

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 at Craven Arms Community Centre at 7.30pm.

Present:

Mr A J Willetts, Mr N Stephens, Mrs S Greenway,
Mr D Mills, Mr D Evans, Dr Asif Rao, Mr C Leworthy, Mr M Trafford

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Mr R Conway

Members of the Public:

Members of the public were present and raised the following items with the Town Council:

- a) Mr S Scannell referred to the transfer of the Discovery Centre and Onny Meadow to the South Shropshire Housing and asked whether any restrictive covenants had been legally incorporated into the conveyance to protect the building and associated land for the benefit of the public in perpetuity. The Clerk would provide to the member of the Public a copy of the Land Registry which detailed the restrictive covenants.
- b) Mr S Scannell provided a brief outline of some new developments concerning Craven Arms Community Garden and a membership campaign should any person be interested they can email on sean.scannell@gmail.com and phone number 01588 238324.
- c) Members of the public raised their concerns about the Affordable Housing Development in Sibdon Carwood Parish and its impact to the local infrastructure this now being subject to Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline application 14/01645/OUT for the erection of 25 no. affordable dwellings Proposed Development Land West Of Watling Street Craven Arms Shropshire. This site along with other potential housing development sites had been discussed on several occasions in the SAMDev consultation process to which the Town Council had submitted its views in relation to the local infrastructure. The Town Council would like to see an appropriate speed restriction along Watling Street Craven Arms. It was important that the local residents to the site took up there concerns with the Developer.
- d) A Member of the public raised concerns about the highway lights at the junction of Clun Road/Watling Street which have not been connected to an electricity supply. The Clerk informed the meeting that these lights were the responsibility of Shropshire Council and would make further enquiries about their connection.
- e) Mr R Watkins provided an update on the changes to the railway timetable which would impact on the times students travelled to school in Shrewsbury and also to other railway users. Cllr N Stephens had referred this matter to Church Stretton Town Council who were taking the matter up Arriva.

112/14 Declaration of Interest:

Personal Mr N Stephens – South Shropshire Housing Association member

Personal/Prejudicial – Cllr D Evans – Southern Planning Committee Shropshire Council

113/14 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd February 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No matters arising

115/14 Chairman's Items:

No items to report.

116/14 Highway Items:

- a) The Clerk to report the faulty streetlights at the rear of 43 Shrewsbury Road and 1 Newington Road Craven Arms.
- b) The Clerk was asked to enquire with the Highway Agency if the columns on the highway island at Bromfield on the A49 are to be illuminated.

117/14 Amenity Items:

No items to report.

118/14 Financial Items:

- a) The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment:

K Grip ton	20.00	Picnic Area Works
G R Morris	1,000.00	Amenity Work
V Stone	50.00	Payroll Administration
Eon	605.50	Street Light Repairs
Enterprise	40.00	Domain Name
Inland Revenue	125.00	Tax
C E Williams	614.15	Disbursement

- b) The Clerk reported that the balances at the 31st March 2015 were £202,809

119/14 Planning Items:

- a) Planning Application 15/000698/VAR – Variation of Condition 5 (Opening Hours) attached to planning application 1/08542/Out (SS/1/02/13462/VC) to 6.00-24 Mondays to Saturdays and 8.30 to 21:00 Sundays and Bank Holidays – Petrol Filling Station The Craven Centre Craven Arms – The Town Council had no objection to the application but had concerns that this extended time would include the sale of Alcohol.
- b) Planning Application 15/00696/Ful – Installation of new entrance door set including DPA power operating device and controls – Royal Mail Unit 1 Callow hill Road Craven Arms. – The Town Council had no objection to the application.

120/14 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a representative:

Cllr D Evans reported that the planning application appeal for the development of houses along Corvedale Road Craven Arms had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. Shropshire Council were considering the implantation of one single Planning Committee for the whole of the Shropshire Council area as opposed to the existing three regional planning committees.

121/14 Other Items:

- a) The Town Council were now able to email the notification of Summons and Agendas to members of the Town Council which must be at the permission of the individual member – It was resolved by the Town Council that members of the Town Council would continue to receive Agendas and Minutes by post. The Clerk will continue to send information received by email electronically but for those members not on email will forward by post.
- b) Transparency of Information – From 1st April 2015 to comply with the Transparency Code in addition to the agenda and minutes that are already placed on the Councils website, a list of payments that have been paid by the Council, audit certificates and a summary of the annual Income and Expenditure will also be included on the website.

111/14 Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Town Council is Tuesday 28th April 2015

Chairman