

The Minutes of Richards Castle (Shropshire) Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 at the Village Hall Richards Castle commencing at 7.30pm

14/01 Present:

Councillors:

Cllr H Salwey (Chairman)

Cllr J Whittall, Cllr T Harral, Cllr B Anderson and Cllr A Wright

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

Members of the Public

Members of the Public were present

14/02 Apologies:

Cllr A Cowell

14/03 Declaration of personal/prejudicial interest:

Personal – Cllr T Harral – Footpath Mitnell lane

14/05 Election of Chairman for the Year

Cllr H Salwey

14/06 Election of Vice-Chairman for the Year

Cllr J Whittall who will also be the Councils representative on the Ludlow and Clee Area local Joint Committee.

14/07 Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman, subject to Shropshire Councillor not being present.

14/07 Chairman's Report:

a) The Chairman reported that a new Contractor will undertake the grass cutting at St Bartholomew's Church Yard the parish Council agreed to continue with a contribution towards the work

b) The Clerk reported that the final consultation on the SAMDev Plan (Shropshire Allocation of sites for housing and Employment Land to the Year 2026) had now been completed by Shropshire Council and that this would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. It is anticipated that the plan would be implemented by the summer 2015.

c) The Clerk reported that the Parish Plan had now been completed with actions to be considered by both Richards castle Parish Councils.

The Parish Council wished to place on record its thanks for the work undertaken by Mr M Saunders and other volunteers the implications of the plan would be reviewed at a future meeting.

14/08 Highway Items/Amenity Items/Footpath items:

a) Shropshire Council had undertaken the drainage work in Station Road Wofferton.

b) The Clerk reported on the disputed footpath at Mitnell Lane Richards Castle where 24 witness Statement of use had been submitted to Shropshire Council. In an effort to resolve this outstanding issue and to ensure that it was properly investigated by Shropshire Councils Footpaths Officer it is suggested that the Parish Council consider an application under Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to determine issues relating to a disputed Right of Way in Mitnell Lane Richards Castle. The Parish Council in an effort to resolve the disputed footpath and without giving support for or against the addition of a footpath agreed to submit an application under Section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

(Since the Parish Council Meeting an application has been submitted by a private individual and therefore the application has not been proceeded with by the Parish Council, who will not consider the matter again until formally consulted by the Footpaths Officer Shropshire Council)

14/09 Financial Items:

a) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Richards Castle Village Hall - Hire of hall - £90

Broker Network Ltd – Annual Insurance - £265

K Adams – Internal auditor - £27.50

SALC – Annual subscription - £154.39

b) The accounts for the financial Year 20113/14 had been audited and the Annual governance Statement for the external auditors had been completed.

The parish Council agreed the Annual Governance Statement which was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

c) The Parish Council approved a grant of £25 towards the WW1 Commemorative Service Tea Party

14/10 Items raised by Parish Councillors:

No items to report

14/11 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.30pm

Chairman