

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PU**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr A Jolley, Cllr R Conway.

**Members of the Public:**

Two members of the local police attended the meeting and provided an update on CCTV, Anti-Social Behaviour and Speeding and answered questions raised by Councillors. The Officers were thanked by the Chair for their attendance.

**44/21 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans declared a Personal Interest as Chairman of the Southern Area Planning Committee.

**45/21 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

**46/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**47/21 Chairman's Items:**

The Clerk reported that the next virtual meeting of the South Shropshire Area Committee of Local Councils will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at the guest speaker will be the leader of Shropshire Council. Cllr D Mills will represent the Town Council at the meeting.

**48/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:**

No items to report.

**49/21 Amenity Items:**

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Council propose to apply to the Environment Agency for funding and will arrange a meeting with representatives of the Town Council to discuss.
- b) **Defibrillator** – There was a further discussion concerning the provision of additional defibrillators in Craven Arms with suggestions that they should be provided at the Discovery Centre, the Community Centre, at Halford and in Clun Road. The Town Council agreed it to make enquiries about suitable locations and to resolve at the next meeting of the Council as to whether this item should be pursued.
- c) **Bus Shelters** – The Clerk referred to the conditions of the bus shelters in Craven Arms which needed refurbishment related to vandalism. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain cost for repair and report to the next meeting of the Council for a decision to be made as to whether to repair the shelters or consider their removal.
- d) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk had instructed the Councils Solicitors to proceed with the transfer of the meadow land from Connexus to the Town Council and a lease agreement of the land to Grow Cook Learn.

**50/21 Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £208,549 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.

Lanyon Bowdler	950.00
Water Plus	68.06
Cyril Bason	20.20
G R Morris	450.00
HALO	300.00
Shropshire Council	1,330.36
Inland Revenue	120.00
C E Williams	718.93
HALO	1,000.00

**51/21 Planning Items:**

No Planning items

**52/21 Reports from other Organisations:**

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council items.

Council Members expressed thanks to Sharon Demos and Louise for their work on the poppy appeal and the to the Christmas Lights Committee for organising the Christmas Lights and Christmas Trees in the Town.

Cllr N Carter reported that the Men's Shed was now open at the Craven Arms Community Centre and was being well supported.

**53/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:**

Defibrillator and Bus Shelters.

**54/21 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair