

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 12th March 2013 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 8.00pm

12/59 Present:

Councillors:

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

12/60 Apologies:

Cllr A Wright

12/61 Shropshire Councillor/Members of the Public:

Cllr Martin Taylor Smith updated the Parish Council on Shropshire Council issues with reference to the 40mph speed restrictions introduced through Overton, the reduction in the Council Tax rate in the South Shropshire Area by 4.5% and the repairs required to the Ludlow Town Walls. The Parish Council recorded its thanks to Martin for attending the Parish Council Meetings and for responding to local issues raised.

12/62 Declaration of Registrable/Other Interests:

Nil

12/63 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2013 were approved by the Council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman with the addition of Cllr E Davies as being present.

12/64 Chairman's Report:

- a) The Chairman had attended the recent meeting of the South Shropshire Area of Parish and Town Council which had received a presentation on the Church Stretton Partnership Scheme and the Inspiring Partnership and Enterprise Group being set up by Shropshire Council for the running of various services the initial service being catering.
- b) The Clerk referred to the timetable for the Local Parish and Town Council elections which will be held on the 2nd May 2013, those persons wishing to stand for election to the Parish Council must submit the appropriate nomination papers to the Elections Office Shropshire Council by 12.00 noon 5th April 2013.
- c) The Clerk had forwarded to all Councillors a report from the new Police and Crime Commissioner seeking views on innovative Local Policing Plans. The Parish Council expressed its concern at the proposed closure of Ludlow Police Station and the lack of police presence in the area.

12/65 Planning:

The Clerk had circulated details of the proposed Draft Development Planning Policies issued by Shropshire Council which will replace any save policies from the former District/Borough Councils and will provide one set of policies to cover the whole administrative area of Shropshire Council.

12/66 Highway /Footpath Items:

The Clerk to report to the highways section the subsidence of the roadway in Wyson Lane Wofferton by the side of the Salway Alms

12/67 Financial Items:

- a) The Parish Council had balance of £5,721.47

Accounts approved for payment:

ALC – Training - £20

Inland Revenue - £120 – Tax

C E Williams – Clerks Net Salary and Expenses - £187.87

- b) Cllr B Allwright read a letter received from Rosemary Harral concerning the Lunch Club that had been set up at the Village Hall and the Parish Councils donation of 50% towards the cost of cutlery which will revert to the property of the Village Hall should the lunch club cease to function.

The Parish Council approved a grant of £37.50

12/68 Parish Plan:

The Draft Parish Plan was in the process of being completed.

12/69 Other Items:

a) Cllr E Davies gave an update on the recent meeting of the Ludlow and Clee Local Joint Committee which had received a presentation by the South Shropshire Youth Forum and had dealt with grant applications from Local Organisations.

b) Cllr J Whittall raised the issue of a Community Website for Richards Castle to which the Parish Council agreed in principle.

c) Cllr N Hall, Cllr B Allwright and Cllr E Davies would not be standing for re-election to the Parish Council.

Cllr N Hall thanked the other Councillors and the Clerk for their help and support over the his past three years as Chairman.

12/70 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.00pm

Chairman