

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Dr K Bartlett, Mr R Conway, Cllr S Greenway, Cllr C Leworthy, Cllr D Evans

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr A J Willets

Members of the Public:

Two members of the public were present.

Clive Leworthy introduced Craig Nicolson who is going to complete five marathons in five days starting from Eastbourne through to Poole between the 22nd and 26th May 2017 using a manual wheelchair. Craig is aiming to raise £2,500 to provide free activities for young people throughout the summer holidays in Craven Arms.

88/16 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Chairman Planning Committee South Shropshire Area Shropshire Council

89/16 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2017 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

90/16 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Items

91/16 Chairman's Items:

No items to report

92/16 Highway Items:

- a) Parking Issues Newington Way Craven Arms – There had been issue with the parking of vehicles in Newington Way Craven Arms by users of the Community Centre which had caused problems with access to Residents. The Clerk had referred the matter to the Community Centre who had issue new guidance to Staff to try and alleviate congestion and inconsiderate parking especially at large events. The Town Council agreed to obtain costings so that consideration could be-given to converting the Old Play Area to a Car Park Area providing additional spaces for Users of the Community Centre.
- b) The Clerk was to enquire with Highways England how they monitor the dangers of overhanging trees along the A49 access to Craven Arms.

93/16 Amenity Items:

- a) The Town Council considered the views from the recent Community Services Household Survey of which there had been a 12% return of survey forms with over 70% supporting the retention of Local services for which the Town Council may have to take on from the 1st April 2018 or make a financial contribution towards the running costs.
 - i) The Library at the Craven Arms Community Centre- Although the majority views supported the Council contributing towards retaining the Library at the Leisure Centre members expressed concern at the low usage, future contribution costs and that alternative solutions could be provided perhaps through a Mobile Library facility. It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr M Trafford and agreed by the Town Council that no contribution is made to Shropshire Council towards

the cost of maintaining the library service in the Community Centre at Craven Arms. Cllr D Evans abstained from the vote.

- ii) The Play Areas (Newington Way, Whitemeadow Close, Brook Road, Alexandra Park, Station Road). Members expressed the need to retain facilities for the younger children. It was proposed by Cllr N Stephens and seconded by Cllr R Conway and agreed that the Town Council make an Initial Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council for the transfer of the Play Areas with the transfer of land on a freehold basis.
 - iii) The Car Parks at Newington Way and Corvedale Road Craven Arms – there were concerns about the future maintenance costs involved with the car park areas however they were a free local service which need to be retained for the benefit of the community. It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr M Trafford and agreed that the Town Council make an Initial Expression of Interest to Shropshire Council for the transfer of the Car Park Areas at Newington Way and Corvedale Road with the transfer of land on a freehold basis.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr C Leworthy and seconded by Cllr Asif Rao and agreed that the Town Council take on the responsibility for the Christmas Lights with the local Fire Service and that there be an initial working group to meet with the fire service of Cllrs C Leworthy, D Mills and R Conway who will report back to the Town Council.

94/16 Financial Items:

The Town Council approved the accounts for payments include on a summary which will be attached with the Minutes.

95/16 Planning Items:

The Clerk referred to the consultation paper being undertaken by Shropshire Council in relation to an update of SAMDev particularly in respect of Housing Development and the Online Consultation Response which he had completed and forwarded to each Councillor for approval before submission.

A presentation on the consultation paper was made to a meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councillors by Planning Officers from Shropshire Council this was attended by the Chairman and several other Town Councillors.

The Town Council agreed to the submission of the consultation paper that had been completed by the Clerk.

96/16 Reports from Other Organisations to which the Council have appointed a Representative:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council matters regarding funding of Adult Social Services. Shropshire Council had agreed a budget increase of 3.9% for the financial year 2017/18.

Cllr Asif Rao thanked all those that had attended the Mosque Open Day where there had been 450 visitors.

97/16 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March 2017 – Annual Public Meeting and Town Council Meeting.

Town Council Meeting Tuesday 25th April 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday 16th May 2017 following the Parish and Town Council Elections.

Town Council meeting Tuesday 20th June 2017

Chairman