

Craven Arms Town Council Budget Report for Meeting 28th January 2019

Estimated Income and Expenditure 2019/2020

Expenditure	<i>Actual</i> 2017-2018	<i>Budget</i> 2018-2019	<i>Revised</i> 2018-2019	<i>Budget</i> 2019-2020	
Grass Cutting Amenity Areas and Planters	3,717	3,450	3,450	3,500	Grass Cutting Fortnightly, Corvedale Road, Shrewsbury Road, Picnic Area , Top Hotel, Labour Club and Planters
Watering of plants	1,255	1,300	1,660	1,300	Strimming White Bridge twice during Spring/Summer Season and provision of Spring/Summer planters
Litter Picking	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	Watering of Planters - based on £20 per day June - September cost was higher in 2018-19 due to hot summer.
Lighting - Energy	1,822	1,850	1,850	1,900	Litter picking in Corvedale Road, Picnic Area and Community Field
Lighting- Repairs	3,097	2,000	2,000	2,000	Cost of Street Lighting energy for the lights owned by the Town Council
Insurance	1,287	1,290	1,640	1,640	Repair of the Town Council Lights if this budget is exceeded in the year cost will have to be met from Street Lighting Reserve
					Insurance lights covered for Public Liability only and not Impact Damage -The Council also has no annual maintenance contract
					The Annual Insurance was negotiated for a five year contract in June 2014 with the annual cost being substantially reduced
					The Insurance covers Public Liability, Employers Liability, Libel and Slander, Fidelity Guarantee, All Risks to Public Conveniences and to Outdoor Gym Equipment. The increase in 2018/19 was due to new bus shelter and the provision of the outdoor Gym Equipment
Audit	720	750	720	750	Annual Internal and External audit of the Councils Financial Accounting records
Subscriptions	834	850	865	880	Annual Subscription to the Association Of Local Councils and the Clerks Society
Hire of Community Hall	500	500	500	500	Hire of Community Centre for Council meetings
Administrative Costs	9,699	10,455	9,985	10,000	Administrative costs Clerk Salary, Stationary, Postage, Travel Costs, Phone and Use of Computer Facilities
Community Playing Fields	5,856	5,500	5,225	5,225	Cost of grass cutting and maintenance of the Community Field which includes Outdoor Gym Area, BMX track and the Community Field
					Also includes cost of cutting Play Area reimbursed by Shropshire Council £960
Public Conveniences	7,605	7,000	7,000	7,000	Cost of cleaning, water, lighting and maintenance including ground maintenance
Committed Costs	37,592	36,145	36,095	35,895	
Grant Community Centre	12,000		12,000	12,000	Annual payment to CAPFA to meet the annual management fee agreed with HALO
Grant Stokesay PCC	600		200		
Crucial Crew Grant			200		Grant for Safety Awareness provided to Young Children
Citizens Advice			2,000		Grant provided for the provision of monthly drop in centre at the Craven Arms Community Centre
British Legion	40		40		Memorial Wreath
Grant Halford Church	150		150		Town Council has supported the Halford PCC for over 20 years
Other Grants	4,650		1,500		Grants to other Voluntary Organisations Empathy £1,000 and Craven Arms Youth Football Club £500
Provision for Grants and New Services		21,040	4,950	9,000	Provision for grants/Provision of New Services not yet used
					suggest any underspend in the year on Grants and New Services is put in separate Reserve Fund
Total Grant/Provision for New Services	17,440	21,040	21,040	21,000	
Other Expenditure					
Election Costs			100		Meet from Election Reserve Fund
Additional Street Lighting Repair Costs			500		Meet from Street Lighting Reserve
MUGA Light Repairs			1,380		Meet from Recreation Reserve
Total Expenditure	55,032	57,185	59,115	56,895	
Income					
Precept	48,184	56,185	56,185	55,864	Precept based on a 0% increase in the Town Council Tax Rate
Interest	337	700	350	350	Interest on Bank Balances
Environmental Maintenance Grant	2,263			1,500	Assumed Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council
Craven Arms Playing Fields	960		960	960	Payment from Shropshire Council for Grass Cutting
Total Income	51,744	56,885	56,535	57,714	

Balances Estimated at the 31st March 2019

Balances	31/03/2018	31/03/2019	
Regeneration Reserve	122,120	122,120	Capital Reciept
Street Lighting	27,126	26,626	Reduced due to £500 overspend on Street Lighting Repairs
Recreation Reserve	20,000	17,090	Reduced due to repairs to Skate Park £1,530 and MUGA Light Repairs £1,380
Election Reserve	3,915	3,815	Reduced due to cost of elections 2017/18 £100
Picnic Area Reserve	4,275	4,275	
Neighbourhood Fund	216	522	Capital Reciept
General Fund	19,436	20,100	Working balance
Balances	197,088	194,548	

The Council also has a balance of £3,621 in Christmas Lights Fund and £405 in the Outdoor Gym Equipment

PRECEPT

During 2018/19 the Town Councils Council Taxbase has decreased by 0.57% this is mainly due to a change in Council Tax Support Scheme and Council Tax discount policies in relation to vacant properties

		Property Valuation Band							
		Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
If Craven Arms Town Council increased the Precept to the following amounts the Council Tax Charge is as follows:									
Precept £55,864	0%	46.76	54.55	62.35	70.14	85.72	101.31	116.9	140.28
Precept £55,964	Increase of £100	46.84	54.65	62.46	70.27	85.88	101.5	117.12	140.54
Precept £56,864	Increase of £1000	47.60	55.53	63.47	71.40	87.27	103.13	119.00	142.80

The Town Council may wish to consider a 0% increase for the year 2019/20 resulting in a precept of £55,864

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