

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th July 2012 commencing at 7.30pm at Richards Castle Village Hall

12/14 Present:

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: D English, S Lowden

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

12/115 Apologies:

Cllr J Barnett, S Broome, G Whitmarsh and M Saunders

12/116 Members of the Public and Councillor S Bowen:

Cllr S Bowen gave an update on the Queen's Visit to Hereford on the 11th July 2012 and reported on Herefordshire Council matters.

12/117 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

a) No declaration of Personal Prejudicial Items

b) Model Code of Conduct: - The Localism Act makes fundamental changes to the existing Standards Regime with new arrangements brought into force from the 1st July when the old statutory requirements for the code of conduct will cease to have effect.

Regulations have now been drafted which define what constitutes a "disclosable pecuniary interest".

Town and Parish Councils are required to publicise the adoption revision or replacement of a code of conduct in order to bring it to the attention of persons who live within the area and this can be done in conjunction in a joint advert with Herefordshire Council. Herefordshire Council has produced a Code of Conduct based on the requirements of legislation of the Localism Act and it is recommended by the Herefordshire Association of Local Council's that this model is adopted by all Herefordshire Councils.

Members of Town and Parish Councils are required to register their disclosable pecuniary interests in a register held by the Monitoring Officer members need to declare not only interests that affect yourself but also their partners. The register will be available on Herefordshire Council website and also each individual council websites. Members risk committing a criminal offence if they do not disclose their pecuniary interest before a meeting

It was agreed by the Parish Council to adopt the Code of Conduct produced by Herefordshire Council from the 1st July 2012. Members should return the Notice of Registrable Interests which was included with the agenda to the Clerk or Monitoring officer without delay.

12/118 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/119 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

No items to report

12/120 Highway items/Footpath Items:

a) Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen had arranged delivery of seat to be installed on the Green.

b) Sign at the entrance to the village in need of replacement the Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council.

c) The Parish Council had received notification of a proposed Reduction of the 40mph speed limit on the B4361 to 30mph this will cover the main developed section of the village. The Parish Council had no objection to the proposal although it has been suggested that it should extend beyond Springfield/Spout House to the Rock crossroads on Castle Road.

The next stage if approved by the appropriate Committee of Herefordshire Council would be for public consultation.

It should be noted that the proposals do not include the 40mph limit in the Shropshire Boundary from the Village Hall to the entrance of the village which would not be supported by Shropshire Council as the area is too rural in character to justify a 30mph limit and it is felt the 40mph speed limit will provided an ideal buffer to the new 30mph speed limit through the village.

c) Provision of sandbags was available from Herefordshire Council the Chairman had arranged for a stockpile to be delivered to an appropriate site in the village.

12/121 Planning Items:

Notice of application received N121733/F – Proposed replacement dwelling including detached garage – Site adj to Hill Top Farm The Goggin Richards Castle – Detailed plans awaited Cllr S Broome to discuss with members to arrange appropriate reply

12/122 Financial Items:

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

Herefordshire Council – Parish Plan - £123.25

Inland Revenue – Tax - £45.00

C E Williams – Salary and Expenses - £253.15

HALC – Annual Subscription - £162.76

HITREES – Lengthsman Scheme - £123.30

b) The Parish Council had bank balances of £7,986.46 at the 30th June 2012.

12/123 Update of the Parish Plan:

The data was currently being analysed by the working group

A note had been received from Cllr M Saunders suggesting the Parish Council may wish to engage in items of the Community Local Plan and to look at the implication of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council agreed that it would await the publication of the initial Draft Plan and then consider the full Plan.

12/124 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported on the successful Jubilee Events and thanked all who had helped and took part. The final cost to the Parish Council in a grant donation was £205.92 this in respect of Jubilee Mugs and Firework display.

12/125 Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th August 2012 commencing at 7.30pm

Chairman