

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr A J Willetts

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**121/22 Apologies:**

Cllr J Rickson, Cllr S Demos and Cllr R Conway.

**122/22 Members of the Public:**

Members of the public present to provide an update on plans for the Coronation celebrations in Craven Arms the Clerk pointed out that Insurance for public liability will need to be arranged by the organising group as the Council's Insurance Policy would not cover the event.

There was a presentation by SWS Broadband on their roll out of fibre gigabit broadband particularly in the hard-to-reach rural areas in Craven Arms and South Shropshire Area for businesses or local households interested they can visit the website [www.swsbroadband.net](http://www.swsbroadband.net).

**123/22 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

**124/22 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023 and signed by the Chairman.

**125/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:**

No items to report.

**126/22 Chair's Items:**

On behalf of the Town Council the Chair congratulated Cllr N Stephens on the award he received from the High Sheriff of Shropshire for his voluntary service to the local community.

**127/22 Highway and Amenity Items:**

- a) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre** – The Clerk reported that the transfer of the Meadow Land to the Town Council and the 99 Year lease of the management of the land to Grow Cook Learn will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Cllr D Evans reported that a funding bid for £56k for modelling and design work to deliver the Craven Arms scheme was approved by the Environment Agency and Shropshire Council had submitted a claim form for this funding and once received will commission the work to be undertaken.
- c) **Emergency Planning** – Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils will provide a community emergency planning programme that can be used as a model by all local councils.
- d) **Planters** – The Town Council agreed to purchase twenty planters for the town centre area from Shrewsbury Council at a cost of £45.83 plus VAT per planter.

- e) **Highways/Street Lighting** – The Town Council agreed to repair the three bus shelters in Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms at a cost of £2,300 this including four spare panels provided by GW Shelter Solutions who will undertake the work at the beginning of June 2023.  
Cllr V Bailey raised the issue of the problems of mobility scooter crossing the roadways in some part of Craven Arms and would identify on a map where these crossing points should be considered or improved.
- f) **Seats** – Cllr D Evans reported that the Craven Arms Fire Service had provided two new seats the council to consider the siting of these seats at the next meeting.

### 128/22 Financial Items:

The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment.

Bank Charges	5.50		Bank Charges
Shropshire Council	844.80	140.80	Play Area/BMX track inspections
Water Plus	76.52		Water Rates Playing Fields
Water Plus	63.67		Water Rates Toilets
G R Morris	750.00		Amenity Work
C E Williams	742.80		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax

The Clerk would forward to members a suggested Investment Policy and confirmed that due to current interest rates £60,000 transferred from the Lloyds Bank Current Account to the Lloyds Bank Fixed Interest Deposit account at a fixed rate of 3% for twelve months.

The Town Council approved a grant of £1,000 to the Christmas Lights Committee towards the Coronation Celebrations in Craven Arms.

The Town Council approved a grant of £400 to The Next Generation Group for an event seeking to educate the local community on ways of living a sustainable life, providing information on sustainability & sustainable life choices to be held on the Craven Arms Playing Fields.

### 129/22 Planning Items:

The Town Council supported the following application:

Planning application 23/00802/FUL - Craven Arms Hotel, Shrewsbury Road, Craven Arms  
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension and conversion of the existing first and second floor rooms to form 8 No. apartments

### 130/22 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Town Council have an appointed representative:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters with an update on the Local Plan and future savings that had to be achieved by the Council in the annual revenue budget.

### 131/22 Co-option of Town Councillor

The Town Council agreed to co-opt Mrs Rachael Pitt Claypits, 27 Vernolds Common, Craven Arms as a Town Councillor.

### 132/22 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair