

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 19th October 2010 commencing at 7.30pm Richards Castle Village Hall

10/56 Present:

Cllr R Thomas (Chairperson)

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

Acting Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

10/57 Apologies:

Apologies were received from G Whitmarsh and S Broom

10/58 Declarations of Personal/Prejudicial Interest:

Nil

10/59 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th August 2010 were approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

10/60 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

Nil

10/61 Chairpersons Items:

The Parish Council had been asked to consider the provision of bulb planters on the approaches to Richards Castle. The Parish Council agreed that planters should be provided the details of which will be looked by Mr D English and Mr J Barnett.

10/62 Highway items:

- a) Councillor S Bowen will report the condition of the roadway between Ladywall and Longlands on Woodhouse Lane Richards Castle which was reported at the last meeting.
- b) Concern was expressed about the parking of vehicles along Castle Road which may cause an obstruction and block access for emergency buildings.
- c) Concern was expressed about the condition of the wall bordering the property Red Roofs Castle Street which may cause a future hazard in the use of the footpath.

10/63 Planning Applications:

- a) Planning application DMN/101952/F – Court House Farm Richards Castle – proposed conversion of barn into dwelling – although the Parish Council had no objection to the application it has now been withdrawn.
- b) The Parish Council had received a copy of the consultation document – Shaping our Place 2026 – Preferred Option for Hereford.

10/64 Financial Items:

- a) The following account was approved for payment by the Parish Council:
 - Inside Out – Grass cutting St Bartholomew’s Church - £196.65
 - Richards Castle Village Hall – Parish Plan event - £30.00
 - R A Bayliss – Footpaths - £126.08
 - Inside Out – Grass cutting St Bartholomew’s Church - £196.65
 - Hitrees – Lengthsman Scheme - £244.40
- b) Bank balances were £9,159.38 at the 30th September 2010

c) The Parish Council will consider the Precept requirement for 2011/2012 at the November Parish Council meeting.

10/65 Update of the Parish Plan:

Cllr M Saunders updated the Parish Council on the Parish Plan and the submission of the grant applications for the funding of the production of the plan the cost of which is estimated at £2,500.

10/66 Herefordshire Council:

Cllr S Bowen reported on items referring to Herefordshire Council

The Council were looking at ways of reducing the annual budget by £4 million per year for example the Social Care Budget was overspent by £2.5 million. There will be a 25% reduction in managers, partnership working with other organisations sharing payroll and legal services.

In Hereford there are plans to refurbish the Butter Market and the moving of the cattle market to a new site early next year.

There will no longer be a Regional Spatial Strategy for housing this will be determined by Herefordshire Council with more opportunity for villages to seek local housing.

Parish Plans will be increasingly more important.

10/67 Correspondence

The Parish Council had received the following information:

a) Next PACT meeting Wednesday 10th November 2010 The Forbury Chapel Church Street Leominster commencing 7.00pm

b) Social Enterprise Conference 16th November 2010 Bridge Street Leominster 9.00am – 3.30pm

c) Consultation on Herefordshire's Local Transport Plan details available on line

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/47800.asp consultation runs from 11th October 2010 – 19th November 2010.

10/68 Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd November 2010 commencing at 7.30pm Richard's Castle Village Hall

Chairperson