

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr Mrs R Pitt, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr R Conway

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**55/23 Apologies:**

Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr S Demos, Cllr J Rickson

**56/23 Members of the Public:**

No members of the public were present.

**57/23 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

**58/23 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which were signed by the Chairman.

**59/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:**

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

**60/23 Chair's Items:**

No items to report.

**61/23 Highway and Amenity Items:**

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No items to report.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Council are now in the process of undertaking a modelling of a proposed schemes to enable an application for funding to the Environment Agency.
- c) **Provision of Burial Dite** – Defer to a future meeting.
- d) **Highways/Street Lighting** –Cllr D Evans and Cllr J Fuller had undertaken a survey of remedial work required along the A49 through the centre of Craven Arms which included streetlighting, lighting of between central roadway isle bollards and various highway signs.  
The Clerk would ask Shropshire Council Highways if the No parking zone in Dale Street could be removed as this would allow for two additional car parking spaces.  
Cllr N Stephens raised concerns about the condition of the footpaths along Clun Road Craven Arms which had been reported to Shropshire Council.  
It was noted that Highways England had started to clear the overgrown verges along the footpaths on the southern approach to Craven Arms.
- e) **Land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms** – The Clerk reported on the initial required legal process on the slae of the land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms which will require an independent valuation of the land by a Qualified Surveyor and the appointment of a solicitor to advises and undertake required legal processes on the sale of the land on behalf of the Council. It was agreed by the Council that the Clerk will obtain appropriate terms of reference and cost from the solicitor who had deal with the

transfer of the land at Craven Arms Discovery Centre to the Council and to obtain a valuation of the land before the Council could proceed further with the sale of the land.

### **62/23 Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed the Council had balances of £217,960.03 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 following approval of the following accounts and a statement of balances held in the appropriate bank accounts to comply with the Council's investment policy.

The Following accounts were approved for payment:

|                                  |          |       |              |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------|--------------|
| Eon Energy Solutions             | 153.70   | 25.62 | repairs      |
| Eon Energy Solutions             | 200.77   | 33.46 | repairs      |
| Bank Charges                     | 5.50     |       | charges      |
| Water Plus                       | 72.54    |       | water        |
| PK F Littlejohn                  | 378.00   | 63.00 | audit fee    |
| Water Plus                       | 72.12    |       | water        |
| Christmas Tree                   | 140.00   |       | tree         |
| The Sign Shop                    | 15.00    |       | printing     |
| Shropshire Youth Forum 50% Grant | 2,371.00 |       | grant        |
| Shropshire Youth Forum 50% Grant | 1,000.00 |       | grant        |
| C E Williams                     | 709.79   |       | disbursement |
| Inland Revenue                   | 158.20   |       | tax          |
| G R Morris                       | 1240.00  |       | Amenity      |

### **63/23 Planning Items:**

Planning application 23/04007/Full – Erection of single storey and two storey extension and various other works including creation of new vehicular access – Hill View Clun Road Craven Arms – The Town Council object as the proposals were out of keeping with the immediate area. Cllr D Evans reported that the application had been called in for determination by Shropshire Council Southern Area Planning Committee.

### **64/23 Reports from Other Organisations:**

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters.

Cllr R Pitt reported on the litter picking group which now meet monthly and was looking for more volunteers to join the group.

Cllr J Fuller reported that they had undertaken some remedial work to the overgrown verge by the Corvedale Road Car Park area and the erection of street name sign at The Mews Craven Arms.

### **65/23 Items for the Agenda Next Meeting:**

**Items for future agenda** – Burial Grounds and Trees Corvedale Road Craven Arms.

### **66/23 Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Chairman