

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2012 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

11/65 Present:

Councillors:

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

11/66 Apologies:

Cllr A Wright

11/67 Shropshire Councillor/Members of the Public:

- a) Mr and Mrs A Hall attended the meeting to clarify the position regarding the track at the top of Mitnell Lane which is a private lane and should not be used by anybody either on foot or in a vehicle and were concerned that this matter has again been raised at a Parish Council Meeting.
- b) Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith referred to the development of the proposed new Ludlow Hospital which will shortly receive planning approval and with the Strategic Health Authority to meet early May to consider final funding approval.

The New Caravan site on Overton Road will be officially opened in April 2012 concern was expressed at the development of the new "Ghost Island" and the width of the Highway, the Chairman will verify details on the appropriate plans.

Councillors were also concerned about the number of repairs being undertaken in Ludlow with the closure of several roads; however Martin assured the meeting that repairs will be kept to a minimum and appropriate diversions put into place.

11/68 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Nil

11/69 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th January 2011 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

11/70 Chairman's Report:

- a) The Chairman had attended a training session on "Chairmanship"
 - b) The Chairman referred to an email received from Moor Park School requesting support from the Parish Council in the schools bid for appropriate funding from the Lottery Sport England for Astro Turf facilities benefiting not only the school but also the local community.
- The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

11/71 Planning:

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had issued the Consultation Document SAMDev Potential sites for future Housing and Industrial Development up to 2026 in the Ludlow and surrounding area comments on the report should be submitted by the 8th June 2012. The document can be viewed on the Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk

11/72 Highway /Footpath Items:

- a) The Parish Council were very grateful to Mr and Mrs A Hall for clarifying the matter regarding the private lane at the top of Mitnell Lane and the Chairman apologised for any misunderstanding that may have occurred about this matter in the past. All walkers and drivers are requested therefore not to use the lane but keep to the marked bridleway on the right hand side.
- b) The Clerk to ask the Highway agency to provide appropriate road markings to the turning of Wyson road/Station Drive from the A49.

11/73 Financial Items:

- a) The following accounts for payment were approved:
C E Williams – Salary - £180
Inland Revenue – Tax - £45
C E Williams – Expenses - £92.75

Richards Castle Village Hall – Hire of Room- £24

W S Cadwallader – Cutting of Hedge New Church - £72

b) The Parish Council considered the estimate for grass cutting at St Bartholomew's Church from Temescape at a cost of £48.00 per cut and it was agreed that this be accepted for the next three years.

11/74 Parish Plan:

Analysis of the returned questionnaires was still awaited

11/75 Queens Golden Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported appropriate arrangements were being made for the celebrations which will include the provision of Jubilee Mugs for school children in the Parish.

The parish Council agreed a provision of £200 towards the costs of the celebrations.

11/76 Other Items:

a) Cllr E Davies provided details of the grants that had been provided by the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee for the financial year 2011/12.

b) Cllr J Whittall raised the problem of Dog Fouling in Park Lane and requested that appropriate signs be considered – the Clerk had referred this matter to Streetscene Shropshire Council.

c) Cllr J Whittall Cllr Whittle discussed warning signs in respect of deer crossing the B 4361 between Batchcott and Overton and also signs warning of horse riding in Overton along the B4361. However it is noted that there are already two warning signs in place. The Clerk had referred this matter to Shropshire Council highways for consideration.

11/77 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 22nd May 2012

Chairman