

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 25th February 2025
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 D Evans, Cllr R Conway, Cllr S Demos
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

91/24 Apologies:

Cllr J Rickson and Cllr T Willetts

92/24 Members of the Public:

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

One member of the public raised the clearing of the water course grill in Maple Close Claven Arms and asked if this could be cleaned on a regular basis like the clearance of the grill by the Stokesay Hotel which is undertaken with an arrangement with Shropshire Council. The Town Council agree to make the request to Shropshire Council.

Two members of the Craven Arms Events Committee attended the meeting to enquire if the Town Council would consider making a grant towards the cost of VE Celebrations which the group hope to arrange. The Town Council agreed to consider the item at the next meeting following the submission of a grant application.

93/24 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr D Evans – Planning matters

All members of the Town Council in relation to planning application 25/00547/Full – Erection of one end terrace house and one detached house on land owned by the Town Council at the site of the former Labour Club Corvedale Road Craven Arms – The Town Council will make no response to the application which should be determined by Shropshire Council.

94/24 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2025 and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

95/24 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No Matters arising from the Minutes

95/24 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman who is also Chairman of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils on behalf of SALC presented an award to the Clerk to mark 40 years' service as a Parish Clerk. The Clerk thanked the Chairman and reported that he had now completed 48 years' service and would like to complete the 50 years' service before considering retirement.

96/24 Amenity Items:

Craven Arms Flooding Scheme – Cllr R Pitt reported that she and the Chairman and a few residents who had reformed the Craven Arms Flood Group had met with M J Bellis Shropshire Council to discuss the suggested Craven Arms Flood Alleviation Scheme and other flood prevention measures.

The Working Groups with the help of the Town Council and Shropshire Council are hoping with the help of other volunteers to arrange 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) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** - The Health and Safety check on the Outdoor Gym Equipment by Creative Play has been undertaken and required maintenance/repairs undertaken. The Clerk reported that there are dog fouling issues particularly by the footpath metal gateway leading to the river field, it was suggested that notices be placed asking dog owners to take away any dog mess with them.

97/24 Highways Items

Cllr David Evans reported that he had met Andy Wilde Shropshire Council Highways about the condition of the local highways around Craven Arms particularly Corvedale Road with work now planned in the new financial year.

Street Light to repair Greenfields Road and 1 Brookfield Road Craven Arms.

98/24 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £211,408 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.

Creative Play	552.00
Eon	138.25
Water Plus	84.79
G Morris	430.00
Eon	268.52
C E Williams	774.00
Inland Revenue	166.60
Cyril Bason	73.00
C Morris	240.00

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

99/24 Planning Items:

Planning application 18/01318/Full – A H & G Deakins Ltd Unit 8 Callow Hill Craven Arms – Removal of Condition No 6 Callow Hill Road Craven Arms

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100/24 Reports from Shropshire Councillor and other organisations to which a representative has been appointed

Cllr D Evans reported that the Shirehall was no longer occupied by the Council with the offices having now moved to the Guildhall Shrewsbury.

Cllr D Mills reported on the meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Town Councils which had considered the possible introduction of devolution and its impact to Parish and Town Councils.

101/24 Items for the agenda - next meeting.

No items declared.

102/24 Meetings for the Year 2024/25

1st April 2025 (Annual Public Meeting), 6th May 2025 (Annual Meeting of the Town Council).

Chairman