

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 29th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman) Mr C Leworthy (Vice- Chairman) Mr N Stephens, Mr M Trafford, Mr R Conway, Mrs S Greenway, Mr D Evans, Mrs S Greenway, Dr Asif Rao, Mr T Willetts

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Mr G Cowley

Members of the Public:

No members of the public were present.

96/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning Committee Chairman Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council – Personal

Cllr C Leworthy – Craven Arms Football Club - Personal

97/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 23rd February 2016 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the following addition.

It was agreed by the Town Council that a review will be undertaken of the Councils Financial Balances at the June 2016 Council meeting.

98/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the minutes.

99/15 Chairman's Items:

a) A letter of thanks had been received from the Chairman of the Craven Arms Town Football Club for the help the Town Council had given in enabling the relaunch of the Club. There will be an annual dinner to which members of the Council are welcome to attend.

b) The Chairman had received details about commemorative coins celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday which could be purchased for £2 each.

100/15 Highway Items:

a) The Clerk to report the dangerous pothole outside Newington Garage Craven Arms.

b) The Clerk to report the blocked drains on the highway by the Corvedale roundabout outside Harry Tuffins supermarket.

c) The Clerk was awaiting the cost of a replacement streetlight behind the rear of 43 Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms.

d) The Clerk to report repairs to Street Light at the entrance to Brook Road/Clun Road.

101/15 Amenity Items:

a) Craven Playing Fields:

The Clerk reported that a request had been received a pitch to be provided at the playing fields for a Sunday Football Team. It was agreed in principle that a pitch could be provided but that this would be subject to an appropriate feasibility study.

Cllr R Conway confirmed that the landowner of the adjacent field to the Craven Arms Playing Field would not allow the provision of a "Kissing Gate" for footway access onto his field.

There was concern about the anti-social behaviour that was occurring at the playing fields with incidents of broken glass on the football pitch and skate park area with the incidents having been reported to the police. There was general concern about the Anti-Social behaviour in Craven Arms and the presence of the Local Police. The Clerk was requested to write to the Local Police Commissioner with a copy to the Local MP for action to be taken and concerns of the Town Council.

b) HM Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations:

Due to finding an appropriate design the provision of a planter/trough will not be currently proceeded with.

c) Planters and Hanging Baskets Spring/Summer 2016:

The planters and hanging baskets will be put up in the first week of June 2016.

d) Agreement between the former British Railways Board and the former Stokesay Parish Council dated 1st April 1987.:

The Clerk referred to agreement relating to the planting and maintenance of trees on British Rail land and the request by Network Rail to remove some or all of the trees along Brook Road that are potentially becoming a safety hazard for which the Town Council are potentially liable in meeting the cost. The Clerk had requested details of the work necessary and also asked network Rail if they would potentially meet the cost although it was clear in the agreement that the liability would be with the Town Council.

e) Bus Shelter - Harry Tuffins:

The Clerk to arrange a meeting of representative of the Town Council and Harry Tuffins to discuss the replacement of the Bus Shelter which was previously on the car park area of the supermarket.

102/15 Financial Items:

The Town Council considered the Income and Expenditure Account Summary and approved the following accounts for payment:

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| STWA | 760 | 186.43 | Water Rates |
| Enterprise Southwest | 761 | 40.00 | Website Address |
| SALC | 762 | 20.00 | Stationary |
| SASTAK | 764 | 240.00 | Fencing |
| V Stone | 765 | 50.00 | Payroll |
| G Morris | 766 | 970.00 | Amenity Work |
| B Lewis | 767 | 70.00 | Relief Cleaner |
| Inland Revenue | 768 | 185.00 | Tax |
| C E Williams | 769 | 512.42 | Clerks Disbursement |

103/15 Planning Items:

Planning application 16/00804/FUL – Internal alterations in connection with subdivision of property into two dwellings and construction of new access driveway – Keepers Cottage 154 Stokesay Craven Arms – No Objection.

Planning application 16/0087/Ful – Erection of a two storey extension to provide a self-contained holiday let – Woodville Clun Road Craven Arms.

104/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

Cllr D Evans reported that Shropshire Council were still looking at were savings could be achieved within the budget which may result in Parish and Town Councils having to take on non-statutory services.

The Chairman reported that had attended the annual meeting of the South Shropshire Association of parish and Town Councils.

Cllr C leworthy had attended a meeting of the ANOB which had set up a working group to look at potential cuts in the running of the area partnership.

Cllr C leworthy and Cllr M Trafford had attended the initial meeting of the Everybody Active Every Day initiative in Craven Arms for which funding of £30,000 was available,

105/15 Next Meeting

Tuesday 31st May 2016 this will be the Annual Meeting of the Craven Arms Parish Area followed by the Annual meeting of the Town Council.

Chairman