

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th October commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre.

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chair), Cllr N Carter, Cllr D Evans, Cllr N Stephens, Cllr A J Willetts, Cllr A Jolley Cllr R Conway, Cllr J Rickson

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Demos, Cllr V Bailey

Members of the Public:

No members of the public present.

33/21 Declarations of Interest:

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

Cllr N Stephens and Cllr N Carter declared a Personal Interest as paying a membership subscription to the Craven Arms Discovery Centre,

34/21 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on the Tuesday 28th September 2021.

35/21 Matter arising from the Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

36/21 Chairman's Items:

No items

37/21 Highway/Street Lighting Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that he was enquiring if the Local Police and Crime Commissioner were still providing grants for the installation of road safety signs which was required at the northern entrance to Craven Arms on the A49.
- b) Cllr N Stephens reported that the footpath area and the clearance of the stream by Lambeth Close had still not been undertaken Shropshire Council David Evans would pursue.
- c) The Clerk will report to the Shropshire Council Highways the condition of the roadway at the entrance to Greenfield Road and the condition of a manhole cover at the entrance to the Crescent.
- d) Cllr A J Willetts raised concerns about the blockage to the ditch along the footway leading to Newington Bridge and the lack of a give way sign and white lining at the Halford Road/Corvedale Road Junction both these issues will be reported.

38/21 Amenity Items:

- a) **Update on Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council were still awaiting a decision from Severn Trent Water on the future maintenance of the Grills situated in Craven Arms with the outcome anticipated mid-November.
- b) **Climate Change** – Cllr A Jolley had produced a report which had been circulated to members prior to the meeting which gave details on his recent activities relating to climate care topics. Cllr A Jolly will meet with Climate Care Champions from other Local Councils, Local Business Representatives, Environmental Charities to enable the development of a draft 2022 Climate Care Plan for discussion at a future Town Council meeting.
- c) **Men's Shed** – Cllr N Carter reported that the group called the "Men's Shed based at Craven Arms Community Centre will open on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.
- d) **Defibrillator** – Cllr N Carter referred to the need to provide additional defibrillators in Craven Arms and would prepare a report for future meeting of the Council on suggested locations and cost.

- e) **Craven Arms Discovery Centre and Meadow Land** – The Clerk reported that Connexus Board have approved:
- i) Transfer of the freehold of the Discovery Centre building and associated land to Grow Cook and Learn charity at nil value, adding a charge against the asset of £250k (equating to the outstanding loan from GCL to Connexus).
 - ii) Transfer of the remaining land at Onny Meadows freehold to the Craven Arms Town Council at nil value.
 - iii) Covenants to protect the long-term interests of Connexus in the event of disposal or change of use by either GCL or CATC.

The Clerk reported that representatives of the Town Council had held a site meeting with Grow Cook Learn to understand future developments for the Meadows and to consider a Land Management Plan which would need to be incorporated into a Lease agreement

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and Seconded by Cllr D Evans and agreed by the Council that the minute relating to the appointment of previous solicitors to the Council be rescinded.

It was proposed by Cllr R Conway and Seconded by Cllr D Evans and agreed by the Council to appoint Lanyon Bowdler as the Councils Solicitors to deal with the land transfer from Connexus and the lease agreement with Grow Cook Learn at an estimate cost of £5,000. Cllr D Mills, Cllr D Evans and the Clerk would be the authorised signatories to sign Acceptance and Confirmation of Instructions with Lanyon Bowdler and to sign the Land Registration application.

Meetings will be held with Grow Cook Learn to develop the Land Management Plan for the Meadows which will include photographic evidence and a detailed inventory and to agree the Lease of the Meadows from the Town Council.

39/21 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement and comparison with the annual budget the Town Council had bank balances of £213,572 after approval of the accounts listed below which will be paid through the online banking system with the Chair verifying and releasing the payments setup by the Clerk.

The following accounts were approved for payment.

	Gross	VAT	
D F Campbell	336.00	56.00	Grass Cutting
J C Electrical Heating	708.84		Electrical Work Public Conveniences
Bank	5.50		Charges
Eon	150.00	25.00	Street Lighting Repairs
Eon	1,495.36	249.23	Column
Water Plus	64.01		Water Rates
J B Extreme	1,212.00	202.00	Signage BMX Track
British Gas	125.27	5.96	Electricity Costs Public Conveniences
C E Williams	673.00		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	120.00		Tax
G R Morris	1,170.00		Amenity Work
D C Gardening Services	168.00	28.00	Grass Cutting

40/21 Planning Items:

No Planning items

41/21 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr D Evans reported on Shropshire Council items.

Cllr A Jolly reported on the Craven Arms Youth Forum meeting which had discussed youth facilities available at the Craven Arms Community Centre and the role of the Shropshire Youth Partnership/

42/21 Items for the Agenda next Meeting:

Defibrillator

43/21 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th November 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

Chair