

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre

Councillors:

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr N Stephens (Vice Chair), Cllr R Pitt, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr J Rickson, Cllr D Evans, Cllr R Conway (Minute-taker)

64/24 Apologies:

Mr C E Williams (Clerk), Cllr S Demos

65/24 Members of the Public:

There were three residents of Clun Road present and Police Constable Salter-King.

The Clun Road residents raised the issue of the most recent flooding in their area. The Chairman outlined the measures already in hand and Cllrs Pitt and Evans were able to give further information and advice.

PC Henry Salter-King introduced himself as the newly appointed Neighbourhood Officer for Craven Arms and briefly summarised his role; members welcomed him and wished him well in his task of restoring relationships with the Police.

66/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning matters,

67/24 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2024 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

68/24 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr Fuller enquired if Network Rail had yet indicated what work they intended after taking over responsibility for the trees on their land between Brook Road and the top Hotel. The Chairman explained that nothing was scheduled for now on NR land, but that in the New Year he and the Clerk would be contacting them about the branches over-hanging public highways.

69/24 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman announced that he would be taking up an invitation to the Lord Lieutenant's Garden Party next year. He informed the meeting that the owners of Greenway Touring and Glamping Park had recently won a prestigious tourism award; it was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent. He also outlined the current consultation by Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service about the next Community Risk Management Plan. It was agreed that the Chair would prepare a response for the Town Council and members were also urged to make individual responses. The Chair also reported on recent changes to the officials of SALC and informed members that contributions were due to increase for this very necessary support service for small Councils.

70/24 Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** - Updates on the current position had been given in the course of the Public Session. Cllr R Pitt also reported that there had been only a limited response to her leaflet drop, but she would now extend it to an increased number of properties.
- b) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** - There was nothing to report to Council. A CAPFA meeting will be held in the New Year.
- c) **Remembrance Sunday** - Members formally expressed their thanks to Cllr Demos for her work in making the arrangements for events on Remembrance Sunday.

71/24 Highways Items

Cllr Demos had previously reported concerns and Cllr Pitt now confirmed another example that the Fix My Street team had been inaccurately claiming that issues reported to them had been addressed when in fact they had not. The Chairman stated that he was shortly due to attend a meeting with the managers and would pursue this with them.

72/24 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced and circulated prior to the meeting an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £228,719.92 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	138.62	Street lighting
Eon	118.94	Street lighting
Eon	118.82	Street lighting
Eon	117.48	Street lighting
Eon	176.28	Street lighting
Eon	150.80	Street lighting
Eon	209.60	Street lighting
Inland Revenue	166.60	Tax
C E Williams	750.00	Disbursements
G Morris	490.00	Amenity work
Water Plus	78.41	Water Rates Toilets

Cllr D Evans proposed and Cllr R Conway seconded a motion that the financial statement be noted and the payments should be authorised. It was passed unanimously.

73/24 Planning Items

Planning Application 24/04330/FUL and 24/04331/FUL - The Craven Arms Hotel, creation of 7 Ground Floor apartments. This was discussed at some length and members were of the view that since the licensed side of the premises was no longer viable this was now the only option to avoid it becoming derelict but felt that in order to reflect the building's unique and historic role in giving its name to the eventual town, there should be a Condition that it should prominently display signage, similar to the existing, worded 'Craven Arms', 'Craven Arms Apartments' or 'Earls of Craven Apartments'.

Planning Application 24/04455/FUL – Extension to Industrial Unit, Stokewood Road - support.

Planning Application 24/04232/FUL - Replacement workshop and first floor annexe at Nortons Oak, Whettleton Lane. Members felt that this was an inappropriate development for this rural location, over-development of the site and the upper storey will be visible from Stokesay Castle, which has hitherto been forbidden. - Object

Planning Appeal 24/01692/A - bungalow South of Millar Row - noted, but no further comment necessary.

74/24 Reports from Shropshire Councillor and other organisations to which a representative has been appointed

Cllr D Evans stated that there was little new to report since the last meeting. There was to be a full meeting of Shropshire Council next week and he would update members on that in due course.

75/24 Items for the agenda - next meeting.

No items declared.

76/24 Meetings for the Year 2024/25

28 January 2025, 25 February 2025, 25 March 2025, 29 April 2025 and 27 May 2025.