

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Craven Arms

Present:

Councillors:

Mr D Mills (Chairman), Mr N Stephens, Dr K Bartlett, Dr Asif Rao, Mr M Trafford, Mr R Conway, Cllr C Leworthy, Cllr G Cowley, Cllr T Willetts

In Attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Apologies:

Cllr S Greenway and Cllr D Evans

Members of the Public:

No members of the public present

66/15 Declarations of Interest:

Nil

67/15 Minutes:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th November 2015 were agreed by the Town Council and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

68/15 Matters arising from the Minutes:

In reply to an item previously raised by Cllr C Leworthy the Clerk reported that he had received a reply from Mr H Delves about the bus shelter provision that was previously provided in the car park of Harry Tuffens Supermarket Craven Arms.

The bus shelter was removed so that more spaces could be provided for customer car parking but that alternative options on their site are currently being looked at and that they will be pursuing these options in the new year. There are other options available on the site where people could potentially wait in the dry, the Café and Subway restaurant are on the roadside and in addition there is a covered walkway outside the Subway.

69/15 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman referred to the consultation currently being undertaken by Shropshire Council called the Big Conservation in relation to services provided by Shropshire Council.

The Planning Inspectorate had now responded to the proposals made by Shropshire Council in respect of future Employment Land and Housing to the Year 2026 (SAMDev) and had accepted the proposals submitted for Shropshire which included the Craven Arms Area and will impact on the Parish in respect of employment land. SAMDev will now be formally adopted by Shropshire Council at its Council meeting in December 2015.

70/15 Highway Items:

a) The Chairman reported that the Town Council had received several complaints about the speeding of vehicles along Clun Road and the narrowness of the footpath the details of which the Clerk had forwarded to Shropshire Council. The Chairman along with Cllr D Evans had attended a site meeting with representatives of Shropshire Council to consider the issues raised and although there was no immediate solution a review should perhaps be undertaken of the traffic issues in the Craven Arms Area.

It was proposed Cllr R Conway and seconded by Cllr M Trafford and agreed by the Town Council that in view of the current issues being experienced in Clun Road, with the development of the affordable housing scheme in Sibdon Carwood and the proposals contained in SAMDev for the future development of employment land and housing that Shropshire Council be asked to undertake as a matter of urgency a full review of the traffic through Craven Arms both now and in the longer term and produce an appropriate traffic strategy.

- b) The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown verge bordering the footpath along Corvedale Road Craven Arms.
- c) The Clerk to report the Highways sign the need to correct the position of the sign at the Clun Road/Shrewsbury Road Roundabout Craven Arms.
- d) The Clerk to chase up outstanding repairs to the streetlights were a complaint had been received in respect of lights in Halford Crescent Craven Arms.

71/15 Amenity Items:

The Chairman reported that the work on the management of the hedgerow which borders the Craven Arms Playing Fields adjacent to the football pitch and which overlooks Halford/Corvedale had now been completed and the ditch running along the field cleaned out.

Cllr R Conway on behalf of the Council expressed thanks to the Chairman for the considerable work he had undertaken in dealing with the scheme.

The Clerk was asked to contact Shropshire Council to ask if they would undertake the clearing of the Culvert which runs under Corvedale Road.

Cllr R Conway is arranging for the football pitch to be rolled by a local farmer when conditions were appropriate.

72/15 Financial Items:

a) The Town Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Cyril Bason	45.70	Supplies
G R Morris	460.00	Amenity Work
C E Williams	530.63	Disbursement
Inland Revenue	240.00	Tax
M G Whittall	702.00	Christmas Trees

A grant application had been received from CASCA for £200 towards a Community Christmas Lunch to be held at the community centre on Christmas Day.

It was proposed by Cllr M Trafford and seconded by Cllr A Rao and agreed by the Town Council that a grant of £200 be approved subject to a refund being made to the Council if a surplus is made on the event.

73/15 Planning Items:

Planning application 15/04751/LBC – Internal alterations and external redecoration and installation of timber shutters – Craven Arms Hotel – No Objection

74/15 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council have appointed a Representative:

Nil

75/15 Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th January 2015

Chairman