

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th March 2012 commencing at 7.00pm at Richards Castle Village Hall

11/102 Present:

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: D English, G Whitmarsh, J Barnet, S Broom

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

11/103 Apologies:

Cllr S Lowden and M Saunders

11/104 Members of the Public and Councillor S Bowen:

Cllr S Bowen reported that the Amey Highways contract was subject to renewal with the present level of maintenance to be retained on the A and B Roads.

11/105 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

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

11/106 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/107 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

No items to report

11/108 Highway items/Footpath Items:

a) The Clerk to case up Herefordshire Council for the data in respect of the deployment of the Speed Indicator Device.

b) The Clerk reported that in view of the balance held by the Parish Council in respect of the annual footpath grant received from Herefordshire it is unlikely that a grant would be received for the forthcoming financial year.

c) Cllr S Bowen to pursue the installation of the bench at The Green being donated by Welcome to our Future organisation.

d) The item of vehicles parking on the grass verge at Orchard Rise was considered however it was the opinion of the Parish Council that the only area of concern is if there was an obstruction to other users.

11/109 Planning Items:

The grant application that had been submitted to Herefordshire Council on behalf of the local community for IT facilities in the Village Hall had been unsuccessful.

11/110 Financial Items:

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

C E Williams – salary - £180

Inland Revenue – tax - £45

C E Williams – expenses - £94.62

W S Cadwallader – Cutting Hedges New Church - £72

Richards Castle V H – Hire of Hall £45.00

b) The Parish Council considered the estimate for grass cutting at St Bartholomew's Church from Temescape at a cost of £48.00 per cut and it was agreed that this be accepted for the next three years.

11/111 Update of the Parish Plan:

Analysis of the returned questionnaires was still awaited

11/112 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 Parish Council agreed to provide a budget of £200 towards the celebrations which will include the provision of Jubilee Mugs for Children of school age and under.

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

11/113 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10th April 2012, Tuesday 15th May 2012

Chairman