

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 30th June 2026 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre

Councillors:

Cllr D Evans (Chairman), Cllr N Stephens BME, Cllr R Conway, Cllr N Carter, Cllr D Mills, Cllr J Fuller, Cllr T Willetts, Cllr E M Carter, Cllr E McKnight
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin

22/26 Apologies:

Cllr J Rickson, Cllr R Pitt

23/26 Members of the Public:

A member of the local police was present to provide an update on issues in and around Craven Arms which mainly related to Anti-Social Behaviour.

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin provided an update on Shropshire Council matters referring to the Travellers Site, Funding for CAVE, visit of the High Sheriff, issue of litter bins, and potential housing development on land within Sibdon Carwood.

Grant Wilson attended the meeting and gave an update on work being undertaken at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Craven Arms and the future five-year strategy for the Centre and Meadow Land.

24/26 Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest.

25/26 Co-option of Town Councillor:

The Town Council had received an application from Millie McKnight of 11 Brook Road, Craven Arms, which had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr R Conway, and agreed by Council members that Millie McKnight be co-opted onto the Town Council. Millie McKnight signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Town Councillor and joined the meeting.

26/26 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2026 and were duly signed by Chairman as a correct record.

27/26 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Cllr A J Willetts that a visit is arranged with Severn Trent Water to inspect water quality of the river in the first week of August 2026 which the Clerk will endeavour to arrange.

28/26 Chairman's Items:

On behalf of the Town Council and local community, the Chairman congratulated Neville Stephens on receiving the British Empire Medal in the King's Honours List for his community work in Craven Arms.

On behalf of the Town Council, the Chairman congratulated everyone at Stokesay Primary School on achieving an exceptional Ofsted report a tremendous achievement.

On behalf of the Town Council the Chairman thanked the Craven Arms Community Events Committee for organising the Craven Arms Fun day which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

29/26 Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No items to report
b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme** – No items to report

30/25 Highways Items

The Clerk was still pursuing Highways England for improvements to the verge area by the traffic lights Clun/Shrewsbury Road Roundabout.

31/26 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £289,247 on the 30th June 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.

Payments June 2026	Gross	VAT	
Water Plus	124.91		Water Rates
D F Cambell	456.00	76.00	Grass Cutting
Charges	8.50		Bank
Zurich	1,971.35		Insurance
Shropshire Council	1,661.94	276.99	Street Lighting Energy
Eon Next	180.60	8.60	Lighting Toilets
Hugo Foxe	2.99		Website
Hugo Foxe	20.99		Website
Water Plus	14.73		Water Rates
G R Morris	1,570.00		Amenity
C E Williams	666.22		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	443.45		Tax/NI
Cyril Bason	118.00	19.67	Supplies

32/26 Planning Items:

Planning Application – 26/01940/Full – Formation of gravel extension to Car Park Shropshire Hills
Discovery Centre - No Objection

33/26 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:

No reports from Outside organisations

35/26 Next Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday 28th July 2026

Chairman