

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 26th October 2025 commencing 7.00pm held at Craven Arms Community Centre

Councillors:

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

71/25 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr J Rickson, Cllr S Demos

72/25 Members of the Public:

Shropshire Councillor J Dickin had provided the Council with a detailed written report which had been circulated to members but highlighted continued Highway Issues, Temperance Hall Site, Connexus Housing Site in Station Road Craven Arms, Craven Arms Flooding Issues, Partnership Working with Parish and Town Councils and the Shropshire Council Financial Position.

73/25 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

74/25 Minutes: - The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2025 and they were duly signed by Chairman

75/25 Matters arising from the Minutes:

No items to report.

76/25 Chairman's Items:

The Clerk referred to the Memorandum of understanding that had been issued by Shropshire Council in relation to Partnership Working which will require further consultation and would not be currently signed by the Town Council.

77/25 Amenity Items:

- a) **Craven Arms Playing Fields** – The next CAPFA meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th November 2025.
- b) **Craven Arms Flooding Scheme**- Cllr R Pitt provided an update on proposed clearance of the ditches some of which had been reviewed and undertaken by Shropshire Council. Cllr N Carter had also attended a meeting with Shropshire Councillor J Dickin and the Shropshire Councillor T Dainty the deputy portfolio holder for Highways to look at the various flooding issues.
- c) **Other Amenity Items** – The Chairman reported on the condition of the benches of the parcel of land outside the Craven Arms Bowling Club, due to cost of the cleaning of the benches it may be more cost effective to replace the benches this will be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

78/25 Highways Items

The Council were still awaiting a response from Highway England in respect of the overgrown bushes by the Clun Road roundabout.

The Chairman reported that Highways England were aware of the damaged sign at the entrance to Craven Arms.

The Clerk to write to Network Rail to enquire if they will cut back the overhanging branches along Brook Road Craven Arms

79/25 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £259,359.60 at the 28th October 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. The Town Council approved the Statement and the accounts for payment.

The Clerk was looking at an additional savings accounts to deposit £60,000 which will need to be covered by the £85,000 financial guarantee.

Payments - October	Gross	VAT	
Charges	8.50		Bank Charges
Christmas Events	150.00		Christmas Tree
Eon Energy	438.91		Street Lighting Repair
OKF Little John	378.00	63.00	Audit Fee
D J Mills	225.00	37.50	Hedges Playing Fields
South Shropshire Youth Forum	3,000.00		Grant
Eon	95.10		Lights Public Cons
Hugo	11.99		Website
D J Mills	480.00	80.00	Gully Work -SC
Highline Electrical	2,844.43	474.07	Streetlights LED
Cyril Bason	26.00		Amenity Supplies
Border Engineering	287.28	47.88	Gully Work - SC
Graham Morris	1,250.00		Amenity Work
C E Williams	656.00		Disbursement
Inland Revenue	333.00		Tax

The Town Council deferred consideration of the grant from the Friends of St Thomas Halford.

80/25 Planning Items:

No Planning Items

81/25 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:

No items to report.

82/25 Items for the Next Agenda:

No Items

83/25 Next Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday 25th November 2025