

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 30th September 2025 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre

Councillors:

Cllr R Pitt (Vice-Chairman), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr J Fuller,
Cllr R Conway, Cllr N Carter and Cllr T Willetts
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

59/25 Apologies:

Due to illness Mrs B Carter has been unable to take up the position as a Town Councillor. The Council will re-advertise the vacancy which can be filled by co-option. Apologies were received from Cllr J Rickson, Cllr S Demos, Cllr D Mills and Councillor D Evans.

60/25 Members of the Public:

Sergeant Jenny Price attended the meeting who is responsible for the Craven Arms Area gave an updated on local policing issues, the Town Council confirmed that the main issues related to Anti-Social Behaviour, Speeding and Drug Issues.

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin had provided the Council with a detailed written report which had been circulated to members but highlighted continued Highway Issues, Temperance Hall Site, Connexus Housing Site in Station Road Craven Arms, Craven Arms Flooding Issues, Partnership Working with Parish and Town Councils and the Shropshire Council Financial Position.

A member of the Public attended the meeting to raise issues of speeding along Watling Street Craven Arms. A member of the Public attended the meeting concerning fund raising for Halford Church.

61/25 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

62/25 Minutes: - The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2025 and they were duly signed by the Vice- Chairman.

63/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No items to report.

64/25 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman was unable to attend the meeting but had produced a report which had been circulated to all Town Councillors prior to the meeting this referred to the Shropshire Council financial difficulties and future partnership working between Shropshire Council and Parish and Town Council.

The Clerk reported that the sale of the Council Land adjacent Barclays Bank Corvedale Road Corvedale Road Craven Arms to Bramley Property Holding Limited who had obtained planning permission for the development of two houses on the site will be completed within the next few days and that the proceeds of the sale price less solicitor costs will be transferred to the Councils bank account.

65/25 Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – It was pleasing to note that the field was being used by a local football team for the forthcoming season
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme**- Cllr R Pitt is collating information received from residents concerning a clearance of the watercourses however was disappointed at the response for volunteers. Cllr R Pitt had also held a meeting with Shropshire Council representatives to discuss the flooding issues. The Grill at Stokesay had been altered to allow a better waterflow of the stream.

- c) **Other Amenity Items** – The Clerk reported that the flower planters in Corvedale Road would shortly be removed following the end of the Spring/Summer season.

66/25 Highways Items

The Clerk reported that the upgrade of the Town Council Streetlights to LED lighting had been completed this including the conversion of the Concrete Columns at a cost of approximately £22,000 the final invoice was still awaited.

67/25 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £209,470.11 at the 30th September 2025 following approval of the expenditure listed below, and a statement of the balances held in the appropriate bank accounts to comply with the Council's investment policy. The Town Council approved the Statement and the accounts for payment.

W Brown	500.00	Ditching Work
G R Morriss	1,170.00	Amenity Work
Eon	88.33	Toilets Electricity
Hugo Foxe	11.99	Website
Shropshire Council	1,448.00	Play Area Inspections - two years
Cyril Bason	18.00	Supplies
Roundabout Stationary	202.98	Stationary
C E Williams	698.00	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	333.00	Tax
Highline Electrical	10,440.00	Street Light Conversion
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Bank Charges	8.50	Charges
Eon	92.48	Toilets Electricity
Halo	600.00	Hire of Community Centre
J Kinsey	150.00	Removal and replacement of Grill
Hugo	11.99	Website
C E Williams	765.99	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	333.00	Tax
Highline Electrical	7,279.56	Street Light Conversion
J Morris	1,175.00	Amenity Work
Water Plus	180.17	Toilets Water Rates
D Cambell	228.00	Grass Cutting

The Town Council had received a grant application of £4,000 from the South Shropshire Youth Forum to help run youth activities in Craven Arms. The Town Council approved a grant of £3,000.

68/25 Planning Items:

Planning Application Reference: 25/03267/VAR – variation of condition 2 (Roof and Eaves) of planning consent Norton Oak 137 Craven Arms – The Town Council objected to the application because the raising of the roof levels will impact on the Local Environment.

Following a request from Wistanstow Parish Council agreed to support the planning application by Euro Quality Lamps which included a request for the reduction of the speed limit on the approach to Craven Arms from the Grove to 40mph.

69/25 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:

No items to report.

70/25 Items for the Next Agenda:

No Items

57/25 Next Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday 28th October 2025