

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PU

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall

10/16 Present:

Cllrs: S Broom, M Saunders, G Lambourn J Barnett
Cllr M Saunders chaired the meeting due to the later attendance of R Thomas
Cllr G Whitmarsh attended part of the meeting
Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

10/17 Apologies:

Apologies were received from D English

10/18 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

10/19 To Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10/20 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

Nil

10/21 Chairpersons Items:

The Parish Council had received a letter from the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Herefordshire Council concerning the suggestion the two separate Richards Castle Parish Councils be merged.

“Whilst the two Parish Councils of Richard’s Castle are unable to join as one due to them being with 2 different Districts, they can work together on joint projects where the situation lends itself to this scenario.

Any joint work should be fully documented regarding the roles played by each Parish and be fully agreed prior to commencement. However this can only relate to situations where a common goal is to be achieved.

Joint work cannot be used in situations which relate solely to one side of the County border i.e. a discussion on a Herefordshire Council planning application. The roles of the two parishes will have to remain separate on issues such as this.”

The Parish Council noted the contents of the letter.

10/22 Highway items:

The Parish Council had received a survey from Herefordshire Council concerning the provision of salt bins within the Parish Area. The Parish Council were happy with the current level of service.

10/23 Planning Applications:

No planning applications

10/24 Report from Representatives who have attended meetings of other Organisations:

Cllr S Broom had attended the Emergency Planning Coordinators meeting with Herefordshire Council which had discussed the production of an Emergency Plan. For the parish area Steve will produce a list of relevant emergency contact telephone numbers and addresses which could then be-considered by the Parish Plan Group.

10/25 Financial Items:

The following accounts for payment were approved by the Parish Council:

- a) Hitrees – Lengthsman scheme - £191.53
- b) G Corfield – Provision of refreshments Parish Plan - £61.17

The Acting Clerk had produced a statement of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2009/2010 and had completed the annual return for the external auditors.

The Parish Council approved the annual accounts and the statement to the external auditors which was signed by the Chairman.

The Accounts would now be made available to the internal auditor and external auditor and advertised for public inspection.

10/26 Update of the Parish Plan:

Clr M Saunders updated the Parish Council on the Parish Plan with a meeting being arranged for interested parishioners for Tuesday 29th June 2010 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall which will be attended by Sophie Pryce from Community First.

The purpose of the meeting will be to form a Parish Plan Steering Group and to consider the next steps to enable the production of an appropriate plan.

10/27 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received the following information which had been circulated to Parish Councillors

Newsletter Herefordshire Police

New Dog Control orders

Herefordshire year in the Orchard 2011

10/28 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th July 2010 commencing at 7.30pm Richard's Castle Village Hall

Chairperson