

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th February 2012 commencing at 7.30pm Courtlands Orchards Rise Richards Castle

11/90 Present:

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: D English, G Whitmarsh, J Barnet,

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

11/91 Apologies:

Cllr S Lowden and S Broom

11/92 Members of the Public and Councillor S Bowen:

Cllr S Bowen reported that Herefordshire Council and the Police Authority would not be increasing the Council Tax for the next financial year 2012/13.

The Amey Highways contract was subject to renewal and a further £7million had to be saved from the Social Services budget

11/93 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Personal – Cllr R Thomas – Footpath items opposite Springfield Richards Castle

11/94 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the addition of S Lowden as being present.

11/95 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

A site meeting had been held to consider planning application DMN/113469/F – Proposed relocation four bed dwelling with detached garage for replacement fire damaged three bedroom houses – Hill Top Farm, The Goggin, Richards Castle – The Parish Council had no objection although there were some concerns about the boundary fence and current access.

11/96 Highway items/Footpath Items:

- a) The Parish Council agreed to install a gate on the footpath opposite Springfield Richards Castle
- b) Cllr S Bowen through the Welcome to our Future organisation agreed to donate a bench which would be sited at The Green Richards Castle with the Parish Council being responsible for future maintenance.
- c) The bench to be sited on the main road by the bridge on the border of Herefordshire and Shropshire had been purchased at a cost of £273 and will shortly be installed.
- d) Cllr S Bowen will report the potholes Woodhouse Lane/Longlands and the surface water at The Rock caused by spring water.
- e) The Clerk to enquire with Herefordshire Council if there was any data available from the deployment of the Speed Indicator Device.

11/97 Planning Items:

The Clerk reported that planning application information was now available on the Herefordshire Council Website where plans/documents can be viewed and observations submitted online.

11/98 Financial Items:

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

Herefordshire Council – SID - £120.00

Caple Ltd – Bench - £273.00

St Leonards Press – Booklets Parish Plan - £333.50

Seconds and Co- Stationary Parish Plan - £14.40

11/99 Update of the Parish Plan:

CLlr M Saunders reported that 143 questionnaires had been returned which represented 60% with the data now being analysed by Herefordshire Council.

11/100 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported on arrangements for the Jubilee Celebrations with there being an Open Garden event on the 2nd June 2012.

The Chairman will provide details of the Firework/Beacon event so that the Clerk may send the details to the Councils insurers.

11/101 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 13th March 2011, Tuesday 10th April 2012, Tuesday 15th May 2012

Chairman