

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 31st January 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr R Conway, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey and Cllr A J Willetts

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

98/22 Apologies:

Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson

99/22 Members of the Public:

There were two members of the public present to discuss plans for the Coronation celebrations in Craven Arms with the aim of holding an event on the Craven Arms Playing Fields.

The Council would place the item on the agenda for the next meeting in the meantime the Clerk will make an application to the National Lottery for grant funding towards planned events.

Mr G Wilson Manager of the Craven Arms Discovery Centre attended the meeting to explain and answer questions raised concerning Planning application 22/05431/Full – Creation of two ponds on the Meadow Land at the Discovery Centre.

100/22 Declarations of Interest:

Nil

101/22 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2023 and were signed by the Chairman.

102/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:

No items to report.

103/22 Chair's Items:

No items to report.

104/22 Highway and Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre** – The Clerk reported that all outstanding legal issues had been resolved in relation to the transfer of the Meadow Land to the Town Council and that the final papers were now awaited from Conexus Solicitors for signature.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – The Clerk reported that gully by Lambeth Close/Stokesay Hotel had been regularly cleared particularly during heavy rainfalls, The cost incurred by the Town Council in clearing the gully will be reimbursed by Shropshire Council.
- c) **Emergency Planning** – The Clerk was awaiting the Emergency Plan from Halo as the designated Emergency Centre for Craven Arms.

- d) **Litter/Picking** – Cllr S Demos referred to the missing bin along Brook Road and Cllr J Fuller referred to the need for an additional bin on the footpath leading to the station behind the Craven Arms Hotel the Clerk will speak to Shropshire Council on the Matter.
- e) Cllr J Fuller and Cllr S Demos hope to re-establish the volunteer Litter Group called CAVE.
- f) **Street Lighting** – Cllr S Demos reported the streetlights 14 and 17 along Brook Road which were currently out.

105/22 Financial Items:

The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment.

Water Plus	65.90	Water Rates
British Gas	143.78	Public Con Electricity
Water Plus	76.52	Water Rates
J Kinsey	360.00	Clearing Gully - Rechargeable
Arrow County		
Supplies	257.60	Public Con Supplies
Inland Revenue	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	742.80	Disbursement
G Morris	460.00	Amenity Work

106/22 Planning Items:

With reference to the following two applications, it was proposed by Cllr A J Willetts and seconded by Cllr R Conway and agreed by the meeting that as the Council has a potential interest with both applications the Council should make no representation to Shropshire Council.

Reference 22/05431/Full – Creation of Tow Ponds on the Meadow Land at the Craven Arms Discovery Centre.

Reference 22/05658/Full – Land to the rear of former bank premises Corvedale Road Craven Arms – Erection of two dwellings with vehicular access.

It was agreed by the Council to defer the item on the agenda in relation to the Parish Council Land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms be deferred to a future meeting.

107/22 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Town Council have an appointed representative:

The Chairman gave a report on the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils and the Chairmans Forum.

107/22 Item for Next Meeting

Coronation Celebrations

108/22 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair