

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Craven Arms Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2021 commencing 7.00pm at the Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman) Cllr N Carter Cllr D Evans Cllr J Rickson Cllr N Stephens
Cllr R Conway Cllr A Rao

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr V Bailey, Cllr S Demos and Cllr A J Willetts

47/20 Members of the Public:

One member of the public was present.

48/20 Declarations of Interest:

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

49/20 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of November 2020.

50/20 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

51/20 Chairman's Items:

There were no matters to report.

52/20 Highway Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that a meeting will be arranged with Highway England to discuss the speeding of vehicles through Craven Arms and the consideration of Speed Warning Indicators on both entrances of the A49 which would be supported by the local police and the Police Commissioner.
- b) The Clerk to report the broken road sign situated by Lambeth Close in School Road Craven Arms.
- c) The Clerk reported that the streetlight adjacent to 5 Onnybrook Drive Craven Arms had been removed by Shropshire Council Emergency Team due to a gas leak which was located underneath the light. The Clerk will ascertain if the existing column can be reinstalled and if required obtain costs for a new light.

53/20 Amenity Items:

- a) **CCTV** – The Clerk reported that the work to install the CCTV by the Public Conveniences Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms and by the roundabout at the entrance to Corvedale Road Craven Arms has been completed. In respect of the CCTV camera to be installed near the Railway Bridge Clun Road work is still awaited by Shropshire Council for the installation of the new street column on which the new camera will be installed.
- b) **Christmas Light/Christmas Trees** – The Town Council expressed thanks to the Working Group who had arranged the display of Christmas Lights and Trees, the group consisting of Sharon Demos, David Evans, Adam Streatfield and the Local Fire Station Team. Thanks also went to Neville and Hazel Stephens for the decoration of the individual trees.
- c) **Update from Craven Arms Flood Group Representatives** – A report was given by Cllr D Evans and Cllr N Carter on the latest developments in respect of the Craven Arms Flood Prevention. Concern was expressed at the lack of cleaning of the Trash Guards situated at Brook Road and Stokesay Hotel with this work often being undertaken by both councillors which was unacceptable due to Health and Safety Reasons and this had been taken up with Shropshire Council.
The Shropshire Council Land and Drainage Officer had reported that due to resource availability and Covid the Environment Agency had deferred its commitment to provide new Trash Guards at Brook Road and Stokesay Hotel this financial year, however it was hoped to achieve funding in the financial year 2021/22.
- d) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – For information due to the poor condition and dangers to users of the skateboard ramps the ramps would be removed and CAPFA at a future meeting will need to consider their possible replacement.

54/20 Financial Items:

- a) The Clerk had produced a statement of Income and Expenditure to the 30th of November 2020 which showed balances of £220,451 at the 31st of January 2021.
- b) The accounts for payment included on the statement and attached to the minutes were approved for payment. The Town Council now have the facility to make payments through online banking in accordance with the Financial Regulations.
- c) The Clerk had produced a summary of estimated Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2021/22 with an explanation for each item included on the statement to enable the Town Council to determine the Precept Requirement for the financial year 2021/22.
After consideration of the report, it was agreed by the Town Council that the precept for the financial year 2021/22 should be £59,164 which will represent a 0% increase in the Town Council Tax Rate. The Town Council thanked the Clerk for his report.

55/20 Planning Items:

The Town Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

Planning Application 21/00050/Full – The Manse Clun Road Craven Arms – Erection of extensions to dwelling

Planning Application 21/00179/Full – Stokesay Castle Hotel School Road Craven Arms – Conversion of existing outbuildings into 4 residential buildings.

Planning Application 21/00181/TEL – Shropshire Highways Depot Stokewood Road Craven Arms – proposed telecommunications installation.

56/20 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council Matters which related to the Councils Budget, Highway Issues, Housing and future planned meetings to discuss the proposed roundabout north end of Craven Arms.

58/20 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 commencing.

Chairman