

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 commencing 7.30pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr N Stephens (Vice Chair), Cllr R Pitt, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr D Evans, Cllr R Conway, Cllr S Demos, Cllr J Rickson and Cllr T Willetts

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

107/24 Apologies:

Nil

108/24 Members of the Public:

Nil

109/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning matters

110/24 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2025 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

111/24 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matters arising from the Minutes

112/24 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman reported that consideration should be given to the clearing of the ditch from the Craven Arms Playing Fields to the Abattoir and discussions should take place with Shropshire Council/Severn Trent and the local landowner.

113/24 Amenity Items:

Craven Arms Flooding Scheme – Cllr R Pitt reported that Mr J Bellis Shropshire Council would provide an information sheet which could be used by the Flood Scheme Working Groups to circulate to local volunteers and landowners to organise a cleaning of the streams in the locality during the Spring/Summer months. Rachell was thanked by the Town Council for the work she had undertaken.

b) **River Pollution** – There was a discussion concerning the pollution of the River Onny and the River Quinney and that water tests should be undertaken and if required schools be contacted to warn of the dangers posed if children should swim in the river.

114/24 Highways Items

Clerk to report street light out on the junction of Greenfields Road/Clun Road Craven Arms

115/24 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £207,556.40 at the 31st March 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.

Eon-Next – Lighting Public Cons - £130.19
Water Plus – Water Rates Toilets - £133.92
C E Williams – Disbursement - £1044.00
Inland Revenue – Tax - £166.60
Eon – Street Light Repairs - £235.20
Cyril Bason – Supplies - £7.00
G Morris – Amenity Work - £970.00
Bank – Admin Charges - £84.50

The Financial statement and accounts for payment were approved by the Town Council

The Town Council approved a grant of £500 to the Craven Arms Events Committee towards the costs of the VE80 year's celebrations to be held on the Craven Arms Playing Fields for the local community.

116/24 Planning Items:

Planning application 25/01003/Ful – Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension 22
Maple Close Craven Arms – No Objection

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117/24 Meetings for the Year 2024/25

6th May 2025 Annual Meeting of the Town Council following the Parish and Town Council Elections to be held on the 1st May 2025

Chairman