

CRAVEN ARMS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Craven Arms Town Council held on Tuesday 28th July 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 M McKnight, Cllr R Pitt
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

36/26 Apologies:

Cllr J Rickson, Cllr R Conway and Shropshire Councillor J Dickin

37/26 Members of the Public:

A report had been issued by Shropshire Councillor J Dickin who was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded to Councillors for information

38/26 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr A J Willetts declared an interest in the grant application made by the Friends of St Thomas Church Halford.

39/26 Minutes:

The Town Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2026 and were duly signed by Chairman as a correct record.

40/26 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Nil

41/26 Chairman's Items:

No items

42/26 Amenity Items:

a) Craven Arms Playing Fields

No items to report

b) Craven Arms Flooding Scheme:

c) Cllr R Pitt reported that she had meet with a representative of the National Flood Forum who was familiar with the Craven Arms Area and was keen to assist.

d) Other Amenity Items:

It was agreed that Graham Morris could purchase some hedge and tree trimming equipment.

e) Asset Transfer:

The Clerk reported that he was in discussions with Shropshire Council concerning the transfer of local amenities to the council which includes the play areas of Newington Way, Brook Road, Alexander Park, White Meadow Close and Station Crescent and would report to the next meeting.

43/26 Highways Items

The Clerk reported that Highways England had cut the to the verge area by the traffic lights Clun/Shrewsbury Road Roundabout although to an unsatisfactory standard and were keen now to pass the responsibility for maintenance of that area to the town council by the issuing of an appropriate licence the details of which were still awaited from their legal team.

44/26 Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced an Income and Expenditure Statement which showed that the Council had balances of £285,411.02, on the 28th July 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 a grant of £250 to the Friends of St Thomas Church Halford to help with the cost of the production of a yearly information Calander.

The Town Council approved the Statement and the accounts for payment.

Payments July 2026	Gross	VAT	
D C Gardening	228.00	38.00	Grass Cutting
Bank	8.50		charges
Shrewsbury Town Council	1,530.96	255.16	planters
Eon Next	208.18	9.91	electricity
Hugo Foxe	2.99	0.50	website
Hugo Foxe	20.99	3.50	website
Arrow County Supplies	210.44	35.07	toilet supplies
Cave23	182.29		plants/insurance
Cyril Bason	25.00	4.11	supplies
C E Williams	742.49		disbursement
Inland Revenue	443.45		tax & NI
Water Plus	112.05		water rates
G Morris	1,080.00		amenity work

45/26 Planning Items:

No Planning applications

46/26 Reports from other organisations to which the Town Council has a representative:

No reports from Outside organisations

47/26 Use of Social Media:

Cllr M McKnight suggested that the Town Council should make use of additional Social Media Platforms to advertise the work of the Council, like other local parish and town councils. Cllr M Mcknight was prepared to facilitate new platforms which was agreed by the and will discuss with the Clerk a Social Media Policy.

48/26Next Meeting

Next Meeting Tuesday 29th September 2026

Chairman