

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th March 2010 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

09/62 Present:

Councillors:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

09/63 Apologies:

Cllr A Cowell

09/64 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

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

- a) The Final Core Strategy Plan which was now subject to consultation with representations to be made by the 29th March 2010. The plan covers the period 2006 – 2026 and gives details of projected development within Shropshire which will primarily be centred on the main market towns. The next report to be produced which is due for publication on the 2nd April 2010 will be the Site Allocation and Management of Documents in relation to the Core Strategy with a consultation period of twelve weeks.
- b) A planning training session hosted by Ludlow Town Council was being held at Stone House Ludlow on the 16th March 2010 commencing 7.00pm if any member wished to attend.

09/65 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

09/66 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2010 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

09/67 Chairman's Report:

- a) A training session had been arranged for the 23rd March 2010 at Culmington Village Hall commencing 6.30pm on the Code of Conduct to which members are invited.
- b) The Chairman had attended the meeting of the South Shropshire association of Parish and Town Councils which discussed the new structure and constitutions of SALC which will from the 1st April 2010 incorporate Telford Councils. There was some discussion concerning the role of the Local Joint Committees and the Area Committees of Parish and Town Councils and possible duplication on issues that may be considered. The next meeting of the area committee will be held at Craven Arms with guest speakers from Shropshire Council to give an update on Recycling issues and the Local Police.
- c) The Chairman had attended a meeting on the Ludlow Town Plan which considered the development of leisure facilities at the Linney and the provision of a transport hub in Ludlow.
- d) The Chairman had attended a meeting of the League of Friends which will ballot its members in relation to the siting of the new Ludlow Hospital and existing surgeries.

09/68 Planning:

The meeting confirmed that Mr T Hodnett Clive House Bromfield meets the requirements of a local connection in respect of an affordable housing. The Parish Council will consider its views in relation to the development of an affordable house on land situated in the parish when an appropriate planning application is received for comment.

09/69 Highway Items:

Shropshire Council reported on the following items;

- a) The Chairman reported that Shropshire Council had cleared the verges of the footpath throughout the entire section running from the A49 to Ludford Bridge and from Policeman's Corner part of Overton Village. The Clerk was asked to request the completion of the clearance of the footpath in Overton Village.
- b) The Highway Agency had still not repaired 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 the Clerk would pursue this item.
- c) The Clerk to report potholes in Park Lane Woofferton

09/70 Parish Plan:

There will be a joint meeting of representatives of both parishes to discuss and prepare for the launch of the preparation of the Parish Plan on Saturday 5th June 2010 (12.00-2.00pm) which will seek volunteers from members of the public to form the steering group

09/71 Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

C E Williams – salary - £225

WS Cadwallader – Cutting of Church Hedge - £60

b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 28th February was £2,862.20

09/72 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies reported on the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint committee which had primarily discussed the proposed new hospital and doctor's surgeries to be sited at the Eco Park, The Sheet with the provision of 28 beds at present 40 beds.

The Local Police reported that there had been an overall increase in crime detection rates from 25% to 32% however there was an increase in the amount of burglaries from Sheds and Outbuildings.

09/73 Other Items:

a) The Clerk reported that the website for the Parish Council using the free software facilities provided by Shropshire Council should be completed by the end of March 2010.

b) The Parish Council still had a vacancy for a parish councillor if any person is interested in the vacancy they should contact the Chairman or Clerk to discuss.

09/74 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 11th May 2010.

Chairman