

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th May 2011 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

10/53 Present:

Councillors:

Cllr N Hall (Chairman)	Cllr J Whittall
Cllr E Davies	Cllr A Cowell
Cllr B Allwright	Cllr A Wright
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)	

11/01 Apologies:

Cllr H Salway
Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith

11/02 Member of the Public

Mr Andrew Harris attended the meeting to express his observations on the phasing of the traffic lights at Ludford Bridge which causes some considerable delay to the vehicles using the bridge resulting in a backlog of traffic.

The lights had been changed following a request from Ludford Parish Council to allow more time for pedestrians to cross the bridge.

It was agreed by the Parish Council that the Chairman approaches the Chairman of Ludford Parish Council and the Mayor of Ludlow Town Council to ask that an independent review be undertaken of the phasing of the lights.

11/03 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

11/04 Election of Officers and representatives for the Year:

Chairman – Cllr N Hall
Vice-Chairman – Cllr E Davies
Ludlow and Clee Area Local Joint Committee – Cllr E Davies
Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – Cllr N Hall

11/05 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st March 2011 and the 16th March 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman subject to an amendment in the wording in relation to the planning application for the proposed leisure park on land at Overton – should read “and a request was also made for an acceleration lane to be considered”

11/06 Chairman’s Report:

The Chairman had attended a meeting about future government consultation on local forestry’s.

11/07 Planning:

a) The Parish Council had no Objections to the following planning applications:

11/01018/Ful – application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a single storey double garage with adjacent log store and garden shed and the erection of a 2.4m high garden wall – The Old School Richards Castle

11/01466/COU – Change of Use of land to create a manege – Bramley View Ashford Bowdler

b) The Clerk explained that there had been changes to the planning service where there was now a charge for pre-application advice and a change to the delegation procedures for planning applications. If an objection was made by the Parish Council to a planning application this would not automatically be referred to a Planning Committee but would be considered by the Local Shropshire Councillor Member and Planning Committee Chairman as to whether to a committee.

c) The Parish Council noted the document issued by Shropshire Council in relation to the Site Allocations and Management of Development Plan which was now in the process of being produced for future consultation by Shropshire council

11/08 Highway Items:

The Clerk reported that a report was still awaited from Shropshire Council in relation to the introduction of a vehicle activated sign to be positioned at Woofferton.

11/09 Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Temescape – Grass Cutting St. Bartholomew’s Church - £72.00

WS Cadwallader – trimming of hedge at the New Church - £70.50

ALC – Annual subscription - £143.54

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 31st March 2011 was £3,487.06

c) The Clerk had produced the annual statement for the external auditor which was agreed by the Parish Council.

d) The Clerk would arrange appropriate insurance for the Council which was mandatory in respect of public liability.

11/10 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies had attended the recent Local Joint Committee which had considered the Ludlow Market Revitalisation projects were it was recommended that £70,000 should be allocated to the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, £100,000 to the Ludlow Conference Centre for the improvement in accommodation for the training of doctors, £70,000 to Ludlow College and £160,000 for improvements to the Buttercross/Town Walls. The next public meeting of the local joint committee will be held on the 23rd June 2011.

11/11 Parish Plan:

Cllr E Davies updated the Parish Council on the production of the Parish Plan for which several consultation events had been planned these including planning for Real events at the Village Hall on the 22nd and 28th May 2011.

11/12 Items from Parish Councillors:

The Clerk agreed to become Clerk as opposed to Acting Clerk of the Parish Council

11/13 Next Meeting:

Joint Parish Meeting Tuesday 24th May 2011, Tuesday 12th July, Tuesday 20th September 2011, Tuesday 22nd November 2011, Tuesday 17th January 2012, Tuesday 20th March 2012, Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Chairman