

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr S Demos, , Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr A Jolley, Cllr R Conway

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr V Bailey, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson.

Members of the Public:

One member of the public was present

55/21 Declarations of Interest:

Personal Cllr D Mills – Planning Application 22/00184/Full who left the meeting which this application was discussed.

56/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 30th November 2022.

57/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

58/21 Chairman's Items:

No Items

59/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

Cllr N Carter had reported blocked drains in Clun Road Craven Arms.

The problem of fly tipping was raised with several incidents having occurred in Craven Arms and reported to Shropshire Council.

60/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – Shropshire Council are to apply to the Environment Agency for funding of the flooding scheme and will arrange a meeting with representatives of the Town Council to discuss.
- b) **Defibrillator** – The Clerk agreed to produce a report for future meeting, detailing cost, suggested sites, maintenance and training for the provision of new Defibrillators in the Town Area.
- c) **Bus Shelters** – The Clerk reported that the Bus shelters were repaired in 2014 at a cost of £1,630. It was agreed by the Council that the Bus Shelters should be repaired and that the Clerk be authorised to place an order for the works.
- d) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk was still awaiting details from the Councils solicitors on the transfer of the meadow land from Connexus to the Town Council.
The Clerk had attended a meeting with the manager of Grow Cook Learn to discuss the production of a detailed maintenance/development plan which would need to be incorporated into the Lease agreement with Grow Cook Learn and would report to future meeting of the Council.
- e) **Climate Change:** - Cllr A Jolly reported on the Carbon Literacy Training which he would be attending and will present a report to a future meeting of the Council on the various Climate Change s that could be considered by the Town Council.
- f) **Planters:** - It was agreed by the Council that orders be placed with Shrewsbury Town Council for the provision of the flowering hanging baskets in Corvedale Road Craven Arms for the Spring/Summer period 2022.
- g) **Queens Celebrations:** - The Chair would arrange for the provision of the lighting of a Beacon, it was assumed that separate celebrations would be organised by the local community. It was suggested that a tree could be planted to celebrate the 70 years of the Queens reign.
- h) **Welcome Back Fund:** - The Clerk reported that under the Welcome Back Fund Shropshire Council will be tidying the Corvedale Car Park Area and the footpath area behind the Craven Arms Hotel to Craven Arms Train Station. Under the scheme three new benches will be provided to be situated by Lambeth Close, the Fire Station and Newington Road Play Area.

61/21 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £204,369 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	
Arrow County Supplies	219.89		Public Toilet Supplies
Bank	5.50		Charges
Eon	148.52	24.75	Street Light Repairs
Eon	71.82	11.97	Street Light Repairs
Water Plus	176.40		Water Rates
Water Plus	68.06		Water Rates
British Gas	187.55		Electricity Public Toilets
Cyril Bason	8.10		supplies
Cyril Bason	97.00		supplies
G R Morris	610.00		Amenity Work - December
C E Williams	794.29	23.72	Disbursement - December
STW	68.06		Water Rates
Bank	5.50		Charges
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
J Kinsey	200.00		Repairs
Parish online	162.00	27.00	Subscription
Save our Shropshire	45.00		Training
C E Williams	737.48		Disbursement - January
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
G R Morris	460.00		Amenity Work - January
D Shutt	376.00		Repairs - Toilets
British Gas	171.80	8.18	Electricity Public Toilets

The Clerk had produced an estimated Income and Expenditure Report for the financial year 2022/23 which was considered by the Town Council. It was agreed by the Council that a precept of £59,841 be made for the financial year 2022/23 which represented a 0% increase in the Town Councils share of the Council Tax Bill.

62/21 Planning Items:

The Town Council had no objections to the following Planning Applications:

22/00184/Full – Upper Dinchope Farm – Installation of a Biomass Boiler

22/00074/Full – Newington Villa Long Lane Craven Arms – Erection of a single storey extension

63/21 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr S Demos reported that Shropshire Council were implementing new recycle bins for which residents could apply online.

Cllr D Mills reported on the recent meeting of South Shropshire Local Councils which had received a presentation by the Leader of Shropshire Council who highlighted items relating to Highways, Planning and the Annual Budget with the major cost relating to Adult Social Care.

Cllr A Jolley reported on the recent meeting of the Craven Arms Youth Forum which now had two group split by age. The Youth Club would like to see additional facilities in the pavilion room of the Community Centre which they would be referring to HALO for consideration.

Cllr A Jolly who is on a working group looking at the future of the Acton Scott Farm reported that a public consultation meeting would shortly be held to consider the various options available to keep the Farm open.

64/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

No New Items

65/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair