

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th September 2011 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

11/27 Present:

Councillors:

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

Shropshire Councillor – Martin Taylor Smith

11/28 Apologies:

Nil

11/29 Shropshire Councillor:

Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith gave an update on the proposals for the new Ludlow Hospital and explained that budget cuts at Shropshire Council had been across all services of the Council with major reductions being made at the management level.

The next Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee meeting will be held at Richards Castle Village Hall on Thursday 20th October 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.

11/30 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

11/31 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th July 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

11/32 Chairman's Report:

- a) The Chairman informed the meeting that the Caravan Club had not granted a licence for the provision of a maximum of five touring caravans to be sited at Cloverfold Richards Castle.
- b) The Chairman had communicated with the Enforcement Officer of Shropshire Council concerning the appearance of a wooden cabin and caravans on land at the Oakery Overton. The Enforcement Officer and the Councils Gypsy Liaison Officer had visited the site and noted the issues raised in relation to the enforcement issues and would keep the Parish Council informed of Shropshire Councils intended course of action.
- c) The Chairman had arranged the repair of the Parish Council Notice Boards for the cost of £20 this being agreed by the Parish Council.
- d) The Chairman referred to the document produced by Shropshire Council "Delivering Local Priorities" which had been forwarded by email to all Parish Councillors by the Clerk for information. The next Consultation Policy Document that will be issued by Shropshire Council (November 2011) will be the Sites and Management of Development (SAMDev) in relation to use of land for provision for Future Housing and Industrial Development which will take account of delivering local priorities and will need to be considered by the Parish Council.

11/33 Planning:

11/03783/full – Holly Cottage Richards Castle – Erection of two sided storey extension at rear and single storey sun room to west– the Parish Council had No Objection to the application.

11/34 Highway Items:

- a) Vehicle Activated Sign – The Clerk reported that future consideration would be given to a vehicle activated sign to be placed on the verge near the Builders Merchants (Buildbase) providing a warning to vehicle users travelling towards the A49.

b) It was reported that the Shropshire Council had made improvements to the three passing bays in Wheatcommon Lane for which the parish council expressed thanks.

However improvements were still required to the bell mouth of the passing bay at the junction with the A49 to allow better access.

c) The Clerk reported that a grant of £750 had been received from Shropshire Council for minor environmental and highway maintenance work.

11/35 Financial Items:

The Parish Council had bank balances of £5,926

The following accounts for payment were approved:

Mazars – Audit Fee - £60

C E Williams – quarterly salary - £180.00

Inland Revenue – Tax - £45.00

Inside out – Grass Cutting St Bartholomew’s Church - £206.67

Temescape – Grass Cutting All Saints - £72.00

The External Auditors had certified the Parish Council Accounts for the financial year ended the 31st March 2011.

11/36 Reports from other Organisations:

The Chairman reported that had attended a meeting concerning the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations for June 2011 where various events were considered – provision of Hog Roast, ringing of Church Bells and the provision of a Beacon – the next meeting will be held on November 9th 2011 at the Village Hall to which any interested people were welcome.

11/37 Parish Plan:

The questionnaire was near completion and will shortly be issued to all residents of the parish.

11/38 Items from Parish Councillors:

Cllr B Allwright - referred to the national registration of septic tanks which had now been deferred.

11/39 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 22nd November 2011, Tuesday 17th January 2012, Tuesday 20th March 2012, Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Chairman