

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Dr K Bartlett, Mr R Conway, Cllr S Greenway, Cllr C Leworthy, Cllr D Evans

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Nil

**Members of the Public:**

Nil

**78/16 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans – Chairman Planning Committee South Shropshire Area Shropshire Council

**79/16 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**80/16 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No Items

**81/16 Chairman's Items:**

The Chairman reported the resignation of Mr G Cowley as a Town Councillor.

The Council recorded its appreciation for the work that Mr Cowley had undertaken on behalf of the local community in his role as a long serving Town Councillor and for the voluntary work he had undertaken in the organisation of the annual Christmas lights which benefited both the local community and local businesses in the area.

**82/16 Highway Items:**

- a) Cllr C Leworthy raised the issue of cars parking in the layby by Lambeth Close which was primarily for the use of the residents. It was suggested that the matter should be taken up by the Warden of Lambeth Close with the Housing Association.
- b) The Town Council noted the consultation document on the Shropshire Bus Strategy 2017-2021 produced by Shropshire Council.

**83/16 Amenity Items:**

- a) The Clerk reported that the Community Services Household Service will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and a report on the survey findings will be made to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- b) It was agreed by the Town Council that Cllrs R Conway, C Leworthy and D Evans would meet with the Local Fire Service to discuss the future provision of the Christmas Lights in Craven Arms they will then report back to the next meeting of the Town Council.

**84/16 Financial Items:**

- a) The Town Council approved the accounts for payments included on a summary which will be attached with the Minutes.

- b) The Town Council considered the Precept amount for the Financial Year 2017-18 for which the Clerk had produced a summary of estimated balances at the 31st March 2017 and detailed estimates of the Income and Expenditure for the year.

The Town Council considered the amount of balances that would be held by the Council at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 which were estimated at £202,200 and likely future expenditure that could be incurred if the Council were to undertake some of the Local Services currently undertaken by Shropshire Council. After much debate and with Council Members wishing to keep the increase in Council Tax to a minimum it was Proposed by Cllr D Evans and Seconded by Cllr R Conway and Agreed by the Town Council that the precept will be £48,184 an increase of £5,184 and represents an increase of approximately 5.12% on the Average Band D Council Tax Bill for Craven Arms Town Council.

**85/16 Planning Items:**

- a) Planning application 16/05736/Full – Removal of detached house and creation of additional parking, together with increased area to existing outdoor sales area. – The Craven Centre – No objection subject to the retention of the existing boundary hedge adjacent to the house.
- b) Planning application 16/05873/Full – Application under section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of 2 no. single storey outbuildings following demolition of existing outbuilding – No Objection
- c) Planning application 16/05724/Full – Erection of extensions and associated alterations – Toll Gate 131 Corvedale Road Craven Arms – No Objection.
- d) Planning application 16/0572/LBC – Proposed extensions and alterations to existing cottage affecting a Grade II Listed Building.
- e) Planning application 17/001114/Full – Erection of dwelling and detached garage – Land North of Dodd's Land Craven Arms – No Objection
- f) The Clerk referred to the consultation paper being undertaken by Shropshire Council in relation to an update of SAMDev particularly in respect of Housing Development. A meeting had been arranged for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms where a presentation would be made by Planning Officers from Shropshire Council  
The Clerk will complete the online survey for consideration by the own Council at the next meeting.

**86/16 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Council have appointed a Representative:**

- a) Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters and that he had attended a recent meeting about health Services and the Shortage of beds.
- b) The Chairman reported on the Youth Political Speed Dating to be held at Craven Arms Community Centre on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 which had also been attended by Cllrs C leworthy, N Stephens and Dr Asif Rio and had proved worthwhile to hear the view of some of the local children/youths.

**87/16 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm

Chairman