

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Craven Arms Community Centre at 7.30pm.

**Present:**

Mr A J Willetts, Mr N Stephens, Mr R Conway,  
Mr D Mills, Dr D Bartlett, Dr Asif Rao, Mr C Leworthy, Mrs S Greenway, Mr M Trafford, Mr G Cowley

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Mr D Evans

**Members of the Public:**

No member of the public present

**92/14 Declaration of Interest:**

Nil

**93/14 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**94/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

No matters arising

**95/14 Chairman's Items:**

No items to report

**96/14 Highway Items:**

The Clerk had reported the streetlight out adjacent to 10 Maple Close Craven Arms.

**97/14 Amenity Items:**

The Clerk clarified the powers that a Parish and Town Councils have in respect of acquiring land for burial purposes. The Clerk to write to Stokesay PCC and Halford PCC to enquire about the current position regarding the availability of burial plots.

**98/14 Financial Items:**

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

SLCC	857	116.00	Subscription
GR Morris	858	460.00	Amenity work
Eon	859	782.96	Street lighting Repairs
Heart of Wales Travel	860	10.00	Subscription
C E Williams	861	688.93	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	862	120.00	Tax

b) The Town Council held a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to discuss the Town Councils Precept requirements for 2015/16 and the implications of Shropshire Councils proposal not to pass on to Parish and Town Councils the element of Council Tax Support Grant which it had been provided by Central Government. In 2013/14 the Town Council received a Council Tax Support Grant of £5,967, in 2014/15 a grant of £5,400 and was due to receive an anticipated grant of £5,000 for 2015/16. It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and Seconded by Cllr D Mills that the Town Council should increase the precept by £5,000 this being attributable to the anticipated loss of Council Tax Support Grant, the proposal was agreed by the Town Council.

The increase in the Council Tax Rate for Craven Arms Town Council will be approximately 14% or an the average council tax band D Rate a yearly increase of £6.75

c) It was agreed by the Town Council that Cllr R Conway would represent the Council at the Shropshire Association of Local Councils Annual meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at which the Council Tax Support Grant will be discussed.

**99/14 Planning Items:**

a) Planning application 15/0004/Ful – Erection of double garage - Following demolition of existing garage) with self-contained first floor living accommodation – Fairholme Corvedale Road Craven Arms – No Objection

b) The Town Council considered the annual review of the Place Plan produced by Shropshire Council to which there was no amendment.

**100/14 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a representative:**

a) No Items to report in respect of Shropshire Council

b) Cllr M Trafford reported on the recent Craven Arms and Rural Local Joint Committee which had considered Youth Funding and the future direction of the Committee which will involve the working with additional stakeholders in the community.

c) The Chairman and Cllr C Leworthy had attended a meeting of the Bishops Castle Patients Group at which there was a presentation by the Shropshire Heath Authority on the Future Fit of Health Services in Shropshire.

**101/14 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Town Council is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015

Chairman