

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr S Demos, Cllr R Conway, Cllr V Bailey

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr A Jolley

Members of the Public:

Nil

66/21 Declarations of Interest:

No Declaration to declare

67/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 25th January 2022 which were then signed by the Chair.

68/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

69/21 Chair's Items:

- a) Queens Celebrations June 2022 – the Town Council agreed to ask Grow Cook Learn if a commemorative tree could be planted on the meadow land at the Craven Arms Discovery Centre.
- b) Communication had been received from the Hereford Diocesans concerning the consultation on the closure of Halford Church for Worship – The Town Council noted the consultation.
- c) The Chair reported that the next meeting of the South Shropshire Area Local Council Meeting on Monday 7th March, 2022, commencing 7.00pm which will be by Zoom and will have a presentation about Food Poverty to which members are invited.

70/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

Cllr N Carter had reported blocked drains in Clun Road Craven Arms had still not been cleared and that the drain cover in Newton Street had not been replaced – there items had been reported online through the Shropshire Council website.

Cllr N Stephens reported that drain cover at the junction of Clun Road/Greenfields Road had not been repaired.

The Clerk suggested that the items online should also be reported online by using Fix My Street

(<https://www.fixmystreet.com/>) where you can see items reported to Shropshire Council and a record of any action taken.

The Clerk reported that a streetlight had been knocked down in Maple Close Craven Arms and will be subject to an insurance claim the cost of replacement being £1,139. The Clerk was authorised to place an order for the replacement light from Eon subject to approval by the Insurance Company.

71/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – During the recent stormy weather, the Grill by the Stokesay Hotel had been cleared on several occasions to help prevent flooding in the area.
- b) **Defibrillator** – The Clerk will produce a report for the next meeting, detailing cost, suggested sites, maintenance and training for the provision of new Defibrillators in the Town Area.
The Clerk reported that Network Rail for Wales had installed a public defibrillator at Craven Arms Railway Station
- c) **Bus Shelters** – The Clerk was still awaiting a quote for the repair of the bus shelters.
- d) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk reported that the solicitors hoped to complete the necessary legal documents for the transfer of the Meadow Land from Connexus to the Town Council by the 31st March and the lease agreement with Grow Cook Learn by the 31st March 2022.
- e) **Climate Change:** - Cllr A Jolley will make a report on Climate Change to the next meeting of the Town Council.

- f) Welcome Back Fund:** - The Clerk reported that under the Welcome Back Fund Shropshire Council had tidied the Corvedale Car Park Area and the footpath area behind the Craven Arms Hotel to Craven Arms Train Station. Under the scheme four new benches will be provided to be situated by Lambeth Close, the Fire Station, Newton Road Play Area and adjacent the Bus Shelter outside the Craven Arms Community Centre.

72/21 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £200896 after approval of the accounts listed below which will be paid through the online banking system with the Chair verifying and releasing the payments setup by the Clerk. The following accounts were approved for payment.

	Amount	VAT	
Eon	148.52	24.75	streetlight repair
Grow Cook Learn - Welcome Back Fund	296.09		Welcome Back Fund
Water Plus	68.06		Water Rates
B G Business	156.96	7.47	Electricity Charges
C E Williams	666.00		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
HOWLTA	18.00		Subscription
123 Reg	43.18		Website Domain Registration
Shropshire Council	1,330.36	221.73	Streetlight energy
G R Morris	430.00		Amenity Work

73/21 Planning Items:

The Town Council made the following comments in respect of the Planning Applications:

Planning application 22/00125/FULL – Plot C Hopesay Hill Road Craven Arms – Change of Use of Land to open storage for utility/groundwork contractor to include two demountable buildings, storage containers and six lighting poles – Support application subject to the lights not providing excessive glare and shining downwards.

Planning application 22/00288/Full – erection of Front Porch and formation of dropped curve access to driveway 50 Shrewsbury Road – No objection to the front porch but would support comments of the Highway Agency which were opposed to the dropped kerb because of the dangers it presented to road users.

74/21 Reports from other Organisations:

No Items to report

75/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

Defibrillator, Climate Change, Planning Town Council land former Labour Club site Corvedale Road Craven Arms

76/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair