

## CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre**

### **Councillors:**

Cllr D Mills (Chairman), Cllr N Stephens, Cllr R Pitt, Cllr J Fuller,  
Cllr R Conway, Cllr S Demos, Cllr N Carter and Cllr T Willetts  
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

### **18/25 Apologies:**

Cllr D Evans and Cllr J Rickson

### **19/25 Members of the Public:**

A member of the public attended the meeting to thank the Town Council for their contribution towards the funding of the VE Day celebrations and to enquire about the Craven Arms Flood Relief Scheme.

Inspector D Caddy Neighbourhood Support Team gave a report on local police issues and the current staff levels covering Craven arms area.

A question was raised about the parking of vehicles on parts of the footway in Clun Road Craven Arms causing an obstruction to footbath users however this is an issue for Shropshire Council parking enforcement team.

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin gave an update on Shropshire Council issues relating to the Travellers Site, resurface of Corvedale Road, Station Crescent and Temperance Hall.

The new cabinet at Shropshire Council following the May elections are looking to improve communications with Parish and Town Councils.

### **20/25 Declarations of Interest:**

Nil

**21/25 Minutes:** - The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **22/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:**

No items to report.

### **23/25 Chairman's Items:**

No items to report.

### **24/25 Amenity Items:**

**a) Craven Arms Playing Fields** – No current issues but the next meeting of CAPFA will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Community Centre commencing 6.00pm

**b) Craven Arms Flooding Scheme-** A meeting has been arranged with A Kirland Shropshire Council for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to discuss alterations to the grill adjacent to Stokesay Hotel.  
Cllr R Pitt is organising a voluntary clearance of the watercourses with the Riparian landowners however awaiting approval of letter that will be circulated to the owners by J Bellis Shropshire Council.

**c) Other Amenity Items** – The Town Council discussed the litter picking arrangements which was partly funded by the Shropshire Council Environmenta Grant and mainly centred around the Play Areas which will be reviewed when considering the budget for the financial year 2026/27.

**25/25 Highways Items**

Cllr N Stephens reported the streetlight CATC37 was still out in Greenfields Road Craven Arms, the Clerk will pursue the item along with the streetlight opposite 49 Brooklands Road Craven Arms.

Following the updated streetlight inventory by Eon it was agreed by the Town Council that quotes be obtained and considered at the next meeting for the future upgrade of the lamps to led lamps which could result in a 70% savings in the annual energy costs.

**26/25 Financial Items:**

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £259,699 at the 30<sup>th</sup> May 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.

G R Morris	1,040.00
Eon	2,980.80
C E Williams	826.00
Inland Revenue	188.00
Shropshire Council	5,567.62
D C Gardening	456.00

The Town Council approved the Statement and accounts for payment.

**27/25 Planning Items:**

Planning Application 25/01694/Ful – Cut and Curl Dale Street Craven Arms -Change of use from hairdressing salon to form extension of adjoining public house the Stables – No Objection

**28/25 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:**

Cllr j fuller reported the litter issue on land adjacent to the railway station which he was discussing with Network Rail.

**29/25 Items for the Next Agenda:**

Co-option of Town Councillor, Street Lighting and River update

**3025 Next Meeting**

Next Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Chairman