

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr N Stephens (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr Mrs R Pitt, Cllr Mrs S Demos.

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

The Vice-Chair welcomed Mrs R Pitt to the meeting as a co-opted Town Councillor who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

133/22 Apologies:

Cllr D Mills, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr J Rickson, and Cllr R Conway.

134/22 Members of the Public:

Members of the public were present to provide an update on plans for the Coronation celebrations in Craven Arms.

A member of the public spoke about planning application number 23/01639/Full which was for the siting of a detached log cabin for holiday let use Lower Dinchope Craven Arms.

135/22 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

136/22 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2023 and signed by the Vice -Chairman.

137/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:

No items to report.

138/22 Chair's Items:

No items to report.

139/22 Highway and Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre** – The Clerk reported that the transfer of the Meadow Land to the Town Council and the 99 Year lease of the management of the land to Grow Cook Learn is now complete. The Town Council recorded thanks to the Clerk for the work he had undertaken on the transfer and production of the lease agreement.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Cllr D Evans reported that the funding of £56k approved by the Environment Agency was only for the modelling and design work to deliver the Craven Arms Scheme.
- c) **Planters** – The Clerk reported that the planters had been ordered from Shrewsbury Council at a cost of £45.83 plus VAT per planter which will be available early June 2023.

- d) **Highways/Street Lighting** – Cllr D Evans reported that part of the roadway was unadopted in Coppice Drive and because of the condition of the roadway the residents would need to take their waste bins to the entrance of the roadway.
- Cllr D Evans would arrange a meeting with Shropshire Council highways to discuss the condition of the footpaths along Clun Road Craven Arms and would also contact Highway England conserving the condition of the overgrow planted verges by the Corvedale roundabout and Traffic lights.
- Concern about the parking of vehicles along Clun Road which were causing hazard to pedestrian users however this may have been a temporary measure and will be kept under review.
- A neighbouring property was overgrowing the Bus Shelter opposite the Community Centre bush the Clerk will arrange to have the bus cut back from the Shelter.
- Streetlight was out along Oaks Road the Clerk would report this for repair.

140/22 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed the Council had balances of £254,349 following approval of the following accounts.

Bank Charges	5.50		bank Charges
Water Plus	61.89		Water Rates - Field
Water Plus	76.52		Water Rates - PC
British Gas	53.80		Electricity - PC
Cyril Bason	126.77	21.12	Supplies
Eon	81.38	13.56	Street Light Repairs
Eon	148.52	24.75	Street Light Repairs
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Eon	56.42	9.40	Street Light Repairs
Eon	89.76	14.96	Street Light Repairs
G Morris	1,180.00		Amenity Work
C Williams	730.00		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	141.60		Tax
D C Gardening	360.00	60.00	Grass Cutting

The Clerk had produced an investment policy which was agreed by the Town Council.

Investment will be held with the following banks Barclays Bank Ltd, NatWest Bank Ltd and Lloyds Bank Ltd with no investment exceeding one-year. The Council will endeavour to keep within the £85,000 Financial Services Compensation Scheme in respect of each institution.

The Clerk would present a statement of balances held with each bank with the monthly Income and Expenditure Report.

The Town Council approved the transfer of the Management Fee of £12,000 to CAPFA in respect of the Craven Arms Community Centre.

141/22 Planning Items:

Planning application 23/01639/Full – siting of a detached log cabin for holiday let (Retrospective) Callow Hill Cottage Lower Dinchope – The Town Council object as this was not the original intention of the original development on the site. (Cllr A J Willets abstained)

Planning application 23/01605/TCA – Works to trees – Annex Stokesay Primary School – No Objection.

Planning application 23/01397/Full – Erection of single storey extension to existing church entrance lobby, including new toilets and internal alterations – No Objection.

Planning application 23/00852/Full – Create an area of wetland in the Onney Meadows along with some screening and a bird hide and to create new all ability paths between the centre building and the bird hide. Refurbish the café area by relocating the central part of the centre and knocking through the service hatch to allow customers outside service – Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre. – No Objection.

142/22 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Town Council have an appointed representative:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters with an update on the Local Plan, Place Plans and Boundary Review.

143/22 Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday 31st May 2023 commencing at 7.00pm this will be the Annual Public and Annual Meetings of the Town Council

Chair