

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th June 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr N Stephens (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr Mrs R Pitt, Cllr R Conway.

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

19/23 Apologies:

Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr J Rickson

20/23 Members of the Public:

No members of the public were present.

21/23 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

Cllrs Mrs R Pitt and J Fuller – Grant application CAVE (who took no part in the discussion of this item)

Cllr N Stephens – Grant application – Craven Arms Youth Club (who took no part in the discussion of this item)

22/23 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the Annual Public Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th May 2023 and the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on the 30th May 2023 which were signed by the Chairman.

23/23 Matter arising from the Minutes:

No Matters arising from the minutes.

24/23 Chair's Items:

The Town Council noted the correspondence received from Mr J Crowe concerning the future provision of Shrewsbury A&E and Telford A&E without making any further comment.

The Chairman would complete the recent survey forwarded by the Police Commissioner.

25/23 Highway and Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No items to report.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – No update to report.
- c) **Planters** – The planters had been received from Shrewsbury Town Council and had been installed on the various streetlights.
- d) **Highways/Street Lighting** – A meeting had been held with representatives of Highways England to discuss the condition and overgrown bushes in the planters bordering the highway adjacent to Drovers House Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms who agreed to tidy up the area and consider a future long term hard surface scheme to remove the existing bushes. The Town Council were unable to tidy the area because of Health and Safety provisions in undertaking required works with it being near the highway.

The Clerk to report the streetlight fault at Brook Road Craven Arms.

- e) **Notice Boards/Seats** – Following a request from the Craven Arms Events Committee it was agreed that the Notice Board from outside Cyril Basons Shop could be installed in the old Market Centre at Drovers House.

It was agreed to install the seats being provided by the Fire Service on the small parcel of land at the junction of St Johns Crescent/Greenfields Road and in the Play Area Newington Way.

26/23 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed the Council had balances of £234,573.61 as at the 26th June 2023 following approval of the following accounts and a statement of balances held in the appropriate bank accounts to comply with the Council's investment policy.

The Town Council approved a grant payment of £2,600 to the Craven Arms Discovery Centre towards the Wetland Scheme this subject to planning approval and other funding being available.

The Town Council approved the grant of £2,000 towards the Tuesday Night Craven Arms Youth Club facilities being a condition of the grant of £5,178 received from the Shropshire Council Thriving and Families Fund.

The Town Council approved a grant of £100 to CACE as a contribution towards the annual insurance for litter picking in the town area.

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Water Plus	71.89		Water Rates Field
Water Plus	76.52		Water Rates Toilets
G W Shelter Solutions	2,721.18	453.53	Repairs to Bus Shelters
Eon Energy Solutions	171.62	28.60	Street Light Repairs
Bank Charges Lloyds	14.00		Bank Charges
D Campbell	360.00	60.00	Grass Cutting
C Williams	800.15		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	141.60		Inland Revenue
Data Commissioner	40.00		Data Commissioner
G R Morris	1,460.00		Amenity Work
Enterprise House	40.00		Website Domain

27/23 Planning Items:

Planning application 23/02314/Full – Replace timber window frames with aluminium window frames 2 Church Farm Barn Halford – No Objection.

The Clerk reported on the review of Place Plans were all approved and evaluated projects approved by Shropshire Council could be viewed on their website, however the projects would be subject to funding streams being available.

28/23 Reports from Other Organisations:

David Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters referring to the issue of refuse collection in Coppice Drive which had now been resolved.

Sharon Demos reported on the Christmas Lights Committee which will now be known as the Craven Arms Events Committee. It should be noted that the Town Council hold the following funds for the Committee – Christmas Lights - £3008.26 and Coronation Fund £1,203.19 which are in a separate Community Bank account.

Mr J Fuller reported on the work undertaken by CAVE now known as CAVE 23

29/23 Items for the Agenda Next Meeting:

Town Council Land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms.

30/23 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st August 2023

Chair