

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2011 commencing at 7.30pm
Richards Castle Village Hall**

10/97 Present:

Cllr R Thomas (Chairperson)

Cllrs: M Saunders, J Barnett, D English, G Lambourn, S Broome and G Whitmarsh

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

10/98 Apologies:

Nil

10/99 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

10/100 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th January 2011 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to S Broome declaring a personal interest in planning application DMN/103101/L.

10/101 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

The wooden planters had been installed by the signs at the entrance to the village and will be planted early spring. The meeting thanked G Lambourn for undertaking the work.

10/102 Chairpersons Items:

The Clerk reported that the meeting that any person wishing to stand for election as Parish Councillor must submit appropriate nomination papers to Herefordshire Electoral Services by Monday 4th April 2011 by (noon). If anyone requires any information contact the elections office 01432 260107.

10/103 Highway items:

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen agreed to refer the following items to the highway section:

- a) Condition of the road surface between Rock Crossroads and the new church All Saints Richards Castle.
- b) There were still problems with large vehicles using the narrow road along Woodhouse Lane to the Rock, the Clerk to pursue Shropshire Council for the provision of "not suitable for HGV Vehicles" signs.

10/104 Planning Applications:

Herefordshire Council had granted planning permission to Planning Application DMN/103101/L – Proposed Conversion of Barn into Dwelling – Barn at Court House Farm Richards Castle.

10/105 Financial Items:

- a) The following account was approved for payment by the Parish Council:
 - C E Williams- Disbursement and expenses - £532.46
 - G Lambourn – Materials for planters - £30.00
 - J Barnett – Compost for planters - £15.00
- b) Bank balances after approved payments would be £7,824.34

10/106 Update of the Parish Plan:

Cllr M Saunders updated the Parish Council on the production of the Parish Plan for which several consultation events were planned which includes a Planning for Real Event to be held at Moor Park in May 2011.

The Steering group were setting up various focus groups and would hope to produce the public questionnaire during the summer.

Details of events and minutes of the steering group meetings will be place on the Richards Castle (Shropshire) PC website which also included information about Richards Castle (Herefordshire) PC <http://www.2shrop.net/richardscastle>.

10/107 Herefordshire Council:

Cllr S Bowen reported on items referring to Herefordshire Council

Reference was made to the letter received from the Leader of Herefordshire Council about the Budget cuts with the aim to cut the cost of services rather than services themselves.

There was a demand for the Schools Policy to be reviewed and brought up to date reflecting current need.

10/108 Footpath Items:

Following a request from the landowner the Parish Council is seeking funding for a new kissing gate f at Easter Bush Lane and a new finger post at Castle Road.

10/109 Correspondence:

The Clerk to check if the Parish Council need to Register with the Information Commissioner for Data Protection Purposes the annual cost of which is £35.00.

10/110 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th April 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richard's Castle Village Hall

Chairperson