

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 29th November 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr R Conway, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr S Demos, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

71/22 Apologies:

Cllr V Bailey

72/22 Members of the Public:

No members of the public present.

73/22 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans _ Chairman of the Shropshire Council Sothern Area Planning Committee.

74/22 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th October 2022 which were then signed by the Chair.

75/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

76/22 Chair's Items:

No items to report

77/22 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

Cllr D Evans reported that a meeting had been held with a representative of Highways England to discuss the issue with the streetlights along Shrewsbury Road running through Craven Arms and the condition of the planting areas between the Corvedale Roundabout and the Clun Road Roundabout Shrewsbury Road, an update from the meeting was still awaited from Highways England.

78/22 Amenity Items:

Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land – The Clerk reported that discussion were still ongoing concerning the Lease and appropriate access rights but would hope that a meeting of the Council will be called early December 2022 to confirm appropriate legal documentation.

Christmas Lights –Cllr S Demos reported that the switching on of the Christmas Lights Saturday 25th November 2022 at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms at 5.30pm. Cllr S Demos and volunteers were thanked for the work that they had undertaken

Emergency Planning – Halo had agreed that Craven Arms Community Centre could be designated as a Emergency Centre in the case of an emergency and would produce an appropriate contact list should the centre need to be used. Cllr D Mills reported that Emergency Planning had been considered by the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils and it was anticipated that further guidance would be provided by Shropshire Council.

Craven Arms Flood Alleviation Schemes: Cllr D Evans reported that Shropshire Council were still in discussions concerning an appropriate scheme however this was depending on Funds being available. The Water Grills had been cleared along Corvedale Road and Lambeth Close following the recent heavy rainfalls.

79/22 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council approved the following accounts for payment.

Enterprise House Bishops Castle	40.00	6.67	Website
Shrewsbury Town Council	1,100.00	183.33	Plants
EON	243.44	40.57	Repairs
Eon	343.24	57.20	Repairs
Eon	171.62	28.60	Repairs
Water Plus	76.52		Water Rates
Water Plus	65.90		Water Rates
BG Business	118.93	5.66	Lighting
G R Morris	450.00		Amenity
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
C E Williams	706.00		Disbursement

The Clerk reported on items that will impact on the Precept considerations for the financial year 2023/24 particularly energy costs for the Streetlighting and the Public Conveniences. It was agreed to hold a meeting on the 9th January 2022 at 6.00pm to consider the implications to the Precept implications for 2023/24

80/22 Planning Items:

Reference: 22/04607/VAR – Site of Temperance Hall Hotel Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms – variation of 106 agreement – The Town Council agreed to object to the variation of the 106 Agreement as this had always been the Town Councils Policy in respect of similar applications.

Reference – 22/05035/Ful – Ambleside Clun Road Craven Arms – Erection of general storage building – No Objection

81/22 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr D Mills gave an update on the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils which had considered Environmental Issues and grants that may be available from the Shropshire Rural Fund.

Cllr D Evans gave an update on Shropshire Council matters with particular reference to the Shropshire Council Budget for 2023/24 which currently faced a £36m deficit.

82/22 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair