

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms**

**Present:**

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman)

Cllr M Trafford (part of meeting)

Cllr N Carter                      Cllr N Stephens

Cllr S Demos                      Cllr A Rao

Cllr A J Willetts

**In Attendance:**

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**Apologies:**

Cllr K Pugh, Cllr V Bailey, Cllr D Evans and Cllr R Conway

**Members of the Public:**

No members of the Public were present at the meeting

**117/17 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

**118/17 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**119/17 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No Items

**120/17 Chairman's Items:**

Cllr N Stephens reported the recent death of Mr Bill Jones a former Town Councillor and Local Police Officer.

**121/17 Highway:**

No new items to report.

**122/17 Amenity items:**

- a) **Outdoor Gym Equipment:** Four quotes had been received for the supply and installation of outdoor Gym Equipment and had been considered by Cllrs V Bailey, Cllr S Demos and Lisa Bedford the Community Enabling Officer Shropshire Council. The total cost of the scheme is £15,000 which is funded by grant received from Energise and the National Lottery. It was proposed by Cllr S Demos, seconded Cllr N Carter and agreed by the Town Council that the quote of £15,000 received from Creative Play be accepted with the equipment to be installed on the original children's play area at the front of the Community Centre.
- b) **Skate Board Equipment:** The Clerk reported on the condition of the skateboard equipment which has become a Health and Safety issue. Until the apparatus could be repaired it would be fenced off from use. The cost of repair is estimated as £2,500 however the Clerk had commissioned a survey of the Skateboard equipment at a cost of £150.

It was proposed by Cllr S Demos, seconded by Cllr N Stephens and agreed by the Town Council that the action taken by the Clerk be confirmed and subject to the survey report the repairs be undertaken to the equipment at a cost not exceeding £2,500.

- c) **CCTV:** The Town Council agreed to the submission of a grant application to the Community Safety Partnership scheme for the replacement of the two cameras in Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms. There will be a cost to the Town Council of approximately £500 and ongoing annual revenue costs of £500.

**123/17 Financial Items:**

The following accounts were approved for payment:

N Power	1156	474.15	Street Lighting Energy
E On	1157	187.02	Street Lighting Repairs
G R Morris	1158	990.00	Amenity Work
C E Williams	1159	633.00	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	1160	120.00	Tax
D C Gardening Services	1161	312.00	Grass Cutting

**124/17 Planning Items:**

No Planning items to report

**125/17 Reports from Other Organisations:**

Cllr S Demos reported on The Christmas Trees Working Group will be considering the Scheme for 2018 and will report back to the next meeting of the Town Council with proposals.

Cllr S Demos reported on the provision of a silhouette statue to be sited at Lambeth Close Craven Arms the cost being £250 and that she would be seeking funding from local organisations.

The Poppy Appeal Group are also considering placing poppies on the street light columns for permission will need to be sought from Highway England and Shropshire Council.

**126/17 -Task and Finish Group – Revenue Initiatives:**

The Town Council considered the sale of the Council owned land of the former Labour Hut site Corvedale Road Ludlow and the appointment of an independent professionally qualified surveyor to advise on the potential value and use of the Land.

It was proposed by Cllr S Demos, seconded by Cllr N Stephens and agreed by the Town Council that a professionally qualified surveyor be appointed at a cost of £350 advise the Council on potential use and valuation of the land.

Cllr M Trafford joined the meeting at this point.

**127/17 Next Meeting:**

Next meetings: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the Community Centre Commencing 7.00pm this will be the Annual Public and Annual Meeting of the Town Council

Chairman