

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr K Bartlett, Mr M Trafford, Mr R Conway, Cllr C Leworthy, Cllr S Greenway, Cllr D Evans

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Dr Asif Rao, Cllr G Cowley, Cllr T Willetts

Members of the Public:

Two members of the public present

76/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning Committee Chairman Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council - Personal

Cllr D Mills – Accounts for Payment - Personal

77/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15th December 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

78/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising from the minutes.

79/15 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman and Clerk would be attending a meeting with the Leader of Shropshire Council Cllr M Pate on the 10th February 2016 along with representatives from other Parish and Town Councils to discuss the future revenues of Shropshire Council.

80/15 Highway Items:

- a) The Clerk to report faulty street light in Greenfields Road Craven Arms.
- b) The Clerk to report the overgrown trees running along the Station Path behind the Craven Arms Hotel which were obscuring the street lights.
- c) The Clerk to report the potholes along Watling Street Craven Arms.
- d) The Clerk and Cllr R Conway will undertake a survey of the Town Council street lights.
- e) A letter of thanks had been received from CAPFA for the donation of £200 towards the Community Christmas Day Lunch which was attended by 36 Adults and 6 children and was greatly appreciated by those who had attended.

81/15 Amenity Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the culvert under the Corvedale Road had been cleared by Shropshire Council.
- b) The Chairman referred to a letter received from the National Association of Local Councils in relation to HM Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on 21st April 2016 where it is local communities are asked to light a beacon. The Chairman and Cllr D Evans will look to organising a beacon, it is understood that CASCA will also look to provide some celebrations at the Community Centre.

- c) The Town Council had received a letter from the Trustees of CAPFA formally requesting the Town Council become the Sole Corporate Trustees of CAPFA. The Town Council had previously discussed the item at the council meeting in November 2015.

It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr N Stevens and agreed by the Town Council that it accepts the invitation to become the sole corporate trustees of CAPFA. The Clerk will liaison with CAPFA to complete the necessary changes to the CAPFA Governing Document and registering the change with the Charity Commission.

- d) An email had been received from Streetscene Shropshire Council concerning the damage that had been cause to several litter bins in the Town Area and they were currently reviewing the need for them to be replaced.

82/15 Financial Items:

The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Queensbury Shelters Ltd	3,973.20	Bus Shelter
G Morris	460.00	Amenity work
W Brown	1,500.00	Playing Fields - Digger
SASTAC	330.96	Playing Fields Materials
DJ & MP Mills	924.00	Playing Fields Materials
E-On	335.54	Street Lights
Arrow Country Supplies	169.82	Toilet Supplies
Crucial Crew	140.00	Donation
Inland Revenue	240.00	Tax
C E Williams	506.44	Salary/expenses

- a) **Precept Requirement 2016/17** – Members had received a detailed summary and explanation of the estimated Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2016/17 from the Clerk of the Council and had considered the details provided at a working group meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr R Conway and agreed by the Town Council that the Precept for 2016/2017 be increased from £41,667 to £43,000.

- b) The Clerk and Cllr R Conway will review the Financial Regulations and report any required amendments to the Annual meeting of the Town Council.

83/15 Planning Items:

No Planning applications.

84/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

Shropshire Councillor David Evans reported on the proposed Council Tax increase for Shropshire Council for the financial year 2016/17 being 1.9% plus 2% which is ring fenced for Adult Social Services.

85/15 Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd February 2016

Chairman