

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28th June 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman) Mr C Leworthy (Vice-Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Mr D Evans, Mrs S Greenway, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Mr T Willets, Dr K Bartlett

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr R Conway and Cllr G Cowley

Members of the Public:

Two Members of the Public were present

Ms Jean Jarvis MBE Chief Executive of the South Shropshire Furniture Scheme attended the meeting to explain and answer questions in relation to the grant application submitted by CASCA which was for improvements to the lighting in the Sports Hall. Following a suggestion by Cllr C Leworthy they would also look at bidding for grant monies from Sport England.

Mr Neil Wilcox Locality Commissioning Manager Shropshire Council attended the meeting to discuss and answer questions in relation to the proposed Partnership Approach in Designing the Future of Local Services in Craven Arms which includes the Craven Arms Library, Youth Activities, Play Areas, Craven Arms Community Centre, Shropshire Council Free Car Parks and other Amenity Items some of which are in threat of potential closure in 2017/2018.

14/16 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Shropshire Council Planning Committee, Craven Arms Childcare and Pre-School and Stokesay PCC

Cllr N Stephens – Personal and Prejudicial – Craven Arms Youth Group

15/16 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th May 2016 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16/16 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising

17/16 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman reported that he had been informed that discussions have been taking place between interested parties concerning the bidding for funding in respect of roadway improvements to accommodate the proposals of SAMDev in respect of the A49 Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms.

When there are appropriate proposals both the Town Council and Wistanstow Parish Council will be consulted.

18/16 Appointment to the following Committees for the ensuing year and Representatives to the SSAPTC:

It was agreed by the Town Council that the Finance Committee, Amenities Committee and Planning Committee should be retained and the following Councillors were appointed to the relevant Committees:

Finance Committee:

Cllrs D Mills, C Leworthy, D Evans, N Stephens, M Trafford and K Bartlett

Planning and Environment Committee:

Cllrs D Mills, C Leworthy, R Conway, T Willetts, K Bartlett

Amenities Committee:

Cllr D Mills, C Leworthy, D Evans, R Conway, N Stephens, S Greenway, M Trafford

SSAPTC:

Cllrs N Stephens and M Trafford

19/16 Highway Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the missing 30mph sign as you enter Craven Arms from the North is due to be reinstated at the beginning of July by Highway England and that the installation of a 30 roundel on the carriageway is unlikely to be undertaken as funding is restricted and being targeted at those locations where injury collisions are occurring.
- b) The Clerk reported that the local policing team will be carrying out high visibility speed enforcement over a sustained period of time at the concerned sites on Shrewsbury Road and Clun Road and dealing with offending motorists appropriately.
- c) The Clerk would discuss with the Highways Section the concern about the speed limit currently in place for Watling Street with the new Oakwood Farm development and also the weight limit which is regularly ignored.

20/16 Amenity Items:

- a) The Town Council deferred consideration of the enhancement of the CCTV system at the Craven Arms Community Centre until the matter had been discussed at the multi-agency meeting to be held on the 5th July 2016 to which Cllrs M Trafford and T Willetts will be attending and will report back to the next meeting of the Town Council on suggested enhancements to the CCTV system.
The Clerk reported that despite the Local Police patrolling the area on a regular basis there had been a further incident of glass bottles being broken on the Skate Park and Playing Fields Area which had been cleared up parents of children using the facilities. Following a discussion with the Councils Insurers the Clerk had arranged for a daily inspection of the site.
- b) Cllr D Evans and the Clerk had meet Harry Delves from Harry Tuffins Supermarket to discuss the siting and replacement of the bus shelter. A suggested site was identified for a new shelter near to the existing bus stop, the Clerk will now seek permission from Highway England and obtain appropriate costs.
- c) The Clerk reported that in conjunction with Lisa Bedford had submitted a scheme to the Everybody Active Project for a Green Gym at the Craven Arms Playing Fields and had also submitted a grant application to Tesco. Cllr M Trafford reported that he had submitted a project to the Everybody Active and would be looking for volunteers to run the scheme if successful.

21/16 Potential Interest in Delivering, Managing or Funding of Services currently undertaken by Shropshire Council:

The Town Council considered the presentation by Mr Neil Wilcox and the implications of potential withdrawing of funds for local services primarily the Craven Arms Library, Youth Activities and the 5 play areas. Further areas of discussion related to the Community Centre, Car Parks, Verges and Amenity Areas.

It was proposed by Cllr T Willetts and seconded by Cllr M Trafford and agreed by the Town Council that the Council express a potential interest in the delivery of services subject to negotiation and consultation with the Local Community. The Clerk will discuss with Lisa Bedford Shropshire Council the production of a consultation survey for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

22/16 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a summary of Income and Expenditure compared to the Annual Budget which showed balances of £235,585 after approval of the following payments:

Heart of England	969	10.00	Annual Subscription
E on	970	682.19	Street Lighting Repairs
Cyril Bason	971	26.60	Supplies
R E Lewis	972	957.50	Planters and Baskets
G R Morris	972	1,270.00	Amenity Work
D C Gardening	973	750.00	Grass Cutting
C E Williams	974	726.60	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	975	120.00	Tax
Bank	bank	12.12	Bank Charges

It was agreed that a meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 6.30pm to discuss the balances held by the Town Council.

23/16 Grant Applications:

The Town Council considered the following Grant applications that had been submitted to the Council and of which all councillors had received a copy of the applications with the agenda.

- a) CASCA - The application was for funding towards the on-going maintenance program with the replacement of the Sports Hall Lights – It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr T Willets and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £7,000 be approved which will be payable on the placement of the order for the works.
- b) Grow Cook Learn – The application for funding is to enable the improvement of the garden community area and purchase of tools – It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr C Leworthy that a grant of £1,000 be made and amendment was proposed by Cllr T Willets and seconded by Cllr M Trafford that his grant application be deferred to the next meeting so that further financial and operation questions could be raised with Grow Cook and Learn the amendment was defeated by 5 votes to 4. The original proposition for a grant of £1,000 was agreed by the Town Council.
- c) Craven Arms Youth Club – The application was for funding towards a Football Project and Outreach/Youth Drop In – It was proposed by Cllr M Trafford and seconded by Cllr C Leworthy and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £2,000 be approved. (Cllr N Stephens left the meeting for this item)
- d) Craven Arms Childcare and Pre-School – the application was for the purchase of equipment – It was proposed by Cllr C Leworthy and proposed by Cllr N Stephens and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £1,500 be approved. (Cllr D Evans left the meeting for this item)
- e) Stokesay PCC – the application was for a grant towards the upkeep of the Church Grounds – It was agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £250 be approved (Cllr D Evans left the meeting for this item)

24/16 Planning Items:

No Planning Items to report

25/16 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Council have appointed a Representative:

Cllr C Leworthy reported on the recent ANOB meeting and the issues relating to reduced budget.

Cllr D Mills reported on the recent meeting of the Local Joint Committee which had received a presentation by the Chief Executive of Shropshire Council on the Councils budgetary issues.

26/16 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Chairman