

**The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th July 2010
at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm**

10/16 Present:

Councillors:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

10/17 Apologies:

Cllr B Allwright and Cllr A Wright

10/18 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

Martin updated the meeting on Shropshire Council items with particular reference to the potential cuts that face Shropshire Council with a reduction of £50 million over the next three years initially they would be looking at the non-statutory services run by the Council.

10/19 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Cllr E Davies – Personal and Prejudicial – planning application 10/02546/Full

Cllr N Hall – Personal – planning application 10/02546/Full

10/20 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2010 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

10/21 Chairman's Report:

a) The Chairman gave an update on the Parish plan which had now appointed Elaine Spalding as Chairperson. A grant application for funding to both Herefordshire and Shropshire Councils was to be submitted by the 19th July 2010.

b) The Chairman had attended a consultation meeting organised by Shropshire Council to look at the Future Vision of Primary Education in Shropshire.

10/22 Planning:

The Parish Council had no objection to planning application 10/02546/Full – Erection of an affordable dwelling with detached garage/workshop – Land adjacent to Yew Tree House off Gypsy Lane Richards Castle.

10/23 Highway Items:

Shropshire Council reported on the following items;

a) The Clerk to report the condition of the footpath running from the Village Hall towards Richards Castle which regarded as a dangerous hazard to users.

b) The Highway Agency had removed the displaced lengths of kerbs which were causing a dangerous traffic hazard at the junction of the A49 and the lane opposite Ashford Hall leading to Ashford Carbonell. The Clerk was asked to thank the Highway Agency for undertaking the work.

c) The Shropshire Council is in the process of carrying out a review of the winter service provision. They have all ready commenced an optimisation exercise on established gritting routes, increased salt stock piles and are in the process of procuring additional tractor-mounted gritters for use in particular severe conditions. Shropshire Council wishes to seek views on how they could provide an improved or more appropriate winter service. The Parish Council would request the provision of an additional salt bin in Mitnell Lane Richards Castle.

10/24 Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

N Hall – postage parish plan - £30.72

ALC – annual subscription - £120.32

K Adams – internal audit fee - £50

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the was £5,032.98

10/25 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies reported that the next meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee would be held on the at 7pm on Tuesday 27th July 2010 at Clee Hill Village Hall to which the public are invited to attend.

10/26 Other Items:

The Parish Council still had a vacancy for a Parish Councillor if any person is interested in the vacancy they should contact the Chairman or Clerk to discuss.

10/27 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Wednesday 1st September 2010

Chairman