

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr Mrs R Pitt, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr N Stephens

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**43/23 Apologies:**

Cllr R Conway, Cllr V Bailey

**44/23 Members of the Public:**

One member of the public was present.

It was reported that Chris Jackson who was working the Council and Shropshire Council in helping to resolve the Craven Arms Flooding issues had passed away and his contribution to local community issues would be sadly missed. The Town Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of Chris.

**45/23 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr D Evans – Southern Area Planning Committee Shropshire Council.

**46/23 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 which were signed by the Chairman.

**47/22 Matter arising from the Minutes:**

Cllr J Fuller had spoken to McCartneys about the provision of a low fence to their boundary wall which they would consider.

**48/23 Chair's Items:**

No items to report.

**49/23 Highway and Amenity Items:**

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No items to report.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Council are now in the process of undertaking a survey of the watercourses to enable the modelling of the impacts of the proposed interventions to obtain a better understanding of the cost and benefits of proposed schemes to enable an application to the Environment Agency and other partners for funding to deliver the project on site. Further updates will be provided when available.
- c) **Highways/Street Lighting** –Cllr D Evans would contact Highways England concerning the faulty highway streetlights in Craven Arms on the A49.  
Cllr A J Willetts raised the problem of Japanese Knotweed in parts of the river which should be reported to the Environment Agency.

- d) **Notice Boards/Seats/Planters** – Cllr J Fuller has restored the Notice Board and moved the Board from outside Cyril Basons Shop to the old Market Centre at Drovers House.  
The Planters will be taken down at the end of September which had provided a good floral display this Spring/Summer.
- e) **Council Land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms** – Following a discussion concerning the Council land at Corvedale Road the site of the former Labour Club, a suggestion by Cllr A J Willetts that a full planning permission should be submitted for the development of four apartments. A request was received for Cllr R Conway for the item to be deferred to the next meeting as he would be absent for this meeting.  
A proposal was made by Cllr S Demos and seconded by Cllr J Fuller and agreed by the Town Council that the land should be put up for sale and that the Clerk report back to the next meeting on the required procedures that would need to be followed by the Council for the sale of the land.

### 50/23 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed the Council had balances of £219,082.19 as at the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 following approval of the following accounts and a statement of balances held in the appropriate bank accounts to comply with the Council's investment policy.

The Following accounts were approved for payment:

Cyril Bason	16.90	2.81	supplies
HALO	500.00	83.33	Hire of Hall
Shropshire Council	2,545.42	424.24	Street Lighting
water plus	76.52		Water Rates
Water Plus	71.89		Water Rates
SSE Electricity	603.77		Electricity
C E Williams	691.80		Disbursement -August
Inland Revenue	158.20		Tax
D Cambell	360.00	60.00	Grass Cutting
G Morris	1,530.00		Amenity August
Bank	5.50		Charges
CAVE 23	30.00		Supplies
Water Plus	72.54		Water Rates
Water Plus	76.52		Water Rates
Arrow County Supplies	40.39	6.73	Toilet Supplies
Arrow County Supplies	42.91	7.15	Toilet Supplies
D Campbell	360.00	60.00	Grass Cutting
G Morris	1,500.00		Amenity Sept
Arrow County Supplies	284.81	47.47	Toilet Supplies
Cyril Bason	63.00		Supplies
C E Williams	794.79		Disbursement _Sept
Inland Revenue	158.20		Tax

### 51/23 Planning Items:

Planning application 23/04007/Full – Erection of single storey and two storey extension and various other works including creation of new vehicular access – Hill View Clun Road Craven Arms - Site meeting to be arranged before submission of representations.

Planning Application 23/03718/Full – Replace timber window frames with aluminium window frames – 2 Church Farm Barn Halford – No Objection

Planning application 23/03476/Tel – Proposed Telecommunications Tower South of Stokesay – The Town Council agreed with the comments made by Historic England that the site would not be appropriate this was an application for prior approval and would be determined by Shropshire Council

**52/23 Reports from Other Organisations:**

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters.

Cllr S Demos reported on the Craven Arms Events Committee and provided details for Remembrance Sunday which will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Cllr R Pitt reported on the litter picking group which now meet monthly and was looking for more volunteers to join the group.

Cllr J Fuller reported that they had undertaken some remedial work to the overgrown verge by the Clun Road roundabout.

**53/23 Items for the Agenda Next Meeting:**

Burial Ground Provision

**54/23 Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

Chair