

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PU

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2010 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall

10/69 Present:

Cllr R Thomas (Chairperson)

Cllrs: M Saunders, J Barnett, D English, G Lambourn, G Whitmarsh

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

10/70 Apologies:

Apologies were received from S Broom

10/71 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

10/72 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10/73 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

Nil

10/74 Chairpersons Items:

The Parish Council had been asked to consider the provision of bulb planters on the approaches to Richards Castle; estimates for the work were still awaited...

10/75 Highway items:

- a) Although some work had been undertaken there was still concern about the condition of the roadway, verges, overhanging trees between Ladywall and Longlands on Woodhouse Lane Richards Castle; this matter to be referred to Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen with a site meeting being requested with the appropriate highway officer.
- b) The Parish Council completed an evaluation return on the introduction of the Speed Indicator Advice which as to be forwarded to the Road Safety Officer.
- c) The Clerk would obtain contact details for the collection of rubbish should problems occur with the refuse collection due to adverse weather conditions.

10/76 Planning Applications:

The Parish Council had received notification that the planning appeal in respect of Mapps Place Richards Castle – provision of a new vehicular access onto a public highway and the change of use of land to accommodate that facility. And detached ancillary accommodation to an existing dwelling and a replacement outbuilding for use as an office and a treatment room had been refused by the Planning Inspectorate.

10/77 Financial Items:

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

Mazars – Audit Fee - £141.00

The Auditors had certified the financial accounts for the year 2009/10

- b) Bank balances were £8,539.09 at the 22nd November 2010

- c) The Parish Council considered the Budget Statement for 2011/12 which had been produced by the Clerk with estimated bank balances at the 31st March 2011 of £6,800.

The Parish Council agreed that there should be no increase in the precept amount and that it should remain at £3,000 for the financial year 2011/12.

10/79 Update of the Parish Plan:

Cllr M Saunders updated the Parish Council on the Parish Plan and reported that both Herefordshire Council and Shropshire Council had approved a grant of £706 towards the cost of producing the plan.

10/80 Herefordshire Council:

Cllr S Bowen reported on items referring to Herefordshire Council

The Council were still looking at ways of reducing the annual budget by £4 million.

Reference was made to the importance of producing a Parish Plan which should look at the future needs and development of the community.

Grit Bins should now been filled in the parish and neighbouring areas.

10/81 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received the following information:

a)The Herefordshire Partnership Economic Development Strategy Consultation Paper which looks at available data, forecasting and experience to create a framework for supporting economic growth and removing barriers to development.

b) A request had been received from the Castle News Committee for a combined Richards Castle Shropshire and Herefordshire Parish Website. This an item that will be considered by the Parish Plan Group, however in the interim the Clerk will endeavour to make use of the Shropshire Parish Website to give appropriate information for both Parishes.

10/82 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th January 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richard's Castle Village Hall

Chairperson