

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at Craven Arms Community Centre at 7.30pm.

**Present:**

Mr A J Willetts, Mr N Stephens, Mr R Conway,  
Mr D Mills, Mr D Evans, Dr Asif Rao, Mr C Leworthy, Mr M Trafford

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Mrs S Greenway

**Members of the Public:**

No member of the public present

**102/14 Declaration of Interest:**

Nil

**103/14 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**104/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to secretaries of both Halford and Stokesay PCC in relation to available burial plots in the church cemeteries.

**105/14 Chairman's Items:**

No items to report.

**106/14 Highway Items:**

- a) The clerk to report the faulty streetlights at the entrance to Newington Way Craven Arms.
- b) The Clerk reported that the speed activated device which was been installed for over twelve months should be operational by April 2015 the delay being due to the lack of an appropriate electrical supply.
- c) Cllr N Stephens raised the removal of the Street Light at the junction of Burnside Close Craven Arms. The Clerk reported that this light was the responsibility of Shropshire Council which had been removed because of vehicular damage but will shortly be replaced.
- d) The Clerk had reported to Network Rail the problem of litter long the embankments of the railway along Brook Road and the footpath access from Craven arms hotel to the station and the overgrown trees covering the street lights.
- e) Cllr D Evans reported on the installation of the new bollards along the private roadway at the former Auction Yard which had been undertaken for safety reason a disability access had also be provided at the entrance to Dale Street.
- f) Cllr C Leworthy reported on the continual problem of litter and the use of drugs by the Community Centre on the Craven Arms. The Clerk reported that the matter had been reported to the police and that litter was picked up on the field on a regular basis.

**107/14 Amenity Items:**

a) The Council discussed the proposed Inclusive Cycle Track at the discovery Centre to deliver cycle opportunities for a wide section of people. The Clerk had requested a map of the proposed track which was unfortunately not available for the meeting, concerns were raised about cost, usage and the possible use of the track out of opening times of the Discovery Centre. The Clerk explained that the funding was being met by a grant from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and the Department of Transport and helps deliver the inclusive fit programme and will enable workshops to be run by the Shropshire Disability Sports Forum and Shropshire Providers Forum.

Cllr R Conway proposed and seconded by Cllr N Stevens and agreed that the Town Council support in principle but raise concerns about possible use of the track out of hours.

b) The Town Council noted the information sheets about the youth activities in Craven Arms which had been circulated to councillors with the agenda.

The Chairman referred to the agenda item on the Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee meeting concerning the provision of youth support in the rural area and the grant of only £3,000 being provided by Shropshire Council.

c) The Town Council agreed to appoint Cllr Dr Asif Rao as the representative to the Craven Arms Youth Group.

**108/14 Financial Items:**

a) The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Npower	735.20	Street Lighting
G R Morris	430.00	Amenity
STWA	147.95	Water Rates
C E Williams	656.87	Disbursements
Inland Revenue	120.00	Tax
Halford PCC	175.00	Church Yard Grant
South Shropshire Safety Crew	105.00	Safety Awareness Grant

b) The Town Council discussed the cost of installing benches and a picnic table on the new play area at the Craven arms playing Filed controlled by Shropshire Council for which grant assistance had been requested.

The Clerk was asked to refer the matter back to Shropshire Council requesting that only one bench be installed on the site and not a picnic table because of the current problems being experienced at the playing fields.

The Clerk has obtained some funding for the installation costs but would report back to the next meeting.

c) Cllr R Conway reported on the meeting held by the Shropshire Association of Local Councils to discuss and put forward objections to the withdrawal of the Council Support Grant from Parish and Town Councils by Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Council are to debate the matter at the Council meeting to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and were being urged by the Shropshire Association of Local Councils not to implement the withdrawal of the Council Tax Grant as part of their Budget Strategy.

**109/14 Planning Items:**

No Planning applications

**110/14 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a representative:**

a) No items to report

b) Cllr C Leworthy reported on the introduction of the new Craven Arms and Rural Newsletter with the circulation list growing and the newsletter providing an additional opportunity to report and advertise items which are occurring in the Craven Arm and Rural Area.

**111/14 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Town Council is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015

Chairman