

**CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre**

**Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman) Cllr R Pitt (Vice-Chairman), Cllr N Stephens,  
Cllr R Conway, Cllr N Carter, Cllr D Evans, Cllr J Rickson  
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

**110/25 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from  
Cllr J Fuller, Cllr T Willetts

**111/25 Members of the Public:**

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin provided an update on Shropshire Council Matters particularly the financial position and highway matters.

Mr Phil Mark Community Flooding and Water Quality Officer Severn Trant Water attended the meeting to provide members with information on his role which was to work with other Utilities and local Councils concerning flooding and water issues. It was both a reactive role in relation to flooding, sewage and pollution and a Proactive role in engaging with local communities. Phil was thanked by the Council for his informative presentation

**112/25 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

**113/25 Minutes:**

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and they were duly signed by Chairman

**114/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No items to report.

**115/25 Chairman's Items:**

The Chairman reported the resignation of Mrs S Demos who had resigned due to family commitments. The Town Council wished to put on record the work that Sharon had undertaken on behalf of the local Community both as a Town Councillor and on various voluntary organisations.

**116/25 Amenity Items:**

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No items to report.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** - Councillor R Pitt presented a detailed report on flooding, watercourse maintenance, and related actions. The report summarised meetings with Shropshire Council, Severn Trent Water, The Discovery Centre, Wistanstow Parish Council and locals some residents, covering areas of Long Lane, Maple Close, Clun Road, Old Newton, and Stokesay Pub. Rachel also discussed the upcoming mains renewal scheme Severn Trent Water community officers which will be undertaken over the next two years. The Council thanked Rachel for her valuable work and detailed report.
- c) **Other Amenity Items** – The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from Shrewsbury Town Council for the provision of the 20 Streetlight hanging baskets which will be supplied at the end of May 2026 at a cost of £1,275.80 plus VAT. The quote was accepted by the Town Council.

**104/25 Highways Items**

The Clerk reported that Highways England would be undertaking works at the beginning of March 2026 to improve the verge outside the Doctors Surgery Shrewsbury Road and prevent the parking of vehicles with the erection of appropriate bollards.

**117/25 Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £244,152.54 at the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 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.

Water Plus	121.07		water rates
Charges	8.50		bank charges
Cyril Bason	24.00		supplies
D Alderson	162.00	27.00	Hedge Cutting
Shropshire Council	2,249.14	374.86	Streetlight Energy
Eon	135.16	6.44	Electricity Toilets
Arrow	102.07	17.01	Toilet Supplies
Hugo	11.99	2.00	Website
C E Williams	659.40		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	395.65		Tax and NI
G Morris	480.00		Amenity Work

**118/25 Planning Items:**

Planning application 26/00418/COU- Unit 4 The Craven Centre Shrewsbury Road Craven Arms – Change of Use from Class E to Sui Generis – No Objection

Planning application 26/00383/Ful – Amenity Land on the West Side of Newington Way Craven Arms – Erection of Replacement Garage (Retrospective) – Object to the application as the development is much larger than the original demolished garages and does not fit into the surrounding environment.

**119/25 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:**

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a workshop with Shropshire Council concerning the future delivery of services which was mainly a collection of local information.

**120/25 – To consider ways of promoting the Town Council:**

It was suggested that a leaflet be produced providing details of Town Councillors and the work undertaken by the Council. The Clerk will work along with Cllr D Evans and Cllr R Pitt on producing the information

**121/25 Items for the Next Agenda:**

Co-option of Town Councillor

**122/25 Next Meeting**

Next Meeting Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Chairman