

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr D Evans, Cllr R Conway

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**15/22 Apologies:**

Cllr J Rickson, Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr A Jolley

**16/22 Members of the Public:**

A member of the public attended the meeting to talk about his aims to start a Zoo/Animal Sanctuary in Craven Arms.

The President and Chairman of the Shropshire Association of Parish Town Councils attended the meeting to present long service certificates to the Clerk who had been involved in Local Government since 1967 and had been a Parish Clerk for over 40 years, and to Cllr N Stephens who had been a Town Councillor for 53 Years.

**17/22 Declarations of Interest:**

David Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council

**18/22 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 which were then signed by the Chair.

**19/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**20/22 Chair's Items:**

The Clerk had placed on the Notice Board and the Town Councils website the Notice of Vacancy of a Town Councillor following the resignation of Cllr N Carter. If there is no request from ten electors for the holding of an election to fill the vacancy the Town Council would be able to co-opt a person to the vacancy. The Public Notice of Vacancy will expire on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**21/22 Highway/Street Lighting Items:**

The Clerk report that Shropshire Council had agreed to the provision of white lining and a Give Way sign at the junction of Dinchope Lane and Halford.

The Clerk would report the broken signpost at the Crescent Craven Arms.

**22/22 Amenity Items:**

- a) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk reported that completion of the land transfer of the Meadow Land from Connexus to the Town Council and the Licence agreement with Grow Cook Learn for the subsequent management and use of the land should be completed by the end July 2022.
- b) **Planters**- The planters had been installed on the streetlights in Corvedale Road.
- c) **Information Board**- The Clerk reported that the information board at Stokesay Layby which were owned by the Craven Arms Business Group was now being updated by a member of the public in conjunction with Grow Cook Learn.

**23/22 Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council approved the following accounts for payment

	Gross	VAT	Details
Cyril Bason	33.30		supplies
Water Plus	68.06		Water Rates
Water Plus	65.90		Water Rates
Bank Charges	5.50		Charges
Arrow County Supplies	200.84	33.47	Toilet supplies
Shropshire Council	1,318.16	219.69	Street Light Energy
Shropshire Council	5,166.41	861.07	Street Light Insurance Claim
Arrow County Supplies	38.48	6.41	Toilet Supplies
Shropshire Council	100.00		Election Costs
G R Morris	1,330.00		Amenity Work
Eon	165.70	27.62	Street Light Repairs
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
C E Williams	716.00		Disbursement
D Campbell	360.00	60.00	Grass Cutting
CAPFA	12,000.00		Annual Grant

**24/22 Planning Items:**

Cllr D Evans reported that the application for the provision of a new rail bridge over the footpath running from Newington to Cheney Longville Arms) had been approved by Shropshire Council Southern Planning Committee/  
Planning Application 22/02687/Full – Works to culvert a watercourse through factory grounds – Euro Quality Lambs

**25/22 Reports from other Organisations:**

Cllr D Evans reported on the visit of the High Sheriff of Shropshire to Craven Arms to look at the work being undertaken by the Youth and various Voluntary Organisations.

Cllr N Stephens reported on the South Shropshire Youth Forum event held at the Discovery Centre

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council Matters.

**26/22 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:**

No Items

**27/22 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair