

**The Draft Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.30pm**

**Prior to the Parish Council meeting there was a Public meeting for the presentation by Morris Leisure on proposals for a Touring Caravan Park on land off Overton Road Ludlow.**

**The meeting was attended by approximately 80 members of the public.**

The Chairman introduced the representatives of Morris Leisure to the meeting and explained that the meeting had been arranged to enable the public to be made aware of a planning application that will shortly be submitted for the development of a 135 pitch touring caravan site. The Parish Council would not consider the matter until the application had been submitted.

Morris Leisure have an option on 14 ha of land off Overton Road Ludlow on which it was proposed to develop 8ha as a 135 pitch touring caravan site, which does not include static caravans or for traveller accommodation, however touring caravans do include motor homes and tents.

Morris Leisure explained details of the site, screening and access proposals which included discussions with the Highway Agency about improvements to the junction off the A49 and Shropshire Council about improvements along Overton Road.

Morris Leisure outlined the detailed feasibility reports that will be include with the planning application including an appropriate Economic Statement and Transport Assessment/Travel Plan.

Meetings are to be held with Ludford Parish Council, Ludlow Town Council and an exhibition to be held at the Charlton Arms Ludford on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

The Chairman gave an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions which related to landscaping of the site, the need, access and economic benefit.

There were concerns about the access to the site from Overton Road and the impact on Ludford Bridge and particularly Policeman's Corner.

The Chairman thanked Morris Leisure for their presentation and the members of the public for attending.

**10/53 Present:**

**Councillors:**

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

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

**10/54 Apologies:**

Nil

**10/55 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:**

a) Martin reported on the various budget cuts being considered by Shropshire Council with £76 million now having to be saved over the next four years, this will see a reduction in some services for

example Libraries, Social Services Helena Lane Ludlow, Closure of Public Conveniences, Concessionary Fares Scheme and Bus services.

b) A planning application had been approved for 60 Care Homes Foldgate Lane Ludlow

**10/56 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:**

Nil

**10/57 Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**10/58 Chairman's Report:**

No Items to report.

**10/59 Planning:**

No planning applications received

**10/60 Highway Items:**

a) Cllr J Whittall enquired if the A49 Road Safety Group had now been disbanded the Clerk would make necessary enquiries.

b) Cllr J Whittall had produced details of appropriate siting of passing places in Wheat Common Lane and had met a representative from Shropshire Council Highways to discuss.

Shropshire Council would consider the request and provide appropriate drawings and specification particularly for the suggested passing place near the A49 Junction.

Cllr J Whittall agreed that he would discuss the matter with Ashford Bowdler Parish Meeting.

c) Shropshire Council had not provided Grit Bins in Wheat Common Lane by the property known as Rhyse and in Mitnell Lane Richards Castle despite a request from the Parish Council.

It was agreed by the Parish Council to purchase two Grit Bins provided Shropshire Council would agree to provide the appropriate Salt/Grit.

d) The Clerk reported that the proposed village speed limit in Overton would not be implemented in this financial year 2010/2011 and due to budgetary constraints was unlikely to proceed in 2011/12.

**10/61 Financial Items:**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Temescape – Grass Cutting St. Bartholomew's Church - £120.00

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 were £3,605.77

c) The Clerk had produced detail of the estimated expenditure for 2011/12 and anticipated that the Parish Council balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 would be £3,140.

The Parish Council after considering the details agreed that the precept for 2011/2012 should remain at £3,140

**10/62 Reports from other Organisations:**

There were no items to report as there had no other meeting held.

**10/51 Parish Plan:**

Funding had been received from Shropshire Council and Herefordshire Council towards the cost of the production of the plan.

**10/52 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011

Chairman