

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr C Leworthy, Mr N Stephens, Mr D Evans, Mr D Mills, Dr K Bartlett, Mr R Conway, Dr Asif Rao and Mrs S Greenway

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr M Trafford, Cllr T Willetts and Cllr G Cowley
Shropshire Councillor Mr L Chapman

Members of the Public:

A member of the public spoke about the streetlights at Watling Street/Clun Road junction and his concern that nothing had been done by the Town Council.

The Clerk referred to an email from Shropshire Council apologising that emails had not been acknowledged in respect of the matter and confirming that the Town Council had no responsibility for these streetlights and that it was a matter for Shropshire Council to resolve.

Currently there was no electrical supply to the streetlights and although a quotation had been received for the electrical connection no budget was available to fund the works. Shropshire Housing Group who has recently bought the New Care Development are to be approached to see if they would fund the works.

24/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Shropshire Council Planning Committee South Region

Cllr C Leworthy - Personal – Planning application 37 Newington Way Craven Arms.

Cllr R Conway – Personal – Grant Halford PCC

25/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

26/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising

27/15 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman reported that Ludlow Town Council are to hold a public meeting on the 30th July 2015 concerning the closure of a ward at Ludlow Hospital as this was done without prior consultation.

28/15 Highway Items:

a) The Clerk reported that a speed traffic survey had been undertaken on vehicles entering into the southern and northern end of Craven Arms on the A49 which on the Southern end there was an average speed of 32.6 and on the Northern end an average speed of 32.3.

The data will now be discussed with Highways England for the implementation of improved 30mph speed warnings.

b) The Clerk reported that the street light at the rear of 43 Shrewsbury Road Craven arms had now been repaired, because there is no recorded evidence as to who is responsible for the maintenance of the streetlight Shropshire Housing had agreed to meet 50% of the cost of repair and any future repair of the light.

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr D Evans and agreed by the Council that the cost of repair of the current and future repair of the streetlight to the rear of 43 Shrewsbury Road be shared equally with Shropshire Housing.

29/15 Amenity Items:

a) Cllr D Evans reported on the Amenity Committee which had considered the provision of dog control warning notices on the playing fields, the ROSPA annual safety report on the MUGA, Skate Park and BMX Track, the negotiations with Ludlow Town Council for the future provision of Burial Plots and the future consideration of the Town Council being the sole Corporate Trustees of CAPFA

For information the minutes of the Amenity Committee will be issued with the Council minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr C Leworthy and agreed by the Council that new dog control notices be installed at an approximate cost of £50 the signs being located on the advice of Shropshire Council.

b) The Clerk reported that the bus shelter opposite the Community Centre had been damaged by having been knocked by a unknown vehicle and would be subject to an insurance claim.

30/15 Financial Items:

a) The Town Council had balances of £226,073 at the 28th July 2015 after consideration of the accounts for payment which were approved by the Council.

G R Morris	905	1,170.00	Amenity Work
B Lewis	906	200.00	Relief Cleaner
Heart of Wales	907	12.00	Subscription
Shropshire Council	909	100.00	Election Expenses
Npower	910	494.40	Street Lighting - Energy
Inland Revenue	911	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	912	605.00	Salary
C E Williams	913	38.97	Stationary
DC Gardening Services	914	451.00	Grass Cutting

b) The Town Council approved a grant payment of £250 to Stokesay PCC for the upkeep of the Church Grounds

c) The Town Council approved a grant payment of £175 to Halford PCC for the upkeep of the Church Grounds

31/15 Planning Items:

a) Planning application 15/02452 – Erection of single storey extensions to front and rear elevations 37 Newington Way Craven Arms – No Objection.

b) Planning application 15/02786/P3JPA – Change of use from office to residential use – 8 Dale Street Craven Arms – No Objection.

32/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

a) Shropshire Councillor David Evans reported that four part time planning officers had been recruited by Shropshire Council to deal with the backlog of planning applications two for the Craven Arms Area and two for Oswestry Area

Cllr D Evans and the Chairman of the Town Council meet with the Manager of the Discovery Centre. There were concerns about the provision of diversion notices with recent highway works and that this had been taken up with the relevant agencies.

b) Cllr C Leworthy reported on the recent meeting of the Local Joint Committee which had received an update on issues affecting the local community.

c) Cllr N Stephens had attended the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils which had received a presentation on the proposed future provision of Health Services

33/15 Next Meeting

It was agreed by the Town Council that there would be no meeting in August and that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 29th September 2015