

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Craven Arms Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 commencing 7.00pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman)

Cllr N Carter

Cllr A J Willetts

Cllr R Conway

Cllr S Demos

Cllr N Stephens

Cllr V Bailey

Cllr J Rickson

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr A Rao, Cllr D Evans

The Chairman welcomed Cllr J Rickson to his first meeting of the Town Council.

**74/19 Members of the Public:**

No Members of the Public Present

**75/19 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

**76/19 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**77/19 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

Cllr S Demos gave an update on the formation of the Flood Action Group which now consisted of twelve members who are to meet with the Shropshire Council Flood Officer to discuss the issue with flooding in Craven Arms.

**78/19 Chairman's Items:**

No items to report

**79/19 Highway Items:**

Cllr N Carter had reported two faulty streetlights in Clun Road and the blocked drain under the bridge Clun Road to Shropshire Council.

**80/20 Amenity items:**

a) Craven Arms Playing Fields – The Clerk reported that additional gym equipment had been obtained by HALO and that the next CAPFA meeting will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6pm.

b) CCTV – The Clerk reported on the revised CCTV Scheme and appropriate costings.

The first scheme was for the provision of three CCTV Cameras one at junction of Clun Road/Shrewsbury Road, one at the junction of Corvedale Road/Shrewsbury Road and one by the Public Conveniences Shrewsbury Road the cost of the Scheme being £17,776 excluding VAT, however as only grant funding of £12,000 had been obtained to-date this scheme would result in the Town Council having to meet the balance of £5,776 unless the Police and Crime Commissioner agreed to a further grant of £2,888 which would result in the Town Council having to meet the balance of £2,888.

The second scheme was for the provision of two CCTV Cameras, one at junction of Clun Road/Shrewsbury Road, one at the junction of Corvedale Road/Shrewsbury Road the cost of which was £12,600 which would result in the Town Council having to meet the balance of £600.

It was proposed by Cllr A J Willetts and seconded by Cllrs S Demos and agreed by the Town Council that the Scheme for the three cameras costing £17,776 be approved subject to the Clerk obtaining the additional grant of £2,888 and that the scheme for two cameras costing £12,600 be approved if no further grant was obtained. (Cllr R Conway abstained from the Vote.)

*(Since the meeting the Clerk has obtained the additional grant of £2,888 from the Police and Crime Commissioner and therefore scheme one will be ordered.)*

c) Steps Picnic/Car Park Area Corvedale Road Craven Arms – The Clerk reported that the steps and railings had now been

#### **81/19 Planning Items:**

Planning application 20/00145/FUL- Gillawarra Clun Road Craven Arms - Proposal: Change of use from residential dwelling into a place of worship including associated works to rebuild and reorganise dwelling – The Town Council fully supported the application it was assumed that the existing planning application for development on the Car Park area would now lapse.

#### **82/19 Financial Items:**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

N Power	350	484.69	Energy Costs
			Amenity
G R Morris	348	560.00	Work
Water Plus	349	125.97	Water Rates
Inland Revenue	351	120.00	Tax
C E Williams	352	750.49	Disbursement
CAPFA	353	5,038.87	VAT Refund

b) **Precept:** The Town Council considered the Budget Report produced by the Clerk giving anticipated Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2020/2011 and answered questions raised by Councillors.

The main increase in expenditure was due to Streetlight Energy cost having increased from £1,900 to an estimate of £4,895 this due to the ending of a five-year fixed contract price with Npower. The new Street Light energy contract had now been placed with Shropshire Council.

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr N Carter and agreed by the Council that the Precept for the financial year 2020/21 should be £59,215 an increase of approximately 4.9% and an increase of £3.42 per year on the average Band D Council Tax Band.

#### **83/19 Reports from Shropshire Council and any other Organisations to which the Council have an appointed Representative:**

Cllr S Demos reported on the Christmas Lights Committee which were considering the plans for 2020/21 and which may result in less Christmas Trees but additional Christmas Lights.

Cllr N Stephens gave a report on the recent youth meeting and highlighted the volunteer work they undertake in litter picking.

#### **84/19 Next Meeting:**

Next meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Craven Arms Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman