

**RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall**

**11/42 Present:**

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: J Barnett (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs: D English, S Broom, M Saunders, G Whitmarsh (Part of Meeting)

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

**11/43 Apologies:**

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

**11/44 Members of the Public:**

No Items

**11/45 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:**

Nil

**11/46 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**11/47 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:**

No items to report

**11/48 Highway items:**

a) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had cleared the footpath from the Village Hall to the entrance of the village.

b) It was noted that the wall adjacent to the letter box had still not been repaired.

c) The Chairman had reported to Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen the overgrown branches above the streetlight in Orchard Close Richards Castle.

d) The Parish Council had received a copy of the Herefordshire Bus Service Review which had no impact on the Richards Castle Area.

e) The Clerk to report to Shropshire Castle the missing Richards Castle Village Sign by the Old Rectory Batchcot.

**11/49 Planning Applications:**

Planning application DMN/111418/F – Conversion of art of dwelling to single unit holiday let accommodation – High Bank Richards Castle – No Objection to the application

**11/50 Financial Items:**

The following account was approved for payment by the Parish Council:

Hitrees – Lengthsman Scheme - £210.00

Temescape – St Bartholomew’s Church – grass cutting - £72.00

Inside Out – St Bartholomew’s Church – grass cutting - £206.67

**11/51 Update of the Parish Plan:**

Cllr M Saunders updated the meeting on the progress of the Parish Plan with the questionnaire now being drafted with distribution and collection being undertaken by volunteers in October 2011.

**11/52 Herefordshire Council:**

The Parish Council noted the details of the Joint Herefordshire and Shropshire Councils Housing Strategy which gives as its priorities:

1. Adequate and appropriate housing is provided in partnership to meet the current and future needs of local communities.
2. Existing stock is of a high quality and used effectively
3. Residents are empowered through having access to appropriate and timely housing support and advice about housing options.

**11/53 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:**

A Meeting had been arranged for the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for all interested persons and organisations to discuss appropriate celebrations.

**11/54 Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Chairman