

**The Draft Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm**

**10/28 Present:**

**Councillors:**

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

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

**10/29 Apologies:**

Cllr A Cowell

**10/30 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:**

Martin updated the meeting on Shropshire Council items with particular reference to the potential cuts that face Shropshire Council which will include senior management and the planning approval for the new school at Ashford which was welcomed by the Parish Council

**10/31 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:**

Cllr A Wright – Personal and Prejudicial – planning application 10/03277/Full – Cllr A Wright was given the opportunity to speak about the application as a member of the Public prior to the parish meeting.

**10/32 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

Mr H Salway of The Lodge Overton Ludlow was co-opted as a parish councillor and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance and was welcomed by the Chairman to the meeting

**10/33 Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**10/34 Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman had attended a planning training session at Cleobury Mortimer which included a presentation on the use of the Shropshire Council Planning Portal

**10/35 Planning:**

- a) Planning application 10/03277/Full – Erection of 13 single storey business units for B1, B2 and B8 use and associated car parking and landscaping and creation of new accesses following demolition of existing buildings – Land adjacent to A49/B4362 Junction, Woofferton – The Parish Council objected to the application the proposed development which is in a rural area is outside the settlements named in policy SDS5 and in the opinion of the Parish Council is a much to large development and not of an appropriate scale for this particular area. Although AC3 Trunk Roads is not a saved policy the Parish Council are of the opinion that access to the site is approached from a very dangerous road junction and although there has been a traffic impact survey produced it does not consider the approach of traffic from the east. The Parish Council also has concerns about drainage and appropriate speed limits in the area.
- b) Planning application 10/02917/LBC – Proposed Astro turf pitch including perimeter fencing, floodlighting and car park affecting a Grade 11 Listed Building – Moor Park School Richards Castle – No Objection
- c) Planning application 10/03576/OHL – The upgrading of existing 11,000 volt overhead line from 2 to 3 wires – Barns Farm Park Lane Woofferton – No Objection

d) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had forwarded the Core Strategy Development Plan Document to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. An examination in Public into the Core strategy will follow in the autumn.

**10/36 Highway Items:**

a) Although some immediate work had been undertaken to the footpath running from the Village Hall towards Richards Castle there was still a considerable number of weeds on the edges of the footpaths the Clerk will refer to Streetscene Shropshire Council.

b) It was reported that there was graffiti on the Welcome to Shropshire sign at Junction of Park Lane Richards Castle and on the adjacent footpath the Clerk will refer the matter to Streetscene Shropshire Council.

c) Cllr J Whittall had received a complaint concerning the delay in the changing of the traffic lights at Ludford Bridge which had been altered following a request from Ludford Parish Council to enable walkers to safely cross the bridge. The Clerk will obtain details of the actual sequence of the lights and report back to the next meeting.

d) Cllr B Allwright raised the concern of the lack of passing places in Wheat Common lane particularly near the junction to the A49 where vehicles found it necessary to reverse onto the A49. Cllr B Allwright and Cllr J Whittall will produce a plan of appropriate siting of a passing place so the matter can be discussed with Shropshire Council.

**10/37 Financial Items:**

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

V Rickards – Grass Cutting - £144.00

Inside Out – Grass Cutting - £196.65

C E Williams – Clerks Disbursement - £450

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the was £4,857.66

**10/38 Reports from other Organisations:**

Cllr E Davies had attended the meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee held at Clee Hill Village Hall and gave detail of the grants made to local organisations.

**10/39 Other Items:**

Her Majesty The Queen will be celebrating her Diamond Jubilee marking 60 years of her reign in 2012 and it has been suggested in a letter received from HM Lord-lieutenant of Shropshire that this should be recognised by town and village events during the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. This will be considered at a future meeting but it was suggested that there could be a village picnic ideas would be welcomed.

**10/40 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Chairman