

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd November 2011 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

11/40 Present:

Councillors:

Cllr N Hall (Chairman) Cllr J Whittall
Cllr E Davies Cllr H Salwey
Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

11/41 Apologies:

Cllrs: B Allwright, A Wright, A Cowell and Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith

11/42 Shropshire Councillor:

No Items

11/43 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

11/44 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

11/45 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman had attended the annual meeting of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils which received a presentation from the West Mercia Police Authority and the Primary Care Trust on the impact of service cuts.

There were discussions about recycling and the Localism Bill which will give greater powers to Local Councils and Communities over housing and planning decisions.

It should be noted that the non urgent contact number for the Police is 101

11/45 Planning:

a) Holly Cottage Richards Castle – The Parish Council had been made aware of the development of a new access to the property and had referred this to Shropshire Council to enquire if this should have been subject to a planning application.

b) The Oakery Wheatcommon Lane Richards Castle – It was noted that the erection of a general agricultural building approved November 2009 – Planning Application 09/03451/AGR had commenced the Clerk will obtain details of the original application for members to ensure that the building complies with the application.

c) Ludlow and Surrounding Area Place Plan – The Parish Council had been asked by Shropshire Council if it wishes to make any amendments or additions to the Place Plan in respect of the Parish Council area.

The Place Plan is effectively a record of requests for improvements to the future Investments in Infrastructure development which may have been identified by the Local Community, the Production of a Parish Plan or the Parish Council.

The Parish Council suggested that the following items be added to the Place Plan:

- a) Improvements to Policeman's Corner Overton
- b) Improvements to the A49 Junction with Woofferton
- c) Extension of the footpath from Richards Castle Village Hall to the South Entrance of All Saints Church Yard.

11/46 Highway Items:

- a) Speed Limit – Cllr J Whittall referred to the Speed Limit Review that had been undertaken by Herefordshire Council and the findings on the B4361 at Richards Castle are that the existing 40 mph should be considered for reduction to a 30 mph approximately for the extent that it runs in Herefordshire and requested that a request be made to Shropshire Council to have this limit extended to the existing 40mph sign past the village hall.
- b) Pot Holes - The Clerk was asked to report the pot holes in Park lane Woofferton.

11/47 Financial Items:

The Parish Council had bank balances of £5,307
The following accounts for payment were approved:
Inside out – Grass Cutting St Bartholomew’s Church - £206.67
Temescape – Grass Cutting All Saints - £144.00
ALC – Conference Delegate Fee - £20

11/48 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies reported on the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Cleve Local Joint Committee which had received a presentation from the Police, on broadband facilities and proposals for the new Ludlow Hospital. The Parish Council were pleased to note that a grant of £600 had been given by the Joint Committee for improvements to the Lighting at All Saints Church.

Cllr Davies explained the procedure for the approval of grants to local organisations and it was suggested by the Parish Council that the Local Joint Committee should consider inviting all groups who had submitted a grant application to make a brief presentation at the Joint Committee Meeting.

11/49 Parish Plan:

The questionnaire will be distributed during December 2011.

11/50 Queens Golden Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported that the volunteer group had meet recently and it had been suggested that there will be a fete on Saturday 2nd June 2011, Church Service followed by Lunch in the village Hall on Sunday 3rd June 2011 and the lighting of the Beacon on Hanway Common on Monday 4th June 2011 for which Cllr H Salwey would verify insurance implications.

11/51 Next Meeting:

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

Chairman