

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Craven Arms Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th May 2020 commencing 7.00pm held by a zoom virtual meeting.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman)

Cllr N Carter

Cllr A Rao

Cllr D Evans

Cllr S Demos

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr V Bailey, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr R Conway, Cllr N Stephens

The Council granted all members of the Town Council dispensation from the six-month attendance rule should they not be able to attend or link to a virtual town council meeting during the coronavirus 19 restrictions

01/20 Members of the Public:

No Members of the Public Present

02/20 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council

03/20 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25 February 2020 were agreed by the Town Council.

04/20 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising.

05/20 Chairman's Items:

Please note that there will be no Annual Town Council meeting this year, officers will remain in place until May 2021 when there will be the four-yearly election of Parish and Town councillors.

06/20 Amenity items:

- a) Craven Arms Playing Fields – Due to the coronavirus the outdoor gym facilities are not available and the Community Centre remains closed however the grass of the playing area is being cut.
- b) CCTV – The work on the CCTV scheme has been delayed due to the impact of the Coronavirus Virus and with the company undertaking the work being based in Wales.
- c) It was agreed that there would be no flower planters in the Town Centre this year.
- d) Smartwater – The Clerk provided an update on the We Don't Buy Crime Protected Village Project Smartwater scheme.

To ensure that the scheme is implemented, and Smartwater kits will be delivered during June the Police and Crime Commissioner has agreed to fund the cost of posting the kits to individual properties. All properties contained on the current register of electors list will receive a Smartwater kit with an explanatory leaflet which will then be individually registered by address with Smartwater.

The Town Council approved payment of £9,079.32 for the provision of 1108 Smartwater kits this representing 75% of the cost of the scheme with the Police and Crime Commissioner funding 25% of the cost-plus postage. Signage to the entrance of the Town Council area will be provided highlighting that the area is protected by Smartwater.

07/20 Planning Items:

No items to report.

08/20 Financial Items:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

C E Williams - £700 – Disbursement April 2020
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Inland Revenue - £120 – Tax April 2020
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G R Morris - £1,010 – Amenity Work April 2020
Shropshire Council - £655.20 – Play Area Inspection Fees 2019/20
E-on - £456.58 – Street Lighting repairs - £456.58
Water Plus - £345.27 – Water Charges second half Year 2019/20
Npower - £73.55 – Street Lighting Energy
E-on - £115.20 – Street Lighting repairs
Cyril Bason - £68.00 – Supplies Toilets
SALC – £935.98 – Annual Subscription
D C Gardening Services - £336.00 – Grass Cutting
K L Adams – £440.00 - Internal Audit Fee
Smartwater - £9,079.32 – Smartwater Kits – this includes VAT which is recoverable

The Council approved the Annual Governance and Financial Statement for the Year 2019/2020 which will be placed on the Councils website and forwarded to the external auditor for certification.

09/20 Next Meeting:

Unless there are any urgent items the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th July 2020

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