

**RICHARDS PARISH COUNCIL (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Mr C E Williams 2 Jockeyfields Ludlow ST8 1PU**

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**Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 commencing at 7.00pm at Richards Castle Village Hall**

**01/15 Present:**

Cllr D English (Chairman)

Cllr: Mr M Saunders, Mr A Davies, Mr S Broom, Mr P Owen

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

Herefordshire Councillor Mr S Bowen

**Public:**

Mrs R Harral spoke about the Lunch Club which is supported by the WVS and held at Richards Castle Village Hall this gives elderly residents an opportunity to meet, discuss local issues and to obtain useful information. The Lunch Club was seeking funding of £120 per annum for the next three years from each of the Parish Councils.

**Herefordshire Councillor:**

Cllr S Bowen updated the Parish Council on Herefordshire Council Issues which included the Ofsted report on Social Services and Highway Issues.

**08/15 Apologies:**

Cllrs Mrs R Thomas and Mr T Evans

**09/15 Declarations of Registrable and other Interests:**

Nil

**10/15 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**11/15 Highway items/Footpath Items:**

- a) There was concern that no advance warning had been provided of re-surface work that had recently been undertaken in the area that closed a section of the roadway.
- b) The Clerk reported that following a request from the Clerk of Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish the Highway Agency had agreed to attend a site meeting at A49 Salwey Junction Woofferton to review the request for an appropriate roundabout due to increased concerns about the road safety at the site. Neighbouring Parish Representatives would be invited to attend once the date had been confirmed for the meeting.
- c) The Clerk reported that due to Budget cutbacks it was now the policy of Herefordshire Council to grass cut amenity areas (which includes Orchard Rise) three times a year only.

**12/15 Financial Items:**

- a) The Following accounts were approved for payment:  
Broker Network Ltd – Annual Insurance £265  
Clerks Disbursement - £180  
Inland Revenue - £45  
Hightrees – Lengthsman Scheme - £389.10
- b) It was proposed by Cllr M Saunders and seconded by Cllr D English and agreed by the meeting that the parish Council would provide a grant to the Lunch Club of £120 per year for the next three years to enable elderly residents of the parish to meet monthly at the village hall.
- c) It was agreed by the Parish Council that £100 be allocated towards the Defibrillator Awareness Event to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014 this being organised by Cllr S Broom.
- d) The Clerk reported that the bank balance at the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014 was £7,712.73.

**13/15 Neighbourhood Plan:**

Cllr D English and Cllr M Saunders gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan for which drop in sessions had been arranged at Orleton and Richard Castle to enable local residents to obtain information and give views on the proposed plan.

Cllr M Saunders would seek clarification of the referendum process that would have to be undertaken for any plan to be approved particularly as this was a joint plan between Richards Castle and Orleton

**14/15 Next Meetings:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

Chairman