

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th July 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall

11/28 Present:

Cllr: J Barnett (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs: D English, S Broom, M Saunders, G Whitmarsh

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

11/29 Apologies:

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen, S Broom, R Thomas

11/30 Members of the Public:

Prior to the meeting there was an informal discussion with members of the public concerning a licence application to the Caravan Club which was for the provision of a maximum of five touring caravans to be sited at Cloverfold Richards Castle. The concern of the members of the public was the dangerous access which was inappropriate for touring caravans and increased traffic usage. Local residents can submit their concerns to the Caravan Club CLS East Grinstead House East Grinstead RH19 1UA.

The granting of a licence by the Caravan Club exempts the requirement of a formal planning application.

The Parish Council agreed to write to the Caravan Club expressing the concerns of the local residents.

11/31 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

11/32 Co-opted Councillor

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Mr Simon Lowden to his first meeting as a parish councillor.

11/33 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th June 2011 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair as a correct record.

11/34 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

No items to report

11/35 Highway items:

a) The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council will shortly be clearing the footpath from the Village Hall to the entrance of the village.

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

11/36 Planning Applications:

No applications

11/37 Financial Items:

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

HALC – Postage - £7.62

F A Bayliss – Footpaths - £138.20

I Smith – Petty Cash Parish Plan - £100.00

b) The Clerk had produced a summary of the accounts which showed balances of £9,083.48 at the 19th July 2011.

11/38 Update of the Parish Plan:

Cllr M Saunders updated the meeting on the progress of the Parish Plan with the questionnaire now being drafted.

11/39 Herefordshire Council:

a) Herefordshire Council had produced a briefing paper for Parish Councils on Herefordshire Locality Working which identified nine localities to help deliver services closer to the communities and address local needs. These localities are Hereford City, five market towns (Leominster, Bromyard, Ross-on-Wye, Ledbury and Kington and three rural areas (Weobley, Golden Valley and Mortimer). The localities are largely formed by the Civil Parish Boundaries that constitute the secondary school catchments.

Parish Councils will be encouraged to have a key part to play in the shaping of locality working with the development and implementation of Locality Based Partnerships, Engaging with local residents and taking responsibility for the delivery of services needed by local communities.

b) Herefordshire Council with Shropshire Council had produced a Housing Strategy Statement which will be considered at the next meeting.

11/40 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

The Vice-Chairman will be organising a Village Hall Committee meeting to discuss the celebrations for the Queens Jubilee and the provision of a Beacon.

11/41 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 19th July, Tuesday 16th August 2011, Tuesday 18th October 2011, Tuesday 15th November 2011, Tuesday 10th January 2012, Tuesday 14th February 2012, Tuesday 13th March 2011, Tuesday 10th April 2012, Tuesday 15th May 2012

Chairperson