

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr S Demos, Cllr R Conway, Cllr A Jolley
Cllr D Evans

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr N Carter, Cllr V Bailey

Members of the Public:

One Member of the Public was present.

77/21 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning

Cllr D Evans and Cllr S Demos – Grant application Next Generation Fair

78/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 22nd February 2022 which were then signed by the Chair.

79/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

80/21 Chair's Items:

The Town Council had been asked to nominate two people to attend the Shropshire Lieutenancy Garden Party at Orelton Hall on Wednesday 8th June 2022. The Town Council agreed to nominate Sharon Demos and partner to attend the event.

81/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

The Clerk reported that the new streetlight had been ordered for Maple Close Craven Arms the cost of which will be met by the Insurance Company of the car owner which damaged the previous light.

82/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Cllr D Evans was meeting representatives of Shropshire Council to look at the existing drainage and culvert issues.
- b) **Defibrillator** – The Clerk will have produced a report detailing cost, suggested sites, maintenance and training for the provision of new Defibrillators in the Town Area. Euro Quality Lambs foundation had agreed to provide a grant of £750 towards the provision of a new defibrillator. After a discussion it was agreed to purchase a new defibrillator to be installed on the outside of the building of the Mennonite Church Clun Road Craven Arms. It was also agreed that future provision of training should be arranged in the administering of CPR and the use of a defibrillator. Currently public access defibrillators are installed at the following locations: Outside Cyril Bason Shop, Corvedale Road, Outside Harry Tuffins Supermarket Shrewsbury Road and on both platforms of Craven Arms Railway Station.
- c) **Bus Shelters** – The Clerk was still awaiting a quote for the repair of the bus shelters.
- d) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk reported that the solicitors were currently exchanging the necessary legal documents for the transfer of the Meadow Land from Connexus to the Town Council however completion of the transfer of the land may still take several months.
- e) **Climate Change:** - Cllr A Jolley reported on the Carbon literacy training that he had undertaken and would produce a Climate Plan for consideration by the Town Council

83/21 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £198,803 as at the 28th March 2022 after approval of the accounts listed below which will be paid through the online banking system with the Chair verifying and releasing the payments setup by the Clerk.

The following accounts were approved for payment.

	Amount	VAT	
C E Williams	786.00		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
D Alderson	115.20	19.20	Hedge Cutting
Shropshire Council	813.60	135.60	Play area inspection
Shropshire Council	1,727.38		Streetlight removal
G R Morris	990.00		Amenity Work

The Council agreed to defer the grant application from Next Generation Fair to the next meeting

84/21 Planning Items:

The Town Council made the following comments in respect of the Planning Applications:

Planning Application 22/01129/Full – Land at Farmore Mills - Retention for temporary period of six years of electronic communications apparatus – No Objection

Planning Application 22/01112/LBC – 141 Newton Craven Arms - Installation of a metal twin wall flue – No Objection

Planning Application 11/01004/Full – Rustling Oak Clun Road Craven Arms – Erection of part two storey and single storey rear extension and replacement garage – No Objection

Planning Application – 22/00997/Full – 1 Halford Cottage Craven Arms – Erection of two storey extension and internal alterations – No Objections.

The Clerk referred to the recent Zoom meeting with representatives of Wistanstow Parish Council and Network Rail concerning the provision of a new rail bridge over the footpath running from Newington to Cheney Longville with the application being in Wistanstow Parish but bordering Craven Arms. There was concern that the footbridge may be detrimental to the local environment with it being situated in an open area of land the Town Council were unsupportive of the provision of a footpath bridge.

85/21 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr A Jolley reported on the recent Youth Partnership meeting which had considered the role of the Shropshire Council Youth detached officer and the working with the Craven Arms Youth Group.

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters and his recent meeting with Mr J Champion the West Mercia Police Commissioner.

86/21 – Town Council Land (former Labour Club Site) Corvedale Road Craven Arms:

In view of the potential value of the site the Town Council agreed to reapply for the renewal of the existing planning approval for the site and wait future development of the vacant neighbouring commercial property.

87/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

Grant application Next Generation Fair - £400

88/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th March 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair