

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr C Leworthy, Mr N Stephens, Mr D Evans, Dr K Bartlett, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Mr T Willetts and Mr G Cowley

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Greenway and Cllr R Conway
Shropshire Councillor Mr L Chapman

Members of the Public:

No members of the public present

34/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Shropshire Council Planning Committee South Region
Cllr D Evans - Personal– Chair of Craven Arms and Rural Area Local Joint Committee
Cllr N Stephens – Personal – Craven Arms Youth Committee

35/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th July 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

36/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising

37/15 Chairman's Items:

- a) Cllr D Evans reported that Shropshire Council had set up a cross party working group to look at the Refugee Crisis and would make a report to the next meeting of the Town Council.
- b) The Chairman reported that Cllr C Leworthy had been put forward to become a Town Council representative on the Shropshire Hills ANOB Partnership.

38/15 Highway Items:

- a) Cllr D Evans had replied to the item that had been raised by a member of the public regarding the speed limit along Clun Road stating that Shropshire Council Highways Department were reluctant to extend the 30mph to the approach of Craven Arms by the old salt store at the top of Clun Road however this would need to be kept under review
- b) The Clerk was asked to write to Harry Tuffins concerning the removal of the Bus Shelter and the further provision of disable parking on their car park site.

39/15 Amenity Items:

- a) Cllr D Evans reported that the Amenity Committee had met with representatives of CAPFA and Shropshire Council concerning a request from the existing CAPFA Trustees for the Town Council to become the Sole Corporate Trustees of CAPFA. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Town Council be held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 to consider the request from CAPFA.
- b) The Clerk reported that the damaged bus shelter opposite the Community Centre will be replaced under the Councils Insurance Policy with the work due to take place early November 2015.
- c) Remembrance Day – Cllr D Evens will speak to Sharon Demos concerning the Remembrance Day arrangements.

40/15 Financial Items:

a) The Town Council had balances of £218,013 at the 29th September 2015 after consideration of the accounts for payment which were approved by the Council.

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| Severn Trent Water | 917 | 152.21 | Water Rates |
| DC gardening services | 918 | 150.00 | Grass Cutting |
| G R Morris | 919 | 1,230.00 | Amenity work |
| B Lewis | 920 | 30.00 | Relief Cleaner |
| Inland Revenue | 921 | 120.00 | Tax |
| C E Williams | 922 | 624.32 | Disbursement August |
| Mazars | 923 | 390.00 | Audit fee |
| K D Gripton | 924 | 20.00 | Picnic Area |
| G R Morris | 925 | 1,460.00 | Amenity Work |
| Cyril Bason | 926 | 6.16 | Toilet Supplies |
| D C gardening services | 927 | 450.00 | Grass Cutting |
| Shropshire Council | 928 | 867.60 | Play Inspections 2014/15 |
| Shropshire Council | 929 | 589.20 | Play Inspections 2015/16 |
| Inland Revenue | 930 | 120.00 | Tax |
| C E Williams | 932 | 724.24 | Disbursement September |
| British Gas | Bank | 355.76 | Electricity Toilets |
| STWA | Bank | 395.62 | Water Rates Toilets |

b) It was proposed by Cllr T Willetts and seconded by Cllr M Trafford and agreed by the Town Council to make a contribution of £200 towards the expansion of the existing CCTV system at the Craven Arms Community Centre to cover the pavilion area. Cllr G Cowley abstained from the vote.

c) The Town Council considered a request from the Craven Arms and Rural Joint Committee towards contributing towards overall youth activities taking place in the area that young residents within the Town/Parish area may wish to attend. The Town Council agreed to make no contribution as the Council has its own grant application procedure for local voluntary organisations/groups could apply for small grants.

d) The Clerk reported that the Annual Return for the Financial Year 31st March 2015 had been certified by the external auditor Mazars Ltd

41/15 Planning Items:

a) Planning application 15/03016 – Change of use from Commercial to Residential – The Sign Shop 1 Dale Street Craven Arms – No Objection

b) Planning application 15/03159/Ful – Erection of two storey extension to rear elevation – The Maples 22 Brook Street Craven Arms – No Objection

c) Planning application 15/03403/FUL – Erection of extension of open porch to form larger enclosed porch, addition of new roof light and replacement of roof light – The long Barn 1 Lawrence Court Stokesay – No Objection.

d) Planning application – Erection of a local needs single storey bungalow and detached garage – Proposed affordable dwelling SSW of Morwood Farm Lower Dinchope – No Objection

e) Planning Application – 15/04048/TPO – Crown Lift and remove dead wood Oak Tree protected by TPO – 6 Meadow Road Craven Arms – No Objection subject to being approved by Shropshire Council Tree Preservation Officer.

42/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

Cllr C Leworthy had attended a recent youth event about a political speed debate which had been poorly attended by youth participants and poorly organised.

43/15 Next Meeting

Next Meeting – 27th October 2015

Chairman