

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th January 2010 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

09/49 Present:

Councillors:

Cllr N Hall (Chairman)	Cllr B Allwright
Cllr A Cowell	Cllr J Whittall
Cllr A Wright	Cllr E Davies

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

In attendance:

Mr C E Williams (Acting Clerk)

09/50 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

Martin updated the meeting on Shropshire Council items with particular reference to:

- a) The Gritting of the Roads in the current adverse weather.
- b) The adoption of the Speed Activation Policy with Parish and Town Councils being able to hire speed activated signs to be located in nominated areas for a given period the monthly cost of which would be approximately £60.
- c) The Local Development Framework Policy will shortly be available for final consultation.
- d) Subject to a request Shropshire Council will endeavour to provide additional grit bins during the year.

09/51 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

09/52 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th November 2009 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

09/53 Chairman's Report:

a) The Chairman had attended the annual general meeting of SALC which had discussed Draft Constitution and restructure of the Association.

There had been a presentation by the West Mercia Police Authority who demonstrated their new website where you can find out details about local policing and local crime statistics:

<http://www.westmercia.police.uk/localpolicing/>

b) The Chairman had received a thank you letter from Gwen Marsden MBE for the presentation by the Parish Council of a Television on her retirement as Clerk to the Parish Council.

09/54 Planning:

The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

- a) Planning application 09/03650/LBC - The Lodge Overton – Internal alterations to ground and first floors of existing building etc.
- b) Planning application 09/03541/AGR - The Oakery Wheatcommon Lane – Erection of general purpose agricultural building.

09/55 Highway Items:

Shropshire Council reported on the following items;

- a) It was agreed to make a request to Shropshire Council that when the appropriate officers make a visit to consider the 30mph speed limit in Overton that they be asked to look at the current speed restrictions by the Village Hall and in Station Road Woofferton.
- d) The Clerk reported that an order had been placed by Shropshire Council to have the footpath sided throughout the entire section running from the A49 to Ludford Bridge and from Policeman's Corner to Overton Village .
- e) Cllr J Whittall had reported to the Highway Agency the displaced lengths of kerbs which are causing a dangerous traffic hazard at the junction of the A49 and the lane opposite Ashford Hall leading to Ashford Carbonell
- f) The Clerk to request the provision of scalping at the passing places in Wheat Common Lane.

09/56 Amenity Items:

No items

09/57 Parish Plan:

The Chairman reported that there will be a joint parishes meeting on the 23rd February 2010 to discuss the Parish Plan and a Public meeting to be held on the 19th May 2010.

09/58 Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

C E Williams – salary - £450

Temescape – Grass cutting - £96

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 31st December 2009 was £3,289.20

c) The Clerk had produced estimated expenditure details for the financial year 2010/2010 and had provided for the creation of a Memorial Clock Reserve Fund and an Election Reserve Fund.

The Clerk explained that because of an increase in the Council Tax base for the Parish the Council could precept £3,140 which would show a 0% increase in the Band D Council Tax Charge for 2010/2011.

The Parish Council agreed that the precept should be £3,140 for 2010/2011 this would allow for adequate provisions to the newly created Reserve Funds and provision for the implementation of speed restriction signs if appropriate sites are agreed.

09/59 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies had attended the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Hill Rural joint Committee which had considered various grant applications from local organisations.

09/60 Other Items:

The Clerk agreed to produce a website for the parish Council using the free software facilities provided by Shropshire Council

09/48 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 9th March 2010.

Chairman