

## **RECENT HISTORY - HARLEY POUND**

First mentioned in minute of meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1968. The meeting discussed the possibility of preserving The Pound, deciding that it should be cleaned and taken into use as a bus shelter.

August 1969 ~ Clerk instructed to make inquiries to ascertain if any financial assistance could be obtained towards preserving The Pound.

27<sup>th</sup> January 1970 ~ Chairman of Cressage, Harley & Sheinton Parish Council, Miss Z. Hughes, reported representation had been made with this regard to fencing around The Pound. As the land was for sale, she would make a direct approach to the Raby Estate Office.

24<sup>th</sup> March, 1970 ~ Chairman reported on position regarding preservation of The Pound and possibility of using it as a bus shelter. Further enquiry was made regarding ownership.

21<sup>st</sup> May, 1970 ~ Chairman reported she had the matter in hand. Matter being taken up with Lord Barnard.

21<sup>st</sup> July, 1970 ~ Lord Barnard was willing to transfer this property to the Parish Council subject to certain arrangements with the tenant of the adjoining land.

14<sup>th</sup> September, 1970 ~ Chairman reported that the tenant had no objection. It was agreed that the Chairman arrange for this transfer and that all legal and other expenses be borne by the rate payers of Harley Village.

16<sup>th</sup> November, 1970 ~ Chairman reported that the conveyance was in hand.

26<sup>th</sup> January 1971 ~ Conveyance prepared and ready for signature - condition that the Council undertook to convert into a bus shelter. It was first necessary to obtain planning permission before deed of conveyance could be completed.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1971 ~ Clerk gave notice that plans had now been deposited.

27<sup>th</sup> May, 1971 ~ Planning permission awaited – conveyance agreed to and signed.

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1971 ~ Designated Grade 2 listed building status.

11<sup>th</sup> August, 1971 ~ Ownership transfer to Parish Council.

27<sup>th</sup> September 1971 ~ The Old Pound had now been included in schedule of listed buildings ~ conversion into a bus shelter was now subject of some doubt.

30<sup>th</sup> November, 1971 ~ Further planning application necessary, Chairman to seek legal advice.

27<sup>th</sup> March, 1972 ~ No further progress on planning permission to convert to bus shelter.

May 1972 ~ plans passed by Atcham Rural District Council, approval from Shropshire Council awaited.

July 1972 ~ Clerk reported that formal planning application had now been received.

Subsequent meetings and minutes report "no further progress". No reference to conveyance document.

14 years elapse

January – July 1985 ~ Parish Council concerned about whereabouts of deeds and ask Wace, Morgan, Solicitors three times to locate them, they are unable to do so.

July, 1985 ~ Mr. Jones of Watch Oak, a former Councillor, approached to ask if he is acquainted of the whereabouts. Deeds located.

July 1989 ~ Harley Village Hall Committee is approached by Parish Council to ascertain if they will contribute to improvements.

September 1989 ~ Plans for improvements shelved.

9 years elapse

February 1998 ~ Letter from SABC Borough solicitor to Clerk of the Parish Council confirming Land Registry has land as unregistered.

April 1998 ~ Interest taken up again by group of Harley residents to remove sycamore trees with funding available from Rural Action scheme.

February 1999 ~ Archaeological survey carried out by Dr. Nigel Baker prior to trees being removed.

4 years elapse.

February 2003 ~ Harley Pinders are established after preliminary meeting called by Cllr. Victoria Todd establishing interest in renovating The Pound.

April 2004 ~ Funding secured for renovation and other activities from Countryside Agency via Local Heritage Initiative.

At 3 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2005 ~ The Pound is formally opened during Harley Fayre by the eldest residents of Harley, Phyllis Munslow and Tom Jones, after introduction by Michael Mander in capacity of President of Shropshire C.P.R.E.