

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2011
commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall**

11/01 Present:

Cllr R Thomas (Chairperson)

Cllrs: J Barnett, D English and G Whitmarsh

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

11/02 Apologies:

Cllrs M Saunders and S Broom

11/03 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

11/04 Election of Chairman:

Cllr R Thomas was elected Chairman for the meeting the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year was deferred until the next meeting.

11/05 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th April 2011 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

11/06 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

The wall at Red Roof, Richard's Castle had been inspected by Herefordshire Council and it was reported that there was no immediate danger. At the request of the owner of the property Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen will look at the problem of drainage in the area.

11/07 Chairpersons Items:

No Items to report.

11/08 Highway items:

a) Herefordshire Council had notified the Parish Council of the Parish Paths Partnership Contract for 2011/12 however due to the funding carried over by the council additional finding would not be provided Herefordshire Council this year.

b) Herefordshire Council had approved the payments of the Lengthsman scheme for the financial year 2010/11 with the Parish Council to be refunded the cost of £1218.33 an allocation of £2,115 had been approved for the financial year 2011/12.

11/09 Planning Applications:

The Parish Council agreed to object to the following application due to its large size although in principle it would not object to a more appropriate smaller store shed.

Application DMN/110785/F – Erection of store shed – Land at Richards Castle (field adjacent The Nutshell, Ludlow)

11/10 Financial Items:

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

R A Bayliss – Footpaths - £55.25

Temescape – Grass Cutting St Bartholomew's Church - £72.00

b) The Clerk had produced a summary of the accounts for the Financial Year 2010/2011 which showed balances of £8,087.89 at the 31st March 2011. It was agreed that a Recreation Reserve be created of £4,000 and an Election Reserve of £500.

11/11 Update of the Parish Plan:

Cllr J Barnet updated the Parish Council on the production of the Parish Plan for which several consultation events had been arranged during the month of May to which all members of the public of both Richards Castle Parishes were invited.

11/12 Herefordshire Council:

Cllr S Bowen reported on items referring to Herefordshire Council

With the recent elections the Conservative party now held overall of the Council and that there would be a cabinet of six members with the Council Leader being J Jarvis the makeup of appropriate committees had yet to be determined.

Cllr S Bowen was congratulated on his re-election to Herefordshire Council and was also thanked for his continuous attendance at Parish Council meetings.

11/13 Parish Councillor Vacancy:

The Parish Council is able to co-opt to the one remaining vacancy any person interested should contact the Clerk of the Parish Council before the next meeting

11/14 Next Meeting:

Joint Parish Meeting Tuesday 24th May 2011, Tuesday 14th June 2011, 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