

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th March 2013 commencing at 7.00pm at Richards Castle Village Hall

12/183 Present:

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: D English, M Saunders

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

12/184 Apologies:

G Whitmarsh, S Lowden, S Broome, J Barnet, S Bowen

12/185 Members of the Public and Councillor S Bowen:

An Email had been sent by Councillor S Bowen giving an update on Herefordshire Council Items which included the appointment of a new Chief Executive Mr A Neil, Council Tax increase of 1.9% which represents an increase of about £22 a year on a Band D Property and that the Draft Core Strategy had been published for consultation

12/186 Declarations of Registrable and other Interests:

Nil

12/187 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/188 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

Nil

12/189 Chairman's Items:

- a) The Chairman referred to the Cheaper Energy Together Partnership which is a national not-for-profit partnership of community organisations, charities and local authorities, dedicated to helping people get lower electricity and gas bills. www.cheaperenergytogether.org
- b) The Police and Crime Commissioner had issued a consultation paper on Seeking Views on Innovative Policing Plans which will see the possible closure of several local Police Stations although an alternative presence in the community will be established.

12/190 Highway items/Footpath Items:

- a) The Clerk was asked to enquire about the process for providing appropriate signage of Castle Road from the Castle Inn on the B4361.
- b) The Clerk had completed the annual returns for the Lengthsman and Footpath Schemes.
- c) Notice Board - Parish Council Agendas and Minutes will be placed on the same notice board used by the Richards Castle (Shropshire) PC at the Village Hall for the time being, although the Parish Council still wish to install a Notice Board in the Village.
- d) G Whitmarsh was obtaining a bulk supply of refuse sacks for which the cost would be £3.00 for 50. Any person interested in purchasing the sacks should contact him at Orchard House, Castle Road, 831284.
- e) The Parish Council agreed in principle to consider at the next meeting a grant application from the Village Hall Committee to help fund improvements to the kitchen area of the hall.

12/191 Planning Items:

M Saunders agreed to review the Draft Herefordshire Council Core Strategy and the Community Infrastructure Levy and to contact Councillors should a response be required by the Parish Council.

12/192 Financial Items:

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

C E Williams – Net Salary and expenses - £208.55

Inland Revenue – Tax - £180.00

J Whitman- Lengthsman Scheme - £137.76

HALC – Annual Subscription - £137.76

Richards Castle Village Hall – Hire of Hall for Meetings 2012/13 - £72.00

12/181 Update of the Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan:

The production of the Draft parish Plan was progressing.

The Parish Council agreed in Principle to work with Orleton Parish Council in the production of a joint Neighbourhood Plan which will use responses received from the community in respect of the Parish Plan.

12/182 Next Meetings:

Annual Joint Public Parish Meeting Monday 15th April at 7.00pm

Monday 20th May 2013 commencing at 7.00pm

Chairman