

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Craven Arms Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2019 commencing 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman)

Cllr N Carter

Cllr R Conway

Cllr S Demos

Cllr R Conway

Cllr N Stephens

Cllr A J Willetts

Cllr D Evans

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr M Trafford, Cllr A Rao and Cllr V Bailey

30/19 Members of the Public:

Cllr N Stephens reported that a small commemorative statue had been presented to the Town Council by a resident of Craven Arms who had recently visited Belgium. The statue is in memory of the 6,000 World War 1 soldiers who had died in Belgium and had been presented to the Town Council it is suggested that the statue be put on display at the Craven Arms Discovery Centre or Stokesay Church.

31/19 Declarations of Interest:

Personal Interest - Cllr D Evans – Grant Application Stokesay PCC and Chairman of Southern Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

32/19 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th June 2019 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

33/18 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

34/19 Chairman's Items:

The Clerk reported that as there had been no response to the Notice of Vacancy for a Town Councillor the Town Council were now able to co-opt a person to the vacancy. The Clerk will advertise the vacancy on the Parish Council Notice Board and Website.

24/19 Highway Items:

Cllr N Carter reported that the planters at the Station were beyond repair and that National Rail were considering options available.

Cllr D Evans will report the issue of overgrown weeds in Market Street Craven Arms

The Clerk will report streetlight out adjacent 15 Greenfields Road Craven Arms.

25/20 Amenity items:

a) The Clerk reported that work on the upgrade to the CCTV system along Shrewsbury Road by the Corvedale and Clun Road Roundabouts Craven Arms which have currently come to a stop due to issues with placing equipment on Highway Lighting Columns.

Although there is existing equipment on two Highway Lighting Columns a safety alert has been issued by Highway England were, they have experienced several lighting column failures associated with columns where unauthorised equipment has been installed. Highway England have recommended that existing lighting columns with attachments should be reviewed for adequacy.

On behalf of the Town Council Shropshire Council are seeking clarification regarding the proposed new CCTV/VRN system for Craven Arms for which the Town Council have received a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards the works.

The Clerk will make a further report to the next meeting were an alternative solution may have to be considered for the installation of the CCTV facilities.

- b) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council Countryside Maintenance Team had submitted a quote of £1,234 plus VAT for the repairs to the steps and handrail which border the River Onny in the Car Park//Picnic Area Corvedale Road Craven Arms.

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr S Demos and agreed by the Town Council that the quote of £1,234 be accepted from the Countryside Maintenance Team. The Clerk to obtain some guarantee for the life of the works.

26/19 Planning Items:

Planning application 19/03408/Full – Application for erection of an Agricultural Livestock Building Gorst Farm Onibury Craven Arms – No Objection.

Cllr R Conway gave an update of the Town Council Outline Planning Application for the erection of a dwelling and garage on the former Labour Club Site Corvedale Road Craven Arms and hoped that the application will have been determined by Shropshire Council before the end of August 2019.

27/19 Financial Items:

- a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

British Gas	Bank	286.97	Electricity Public Toilets
Npower	301	479.41	Street Lighting Energy
Cyril Bason	302	26.40	Supplies
R Conway	303	273.20	Planning Fees
Data Commissioner	304	40.00	Registration Fee
G R Morris	305	1,540.00	Amenity Work
D C Gardening Services	306	336.00	Playing Fields Grass Cutting
C E Williams	307	783.99	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	308	120.00	Tax
Barclays	Bank	18.14	Bank Charges
Water Plus	Bank	128.45	Water Rates Public Toilets

- b) The Town Council considered a grant application submitted by Stokesay PCC and it was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr S Demos and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £200 be approved to Stokesay PCC for the work they undertake in respect of the maintenance of grounds for Tourism purposes.
- c) The Town Council approved the Grant Payment of £12,000 to CAPFA for the Management Fee Agreement with HALO in respect of the Craven Arms Community Centre.

28/19 Reports from Shropshire Council and any other Organisations to which the Council have an appointed Representative:

Cllr D Mills and Cllr D Evans will be meeting with the Local Police to discuss policing issues within Craven Arms and will report back to the next meeting

29/19 Next Meeting:

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th September 2019 at Craven Arms Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman