

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

10/41 Present:

Councillors:

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

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor-Smith

10/42 Apologies:

Cllr A Cowell, Cllr A Wright and Mr H Salway

10/43 Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

Martin updated the meeting on Shropshire Council items:

- a) The building of the new school at Ashford Carbonell should commence on the 18th November 2010.
- b) The land for the proposed new hospital at Ludlow had been purchased and the contract was now out to tender.
- c) There was a continued review of the Shropshire Council Budget with cuts in various services to be announced in December 2010. Shropshire Council has to make savings of £66 million over the next four years.

10/44 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

10/45 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September 2010 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

10/46 Chairman's Report:

The Chairman had attended the following meetings:

- a) A discussion with Ludlow Town Council on the proposed Ludlow Plan
- b) The South Shropshire Association of local Councils which had received a presentation on the Kick Start Home Improvement Scheme, and proposed cuts to the Shropshire Council Budget.
- c) The Shropshire Housing group which gave a presentation of the work that has been undertaken in Shropshire.
- d) The Annual Meeting of the Association of Local Councils which had discussed the reorganisation of the association with cuts having been made to the administrative staff and future affiliation fees.

10/47 Planning:

The 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 had been approved – The Parish Council will continue to press for a 30mph speed limit on the B4362.

10/48 Highway Items:

- a) Cllr J Whittall reported on the recent meeting of the A49 Road Safety Group at which there were concerns about the future of the group as a representative from the Highway Agency would not be available at future meetings due to budget cuts.

The Parish Council were of the opinion that without appropriate representation from the Highways Agency the group should not continue.

- b) Cllr J Whittall raised his concern at the overgrown verge and weeds on the pavement from Richards Castle Village Hall to the Village Boundary the Clerk will take this matter up with Streetscene Shropshire Council as the pathway was hazardous to users.
- c) Cllr J Whittall and Cllr B Allwright produced details of appropriate siting of passing places in Wheat Common Lane for which an application will now be submitted to the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee subject to consultation with Ashford Bowdler Parish Meeting on the suggested passing place near the A49 junction.
- d) The Clerk will request the provision of Grit Bins in Wheat Common Lane by the property known as Rhyse and in Mitnell Lane Richards Castle.
- e) Cllr J Whittall reported that Streetscene had removed the graffiti at the entrance to Richards Castle Village and that repairs were required to the 40mph signs adjacent to the Village hall and outside Park Lane the details of which will be reported to Shropshire Council Highways.

10/49 Financial Items:

- a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Inside Out – Grass Cutting - £196.65

N Hall – Purchase of Parish Maps for Parish Plan - £180.84

Mazars – external audit fee with the external auditors having approved the accounts for the financial year 2009/2010.

- b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 31st October 2010 was £4,052.01

10/50 Reports from other Organisations:

Cllr E Davies reported on the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Hill Local Joint Committee which had received a presentation on the Rural Broadband Project that should provide 100% coverage to Ludlow and surrounding parishes including Caynham Parish Council area. Details were also provided on Voluntary Opportunities, Crime Statistics and grant funding to local organisations with £7,000 being given to the Ludlow Boxing Club.

10/51 Parish Plan:

The next meeting of the Parish Plan steering group will be held on the 9th December 2010 a submission for funding of the production of the plan the cost of which is estimated at £2,500 had been made to Shropshire Council and Herefordshire Council.

10/52 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Tuesday 11th January 2011

Chairman