as installing 30mph speed signs, would not be financed by the Parish Council.

The Local Plan consultation began on 20th May. This first stage is not looking at what sites to include, it is a scoping consultation that is establishing what is should be looking at, how development should be planned, and how to engage with communities. It will be later in the year when Parish Council's will be asked for views on sites.

Shropshire Council has put in place a new Corporate Plan with priorities including financial sustainability.

Cllr Dan Thomas will be holding a surgery on 13th June, the police will be present.

Cllr Susan Coleman enjoyed the Tug of War event, and was pleased to be asked to hang out the medals.

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25.26 Clerk's Report

1. Banking

An update was given on banking signatories and registering for online banking.

It was agreed to add Cllr Roger Beardsmore as a full signatory.

2. Speeding in Harley

Shropshire Council have agreed to fund half of a speed survey in Harley if the Parish Council can fund the other half. The cost provided by Cllr Dan Thomas in his report was £3,000.

The Parish Clerk noted that the Parish Council had £1125.11 unallocated Neighbourhood Fund out of the £1485.11 received this financial year. The Spend to Date report shows that receipts are at 110.89% of the budget as the Parish Council has received £1,777.76 in VAT reclaim as well as the Neighbourhood Fund. June's report will include the Environmental Maintenance Grant that was received in that month. This was not assumed when setting the budget.

It was resolved to fund half of the speed survey at £1,500 in Harley on the understanding that there is an agreement that will be no future costs for the Parish Council.

26.26 Financial matters:

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

Payee	Payment	Amount	Date of Invoice
Clerk	Salary month 3	£577.70	10/6/2026
HMRC	Tax month 3	£190.10	10/6/2026
Clerk	Travel June	£16.78	08/6/2026
Water Plus (direct debit)	Water May	£20.94	1/6/2026
Information Solutions	Website domain name	£14.99	2/6/2026
Shropshire Council	Streetlight electricity Q1	£587.41	1/6/2026

ii. Council agreed to the payment of monthly environmental maintenance charge

SLB Groundcare	Monthly maintenance – June	£760.79	1/2/2026
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Cllr Shaun Bott did not vote on this item

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

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27.26 Planning matters:

i. Decisions to note

There were no planning decisions received after the publication of the agenda and the meeting of 9th June 2026

ii. Determine response to any new Planning Applications

The Parish Council noted the following:

Reference: 26/01777/FUL (validated: 13/05/2026) Chestnut Cottage, Sheinton
Proposal: The installation of a domestic 15kW ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) array
View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TEXRGWTDIE900>

Reference: 26/01896/TCA Unicorn House, 6 Harley
Fell 3no. Lodge Poll Pines (T1-T3) within Harley Conservation Area
View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TFAQPKTDILB00>

Reference: 26/01935/PIP The Garage, Sheinton
Application for permission in principle for 1No. dwelling
View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=TFG1NFTD06Z00>

iii. Shropshire Local Plan Scoping Consultation

It was noted that preparation of the next Shropshire Local Plan will start with undertaking a Scoping Consultation from the 20 May 2026 to the 15 July 2026.

It was suggested that there should be a separate Village Life article about the Local Plan.

It was agreed that the Local Plan Scoping Consultation should be an Agenda item for the next meeting and that the Parish Council should file a response. It was requested that feedback is sent to the Parish Clerk in advance of the July meeting.

28.26 Recreation Area

- i. Pump track: Cllr Roger Beardsmore reported that he had sought additional information from the company that installs pump tracks, and the Town Council that had installed one and had been recommended as an example by the residents interested in getting one. The conversations had identified matters to be aware of including future maintenance, the projected volume of use in a rural, and noise. It was agreed that more information on costs would be required to move the idea forwards.
- ii. Reviving the Recreation area: it was agreed that full discussion should be deferred to the next meeting. There was some discussion on the value of investing in the pavilion as it is an underused facility.

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It was resolved that the Parish Council should proceed to get the electric fuse box and main electrics checked over by an electrician. Cllr Shaun Bott was delegated the arrangements.

- iii. Tug of War: the grounds have been repaired as requested with new seeds put down. Councillors and residents were thanked for the help offered to make sure the event was a success. Using the facility as a venue for the National Championships have been mooted, however, reservation was expressed by some Councillors as the impact on the grounds would need to be carefully considered.

It was agreed to reimburse Cllr Roger Beardsmore £39.98 for the cost of replacing two toilet seats.

- iv. Under 11s Play Area: it was agreed to get a specialist to look at the blocked drain on the Under 11s Play Area. The Parish Clerk and Cllr Shaun Bott will liaise to put the arrangements in place.

27.26 Highways matters:

- i) Councillors to report any highway issues for action: the Parish Clerk had been contacted by a resident about the poor condition of Domas Lane. It was noted that Kenley Road is also in a poor state of repair.

The drains opposite the War Memorial on the A458 are blocked with weeds. This should be reported on Fix My Street.
- ii) Double yellow lines: there is no update regarding double yellow lines in Cressage at this time
- iii) Additional signage for Village Gateways: this is on the work schedule for June

28.26 Environmental matters:

- v. Footpaths: there has been progress on the plan for volunteers to replace the missing bridge. Cllr Davies has liaised with Shropshire Council and has someone suitably trained in place to ensure there is insurance cover. Materials have been provide to replace the bridge. The landowner's permission is needed to move forwards.
- vi. Volunteer support: there has been some feedback on questions raised by the Parish Council, the Parish Clerk had received feedback regarding the question about autonomy of decision making and had circulated this to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. This explained how the existing pilot was working. Cllr Victoria Todd had received a response from Shropshire Council's Deputy Leader referring her back to the officer leading on the pilot. Any further information will be brought back to the Parish Council.
- vii. Verge in Harley: there was no update regarding verges in Harley at this time.

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- viii. Layby in Harley: a bin has been left in the layby in Harley and has been reported on Fix My Street as a fly tipping incident. Litter has been worse since the booty van is no longer on site, the owner always cleared up the area. It is not known if the volunteer litter picker who had previously tidied the area up was still volunteering.

29.26 Date & time of next Council meeting 14th July 2026 at Cressage Village Hall at 7.00pm