

**The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm**

**12/48 Present:**

**Councillors:**

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

**12/49 Apologies:**

Cllr A Cowell

**12/50 Shropshire Councillor/Members of the Public:**

Two members of the Public were present.

Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith reported on Shropshire Council Items referring to the off street and car parking charges in Ludlow, development of the new hospital Ludlow.

**12/51 Declaration of Registrable/Other Interests:**

Due to changes in the Localism Act 2011 the Parish Council were required to grant Parish Councillors a Dispensation to discuss and determine the Precept requirements for 2013/14 as they would all have a registrable interest. It was proposed by Cllr N Hall and seconded by Cllr A Wright and agreed by the Council that dispensation be-given to all Councillors to determine the precept requirement for 2013/14.

**12/52 Minutes:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman which had received a report on the Localism Act 2011 and the implications to the local community.

**12/53 Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Annual Meeting of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 which had received a report on the Localism Act 2011 and the implications to the local community.

The Chairman has had the old mile stone which was originally situated by the Church restored; Councillors were of the opinion that it should be placed back near the roadside by Rose Cottage Richards Castle.

**12/54 Planning:**

a) Planning application 12/04173/OUT Salwey Arms, Station Road, Woofferton

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 2 no. dwellings; formation of vehicular access; erection of 1.8m brick wall (to include access appearance layout and scale).

It was noted that due to the sale of the Salwey Arms the planning application had been withdrawn.

b) The Clerk had issued a briefing paper on the current position regarding the Sites and Management of Development process being undertaken by Shropshire Council in respect of Housing and Industry which is primarily based on the local market towns.

**12/55 Highway /Footpath Items:**

a) The Clerk to pursue the flooding/land drainage issue at Woofferton with Shropshire Council.

b) Cllr J Whittall had reported by phone a flooding issue to Shropshire Council and although the matter has been resolved by local landowners he had received no acknowledgement from Shropshire Council. The Clerk suggested that due to the limited staff at Shropshire Council that all calls should be lodged with the Customer Help Desk at Shropshire Council who then allocates a job number which can be tracked.

**12/56 Financial Items:**

a) The Clerk had produced a statement of anticipated Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2013/14 and estimated that the balances at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 would be £5,200.

The Clerk explained that from April 2013 that Central Government has changed the way Council Tax Benefit will work and that it will now be managed through a localised scheme which impacts on Parish and Town Councils Council Tax Levy.

To enable no increase in the Parish Council Tax rate it was proposed by Cllr N Hall and seconded by Cllr J Whittall and agreed by the Parish Council that the annual precept for 2013/14 be reduced from £3,140 to £2,983.

b) The following accounts for payment ere approved;

C E Williams – Salary -£135

Inland Revenue – Tax - £90

ALC – Annual Meeting - £20

Temescape – Grass Cutting - £120

**12/56 Parish Plan:**

The Parish Council were awaiting the production of the Parish Plan before it considers what steps that it needs to undertake to respond to any actions requested by the Local Community.

**12/57 Other Items:**

a) Cllr B Allwright raised the item weekly of Lunches organised by the Red Cross at the Village Hall Richards Castle who were in need of new cutlery which would be retained at the hall, the parish Council agreed in principle to providing a grant which will be considered at the next meeting.

b) Cllr J Whittall raised the issue of the minutes not being published in the Richards Castle News the Chairman explained that the matter had now been resolved.

**12/47 Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Chairman