

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall

11/66 Present:

Cllr Mrs R Thomas (Chairman)

Cllr: D English, M Saunders, G Whitmarsh

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

11/67 Apologies:

Cllrs D English, J Barnet and S Broom

11/68 Members of the Public and Councillor S Bowen:

- a) Councillor S Bowen update the meeting on Herefordshire Council matters referring to the Budget Consultation currently being undertaken and to the election of a West Mercia Police Commissioner in November 2012 to take the place of Local Police Authority.
- b) Cllr R Thomas and M Saunders had attended a Herefordshire Council/NHS Budget at Weobley this is one of a series of event being held around Herefordshire to provide information about services and to ask questions relating to local priorities.

11/69 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

11/70 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th October 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/71 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

No items to report

11/72 Highway items/Footpath Items:

- a) Cllr G Whitmarsh had requested the provision of a Grit/Salt Bin to be placed at the bottom of the steep hill leading to Hanway Common and had produced an information sheet about the salting of the roads from a Grit Bin.
- b) The Chairman had winter planted the boxes at the entrance to the Village.

11/73 Planning Items:

Cllr M Saunders had attended a meeting about the purpose Neighbourhood Planning however the impact to Parish Council will not fully be known until the new National Planning Policies have been published.

11/74 Financial Items:

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

Temescape – St Bartholomew’s Church - £144.00

Hi Trees – Lengthsman’s Scheme - £128.40

W S Cadwallader – Grass Cutting - £720.00

R Thomas – Plants and compost – £48.78 (to be refunded from Waste Paper Fund)

Inside Out – Grass Cutting St Bartholomew’s Church - £206.67

11/75 Update of the Parish Plan:

a) Cllr M Saunders updated the meeting on the progress of the Parish Plan with the questionnaire due to be distributed in December 2011.

b) Cllr D English referred to a consultation questionnaire that will shortly be sent to all out by Herefordshire Council in respect of Broadband facilities.

Residents and businesses in Herefordshire are being asked to make the case for faster broadband by completing a questionnaire, with the results used to demonstrate to the potential suppliers there is the demand and need locally. The questionnaire will be sent to every household in the county but people are encouraged to complete the questionnaire on-line instead by visiting www.fastbroadband4herefordshire.org.uk. This will save resources and the time it takes to analysis the results

11/76 Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

The Chairman reported that the volunteer group had met recently and it had been suggested that there will be a fete on Saturday 2nd June 2011, Church Service followed by Lunch in the village Hall on Sunday 3rd June 2011 and the lighting of the Beacon on Hanway Common. It was noted that insurance for the events would be the responsibility of the land owners although the Parish Council could make a grant contribution towards cost.

11/77 Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10th January 2012, Tuesday 14th February 2012, Tuesday 13th March 2011, Tuesday 10th April 2012, Tuesday 15th May 2012

Chairman