

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr N Carter, Cllr D Evans, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr A Jolley

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr R Conway, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey

Members of the Public:

No Members of the Public Present.

11/21 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans declared a Personal Interest as Chairman of the Southern Area Planning Committee.

12/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 19th June 2021.

13/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

14/21 Chairman's Items:

No items

15/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the replacement streetlight had installed adjacent to 11 Onnybrook Drive Craven Arms.
- b) Shropshire Cllr D Evans reported that he was meeting officers from Shropshire Council to discuss the unadopted Brook Road and will report to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- c) The Chairman, The Clerk and Cllr D Evans had meet with representatives of Highway England to discuss the speeding of vehicles along Shrewsbury Road as they enter Craven Arms both from the North and South and to enquire if speed monitoring signs and a written response on findings was now awaited from Highway England.

16/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields - BMX Track**– As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk had obtained three quotes for the improvement/redesign/tarmac surface to the existing BMX Track to enable it to become a multi-purpose track that can be used by bikes, scooters, roller boots and skateboards etc and will be suitable for all ages. The track needs to be slightly redesigned with a few of the existing humps removed to reduce dangers with speed because of the tarmac surface. Copies of the quotes had been provided to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr D Evans and seconded by Cllr N Stephens and agreed by the Town Council that the quote from J B Extreme Landscapes be accepted at a total cost of £15,820 plus VAT this includes a three-year warranty, signage, a training day and certification by ROSPA. It is anticipated that the work would commence on the 16th August 2021. It was also agreed to take out annual maintenance at a cost of £1,000 per year which included four quarterly visits to the site. With this being a partnership scheme with the Craven Arms Playing Fields Association three local companies had kindly agreed to donate towards the project for which the Town Council expressed thanks, Euro Quality Lambs £500, Britpart £1,000 and Harry Tuffins Supermarket £3,000.
- b) **Town Council Land Corvedale Road Craven Arms** – The Clerk reported that he had received an enquiry about the possible sale of the land at Corvedale Road Craven Arms being the site of the former Labour Club.

It was proposed by Cllr A J Willets and seconded by Cllr D Evans and agreed by the Town Council that the Council would not consider the sale of the land at the present time.

- c) **Gate Barrier** – Car Park/Picnic Area Corvedale Road Craven Arms – Cllr A J Willets reported that he was awaiting quotes for the cost of a steel/iron metal barrier due to the constant damage to the existing wooden barrier.
- d) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** - Shropshire Council are working to deliver flood alleviation schemes in both Coronation Road and on the Clun Road in Craven Arms. At present money has been allocated by the Environment Agency for design of both schemes in the financial Year 2022/23 and then delivery in the Financial Year 2023/24
The Coronation Road Scheme will involve the replacement of the existing grilles on the STW sewer network, and some upstream channel works to divert flows away from Coronation Road watercourse.
The Clun Road Scheme will include the creation of a flood storage feature upstream which will attenuate flows to alleviate flooding to properties on the Clun Road, the rail bridge and the A49.
Delays to the delivery of the Coronation Road Project have been associated with the ongoing ownership of the grilles. Discussions are ongoing with Severn Trent Water, and it is hoped that this will be resolved soon.
Cllr N Carter reported that Flood Monitoring System had been installed in Clun Road adjacent to his property which will sent out an alert to agencies.
- e) **Welcome Back Fund** - The Town Council has been allocated £5,000 from the Welcome Back Funding for which the following two main projects can be considered:
1. Support from Shropshire Council to undertake cleaning, repair and improvements to the public realm and opens spaces within towns including High Street Deep Clean Cleaning of bins, benches, signs etc Additional mechanical sweeping of roads and footpaths Chewing Gum Removal Weed Removal
2. Support for Christmas publicity events and activities, to promote shopping in Shropshire in the build-up to Christmas 2021 including - Purchase of Christmas lights, trees and decorations - Publicity events launching the 2021 Christmas season - Support for Christmas Light switch on events, Christmas Markets and Fayre.
The Town Council welcomed the fund and suggested that work should be undertaken on the benches within the town and a deep clean of the area be undertaken. The Christmas Lights Committee will come forward with suggestions for Christmas activities and it was also suggested that some consideration should be-given to the Bonfire activities.

17/21 Financial Items:

The following accounts for payment were agreed and will be paid through the online banking system with the Chairman verifying and releasing the payments setup by the Clerk.

Water Plus	Direct Debit	64.01		Water Rates
Business Gas	Direct Debit	155.35	7.39	Water Rates
G R Morris		1,350.00		Amenity Work
D F Campbell		336.00	56.00	Grass Cutting
Inland Revenue		120.00		Tax
C E Williams		745.99	15.99	Disbursement
Cyril Bason		68.00		Supplies
Shrewsbury TC		1,100.00	183.33	Flower Baskets

18/21 Planning Items:

Planning application 21/03332/OUT – Flat at the Newlands Ludlow Road Craven Arms - Change of use from residential flat used in conjunction with former veterinary practice to open market residential flat – No Objection

19/21 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr D Evans reported Shropshire Council matters referring the the Local Plan which had now been passed to the Planning Inspector.

20/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

Craven Arms Hotel
Planters 2022

21/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

Chairman