

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th January 2012 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

11/52 Present:

Councillors:

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

11/53 Apologies:

Cllrs: E Davies, A Cowell and Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith

11/54 Shropshire Councillor:

No Items

11/55 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

11/56 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

11/57 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman had attended a workshop at Craven Arms arranged by Shropshire Council to explain the purpose of the Local Place Plans and their relationship to planning and the Community Infrastructure levy which will be part of the new Localism Act which will identify 2011. The next stage is the publication of the SAMDev Policy Document which will identify sites for development of Housing and Industry in Local Areas.

11/58 Planning:

11/05258/MAW – Installation of a small scale anaerobic digester (AD) to act as a demonstrator project for rural and community based schemes – Barrett's Mill Woofferton – No objection although there were concerns about access.

11/59 Highway Items:

a) Pot Holes - The Clerk was again asked to report the pot holes in Park Lane Woofferton which were dangerous. Since the meeting Shropshire Council have confirmed that the potholes will be repaired and that it is planning to Surface Dress Park Lane and Wheatcommon Lane this coming summer (2012).

The Clerk advised members and the public that if possible they should report matters of this nature by using the Shropshire Council Online reporting system which will automatically generate a job reference number to chase up the matter if un resolved. www.shropshire.gov.uk

b) The Clerk to report the condition of the ditch by the Old Tip Richards Castle which was causing some flooding to the highway.

c) Cllr J Whittall reported that a site meeting had been help with various representatives at Ludford Bridge to discuss the timing of the Traffic Lights. Changes were agreed to the timing of the lights which have been implemented and the concerns raised have been resolved.

d) The Clerk to chase up the provision of the Grit Bin in Mitnell Lane Richards Castle which the Parish Council had ordered through Shropshire Council.

e) The Clerk to report to Streetscene the condition of the verge along the footpath opposite Build Base Station Road Woofferton.

d) The Clerk to clarify with Highways the status of a length of roadway along Mitnall Lane North which is marked Private/No access unless Permission given.

e) The Clerk reported that road works were due to start at the junction of the A49 with the B4361 with the provision of a “Ghost Island” the works would last approximately eight weeks commencing the 6th February 2012 with temporary traffic lights being installed.

11/60 Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council had bank balances of £5,307

b) The following accounts for payment were approved:

Richards Castle Village Hall – repairs to notice board - £20

C E Williams – Salary - £180

Inland Revenue – Tax - £45

c) The Parish Council considered the precept for 2012/13 and agreed that the amount should be remain at £3140.

11/61 Footpath Items:

a) The Chairman would enquire into progress with both the enforcement of Holly Cottage Richards Castle (new driveway and the provision of a new chalet/caravan on land at Overton next to The Oakery.

b) The Chairman would enquire about a footpath which has been blocked up by removing a gateway and taking down a footpath wooden sign and filling the gap with brushwood at Holly Cottage Richards Castle

11/62 Parish Plan:

The questionnaire had been distributed and was due to be returned by the 22nd January 2012 and would then be forwarded to Herefordshire Council for independent analysis.

11/63 Queens Golden Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported that the next meeting of the volunteer group will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

11/64 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20th March 2012, Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Chairman