

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 30th June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr T Willets, Mr C Leworthy, Mr N Stephens, Mr D Evans, Mr D Mills, Mr G Cowley, Mr M Trafford, Dr K Bartlett and Mr R Conway

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr Dr Asif Rao and Cllr Mrs S Greenway
Shropshire Councillor Mr L Chapman

Members of the Public:

Mr C Leworthy spoke about the grant application by Craven Arms Town Football Club for funding towards the formation of a Saturday Team who will play on the Craven Arms Playing Fields for the forthcoming football season.

14/15 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Shropshire Council Planning Committee South Region
Cllr D Evans – Personal and Prejudicial – Grant application Craven Arms Town Football Club
Cllr C Leworthy = Personal and Prejudicial – Grant application Craven Arms Town Football Club

15/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26th May 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matter arising

17/15 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the Association of South Shropshire Parish and Town Councils would be held on the 9th July 2015 at the Methodist Hall Craven Arms.

Cllr R Conway made reference to the survey being undertaken by Historic England on War Memorials with a view to registering them as Listed Monuments this included the War Memorial at Halford Church.

18/15 Highway Items:

a) The Town Council had received a request for consideration for the 30mph sign to be moved further up the Clun Road towards the Clun Road/Watling Street Junction (which was currently subject to an existing 40mph speed restriction) because of this dangerous stretch of roadway which had no pathway for pedestrians. The Town Council had received a reply from Shropshire Council stating that the reason for the 40mph buffer limit and not a longer 30mph was that police support could not be secure due to the semi-rural character of the 40 mph limit length. However if the Clun Road was to become more built up along the 40 mph length the matter would be reviewed.

b) Following objections received concerning the proposal to extend the double yellow lines by 14meters along either side of the roadway at the junction to Greenfields Road/Clun Road it had now been agreed with Shropshire Council to implement double yellow lines over a length of 7m from the end of the existing restriction. DYL on both sides over a length of 7m from the end of the existing restriction at the junction. This represents a relaxation of the original proposal but provide increase road safety and limit the loss of car park spaces.

c) Cllr T Willets raised his concern at the speed of vehicles travelling into Craven Arms and the dangerous junction with Watling Street with access having increased in the use of the junction because of the recycling centre. The Clerk reported that a site meeting had been held in November 2015 with representatives of the Highway Agency but no further progress had been made. The Clerk to arrange a further meeting with the Highway Agency.

19/15 Amenity Items:

a) The Clerk referred to concerns that he had been received about the work that had been undertaken at the Onny Meadows to control weeds and improve the access to the site for families and walkers using our facility. A detail reply had been received from Janet Radford Chief Executive of the Shropshire Hills Discovery centre who was prepared to meet with anyone that had concerns and also representatives of the Town Council.

Any future concerns should about the Onny Meadows or the Discovery centre should be forwarded directly to Janet Radford.

b) Cllr D Evans reported on the Amenity committee meeting which had considered, new fencing to help prevent footballs from going into neighbouring gardens which border the football pitch on the Craven Arms Playing Fields, the consideration of the provision of CCTV at the Community Centre and issues relating to the Public Conveniences Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms. A copy of the Minutes of the Amenity Committee will be circulated for information with the Council Minutes.

20/15 Financial Items:

a) The Town Council had balances of £229,623.48 at the 30th June 2015 after consideration of the accounts for payment.

b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

E-On	897	210.12	Street Lighting repairs
G Morris	898	1,325.00	Amenity Work
Bobs Flowers	899	850.00	Plants
A P Price	900	468.00	Installing Picnic table/bench
D C gardening	901	450.00	Grass cutting
C E Williams	902	664.52	Clerk Disbursement
Inland Revenue	903	78.00	Tax

c) The Town Council considered the grant application from the Craven Arms Town Council and it was proposed by Cllr G Cowley and Seconded by Cllr T Willets and agreed by the Council that a grant of £500 be approved to Craven Arms Town Council Football Club however this would be repayable to the Council if the Saturday Team was not proceeded with in the forthcoming season.

21/15 Planning Items:

There was a discussion concerning the Modification Order 2015f issued by Shropshire Council for a Bridleway addition and upgrade of Footpath 50 (parts) where it leaves the County Road at Newington and follows a part surfaced, hedged lane in a general north easterly direction to ford the river Onny. In principle the Town Council had no objection but a site meeting would be made by the Chairman and several Councillors before a response is submitted to Shropshire Council

22/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

Shropshire Councillor David Evans reported that a Task and Finish Working Group was still looking at planning application issues and the number of planning committees.

23/15 Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th July 2015

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Chairman

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