

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PU**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 commencing 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman)

Cllr N Carter

Cllr A Rao

Cllr K Pugh

Cllr M Trafford

Cllr N Stephens

Cllr A J Willetts

Cllr R Conway

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr D Evans

**Members of the Public:**

Mr C McMahon attended to update the Council on the formation of Craven Arms Table Tennis Club.

**91/18 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

**92/18 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**93/18 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

The Clerk reported that Mr M Barrow the Officer responsible for Community Enabling is to attend the Annual Public meeting of the Town Council.

**94/18 Chairman's Items:**

The Chairman referred to the Draft Craven Arms Flood Investigation Report produced by Shropshire Council which made recommendations in relation to the current drainage system:

“Landowners, farmers and residents should ensure that drainage systems are suitably maintained to ensure that they function properly. Where it becomes aware of issues in this regard, Shropshire Council should take the necessary action under its remit as Land Drainage Authority.

Shropshire Council should ensure the highway drainage system is maintained in accordance with current procedures. Detailed surveys of their existing alignment, condition and hydraulic modelling of the existing system may be required to determine their capacity and suitability.

Property owners at risk should consider the implementation of Property Flood Resilience measures to protect against a repeat event. Shropshire Council can provide guidance and support to the residents.

Riparian owners should be made aware of their legal responsibilities under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; these are also set out in the Land Drainage Act 1991. Shropshire Council can provide guidance and support to the residents.”

Cllr N Carter had walked the various watercourses contained in the report and had suggested to Shropshire Council that they immediately remind landowners of their responsibilities to keep the water courses free of blockages.

**95/18 Highway Items:**

Cllr A J Willetts referred to the narrowness of the pavement due to overgrown verges along the footpath running from Stokesay to Craven Arms but is particularly narrow by Quarry House. The Clerk to refer the matter to Highways England.

Cllr N Carter had reported the unlit Highway Light number 25 to Highways England.

**96/18 Amenity items:**

- a) The Clerk reported that the new style gate had been installed between the Craven Arms Playing Field and adjacent farm land which will provide pedestrian access to the field but would stop cattle wondering onto the Playing Fields.
- b) The Clerk reported that he had obtained a quote for the provision of a seat in the bus shelter opposite the Fire Station which was in excess of £800 mainly due to high installation costs. The Clerk will make further enquires to see a seat could be sourced locally at a more reasonable cost.
- c) The Clerk reported that he would be meeting with Mr H Delves to agree where a Public Access Defibrillator could be installed on the outside of a building at Harry Tuffins. It was agreed subject to appropriate location that a new public access defibrillator be purchased at a cost of £1345 plus VAT from Heartstart Midlands and appropriate installation costs of £125.
- d) The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting the final costs of the proposed new CCTV System and approval from Highways England for the connection to the two Highway Street Lights.

**97/18 Planning Items:**

- a) The Clerk reported that members were invited to the Craven Arms Area Place Plan meeting to be held at the Craven Arms Community Centre on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 commencing 7.00pm.
- b) The Town Council noted the correspondence received relating to potential Housing land in Sibdon Carwood an item which was now being considered by Sibdon Carwood Parish Meeting.

**98/18 Financial Items:**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Water Plus	84.21	Water Rates
Eon	252.80	Street light Repairs
Cyril Bason	22.80	Supplies
G R Morris	430.00	Amenity Work
D J & M P Mills	900.00	New Gate Playing Field
C E Williams	722.04	Disbursement
C E Williams	44.99	Stationary

**99/18 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a representative:**

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the South Shropshire Parish and Town Council Area meeting will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms commencing 7.30pm to which members of the Council are invited.

Cllr A Rao gave an invitation to all Councillors to the Open Sunday at the Mosque at Craven Arms Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.

**100/18 Next Meeting:**

Next meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at the Craven Arms Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman