

RICHARDS PARISH COUNCIL (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 22nd September 2014 commencing at 7.00pm at Richards Castle Village Hall

15/15 Present:

Cllr D English (Chairman)

Cllr: Mr M Saunders, Mr A Davies, Mr S Broom, Mrs R Thomas

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor Mr S Bowen

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Cllr S Bowen updated the Parish Council on Herefordshire Council Issues which included Highway Matters, the role of the Locality Steward Services and the proposed increase scope of the local Lengthsman Scheme to include minor potholes, replacement street lighting and future budget cuts with a further £34 million having to be saved in the next two years.

16/15 Apologies:

Cllrs Mr P Owen and Mr T Evans

17/15 Declarations of Registrable and other Interests:

Nil

18/15 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19/15 Chairman's Items:

- a) The Clerk will produce an information list of all Councillors for both Richard Castle Parish Councillors.
- b) The Chairman will verify details of Registered Amenity and Common land within the Parish.
- c) The Chairman reported on the proposed pilot scheme of a volunteer speed watch to be undertaken in some parishes within Herefordshire and dependent on the results could be undertaken in other parishes. The Parish Council will await the outcome of the pilot scheme and then consider if it could be applicable to areas of Richards Castle Parish provided volunteers could be obtained.
- d) The Parish Council discussed the withdrawal of the 492 bus service which will have an impact on users that were reliant on the service. The withdrawal of the service was due to both Shropshire Council and Herefordshire Council withdrawing the subsidy support to the bus services as a result of budget cuts. Orleton Parish Council were to enquire from Herefordshire Council how much saving has been made by the withdrawal of this service before they considered other options. Cllr D English will look at other volunteer arrangements available in the area of Richards Castle in conjunction with the Chairman of Richards Castle (Shropshire) PC and would also be grateful to know of persons that are affected by the withdrawal of the service.

20/15 Highway items/Footpath Items:

No items to report

21/15 Financial Items:

- a) The Following accounts were approved for payment:
 - Clerks Disbursement - £180
 - Inland Revenue - £45
 - B Thorpe – Grass Cutting Old Church - £200
 - R Stairum – Defibrillator Training - £100
- b) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 22nd September the bank balance was ££8,132 this after taking account of the above payments.

- c) The Clerk reported that the financial accounts for the Year 2013/14 and now been certified by the Councils external auditors Grant Thompson and were available for inspection by members of the public.

22/15 Neighbourhood Plan:

Cllr M Saunders gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan with a questionnaire being produced for the residents of both Orleton and Richards Castle Parishes.

The Clerk reported that in respect of Shropshire that the proposals for future employment land and housing land up-to 2020 (SAMDev) had now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for approval.

23/15 Planning Application:

Following a site meeting the parish Council made the following comments in respect of planning application P142746/F at High Bank, Richards Castle, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 4EL

The Parish Council are supportive (with reservations) of this application, which is for an additional building adjacent to a new house just approved.

1. The annex should be positioned as far back from the neighbouring properties to the north east as practicable.
2. The annex should be considered as part of the new house, and not able to be sold off separately.
3. The permitted development rights for extension to the new house (just approved) should be considered to be taken up by this application and any further developments within this curtilage should require a full planning application.
4. The new boundary between the new developments and the existing property (High Bank) should be noted on the application.

24/15 Next Meetings:

Monday 17th November 2014, Monday 19th January 2015, Monday 30th March 2015 and Monday 18th May 2015.

Chairman