

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th April 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr R Conway, Cllr A Jolley, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr D Evans, Cllr A J Willetts

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Demos, Cllr N Carter, Cllr V Bailey

Members of the Public:

A Member of the Public briefly talked about Climate Change and his views on the future impact to the Shropshire Local Plan and the need to revisit the proposed housing developments suggesting the development of a Green Village between Telford and Shrewsbury replacing the requirement for Community Clusters and Hubs.

89/21 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning

Cllr D Evans – Grant application Next Generation Fair

90/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 29th March 2022 which were then signed by the Chair.

91/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

92/21 Chair's Items:

The Chair referred to correspondence relating to the need for local support in respect of the Ukrainian appeal for help with displaced families.

The Chair reported that the High Sheriff would be visiting Craven Arms in June 2022 to meet with representatives of local community groups and charities, any suggestions should be forwarded to the Clerk.

93/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

Cllr N Stephens reported that the streetlight at the junction of Greenfields Road with Clun Road which was the responsibility of Shropshire Council had still not been repaired.

94/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Cllr D Evans had meet with representatives of Shropshire Council who agreed to clear the drains and clear the culvert in Watling Street they would also look to make improvements to the drainage of surface water in Long Lane Craven Arms.
- b) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk reported that the solicitors were currently exchanging the necessary legal documents and undertaking the required searches for the transfer of the Meadow Land from Connexus to the Town Council, however completion of the transfer of the land may still take several months.
- c) **Climate Change:** - Cllr A Jolley gave an update on Climate Change and the need to engage the local community particularly with energy saving schemes. A next Generation fair to be held at the Discovery Centre were local energy saving companies and organisations would be present. It was noted that Harry Tuffins are installing six electrical car charges at their site in Craven Arms.
- d) **Planters-** The Town Council agreed to order twenty-two street light planting baskets from Shropshire Council at a cost of £45.83 per basket.

- e) **Corvedale Car Park** – The Town Council agreed to maintain the border in the car park area with the cost being met from the Environment Grant.
- f) **Memorial Bench** – Cllr D Evans reported that the family of the late Robert Machin will be installing a bench in his Memory in Corvedale Road Craven Arms.

95/21 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £255,183 as at the 26th April 2022 after approval of the accounts listed below which will be paid through the online banking system with the Chair verifying and releasing the payments setup by the Clerk.

The following accounts were approved for payment.

	Gross	
V Stone	50.00	Admin
Charges	5.50	Charges
D Campbell	180.00	Grass Cutting
Water Plus	57.26	Water Rates - Toilets
Water Plus	68.06	Water Rates - Field
British Gas	140.43	Electricity - Toilets
Cyril Bason	13.00	Supplies
SALC	1,008.32	Subscription
G Morris	1,000.00	Amenity
Inland Revenue	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	818.11	Disbursement

The Council agreed a grant of £400 for Next Generation Fair to be held at Craven Arms Discovery Centre on Saturday 28th May 2022 – Cllr D Evans left the meeting when this item was discussed.

96/21 Planning Items:

The Town Council made the following comments in respect of the Planning Applications:

Planning application – 22/01576/OUT – Proposed Industrial Building to the South of Stokewood Road Craven Arms – No Objection.

The Clerk considered the provision of a new rail bridge over the footpath running from Newington to Cheney Longville with the application being in Wistanstow Parish but bordering Craven Arms. The Town Council agreed to object to the application as there was concern that the footbridge may be detrimental to the local environment with it being situated in an open area of land.

97/21 Reports from other Organisations:

No items to report

98/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

No addition items

99/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st May 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair