

## **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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall**

#### **10/83 Present:**

Cllr R Thomas (Chairperson)

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

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

#### **10/84 Apologies:**

Apologies were received from G Whitmarsh

#### **10/85 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:**

Nil

#### **10/86 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### **10/87 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:**

Nil

#### **10/88 Chairpersons Items:**

The Clerk reported that the Herefordshire Council and Parish Council Elections will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 with the last day of nominations being the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Nomination packs will be available from the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

#### **10/89 Highway items:**

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

- a) Condition of the road surface between the Pub and Orchard Rise Richards Castle.
- b) The problem of overhanging trees Woodhouse Lane Richards Castle.
- c) The provision of advisory signs "Not suitable for HGV vehicles" along Woodhouse Lane to the Rock, the Clerk will write to Shropshire Council to request at the entrance to Manor House lane.
- d) Street Light faults in Orchards Rise Richards Castle.

#### **10/90 Planning Applications:**

The Parish Council had no objection to planning application DMN/103101/L – Proposed conversion of barn into dwelling – Barn at Court House Farm Richards Castle.

#### **10/91 Financial Items:**

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

WS Cadwallader – Lengthsman Scheme - £676.80

Temescape – Grass Cutting St Bartholomew's Church - £120.00

Herefordshire Council – Deployment of speed indicator - £117.50

Hitrees – Lengthsman Scheme - £141.00

b) Bank balances were £9219.60 which included the grant payment from Shropshire Council of £706 and Herefordshire Council of £353.00 towards the production of the Parish Plan.

The Parish Council agreed that there should be no increase in the precept amount and that it should remain at £3,000 for the financial year 2011/12.

**10/92 Update of the Parish Plan:**

Cllr M Saunders updated the Parish Council on the production of the Parish Plan and the need to consider the impact to local services of any budgetary cuts being made by Herefordshire Council and Shropshire Council.

**10/93 Herefordshire Council:**

Cllr S Bowen reported on items referring to Herefordshire Council

The Council were still looking at ways of reducing the annual budget with the government reducing grant support by 13.3% for the next financial year which will have a serious impact on service delivery.

**10/94 Footpath Items:**

There were concerns about the condition of some of the footpath styles it was agreed that these should be repaired and ask Peter Sallis (Footpaths Officer) to liaise with Richard Bayliss with the cost being met from the Footpaths Grant.

**10/95 Correspondence:**

There was some discussion concerning HM Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations May and June 2012 following a letter received from HM Lord-Lieutenant of Herefordshire this item will be again be discussed at a future meeting.

**10/96 Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richard's Castle Village Hall

Chairperson