

RICHARDS CASTLE (HEREFORDSHIRE) PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th July 2013 commencing at 7.00pm at Richards Castle Village Hall

13/15 Present:

Cllr D English (Chairman)

Cllr: R Thomas, G Whitmarsh S Broom

Clerk: Mr C E Williams

13/16 Apologies:

S Lowden, J Barnett, M Saunders and Herefordshire Councillor S Bowen

13/17 Members of the Public:

Herefordshire Councillor Mr S Bowen had forwarded the following report to the Parish Council

Balfour Beatty is to take over the roads contract on the 1st of September 2013. This presupposes that the contract is signed at the end of July. The contract will include a clause demanding that Balfour Beatty put several million pounds of their own cash to vastly improve the state of our C and U roads. The Castle Road Sign has been requested and should be erected shortly.

13/18 Declarations of Registrable and other Interests:

Nil

13/19 Confirm Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/20 Matters arising on the Minutes not included on the Agenda:

Nil

13/21 Chairman's Items:

The Chairman had attended the licensing service of the new vicar for Richards Castle on behalf of the Parish Council.

13/22 Highway items/Footpath Items:

a) The Clerk to report to Amey the potholes situated at the bottom of Castle Road and Woodhouse Lane Richards Castle.

b) Footpaths – Mr Paul Sallis is to retire as the Parish Councils Footpaths Office and the Parish Council recorded its appreciation for the work that he undertaken in the supervision of the maintenance of the paths. Mr G Lambourne had agreed to take over the role of the Footpaths Officer.

c) Notice Boards – The Notice Board originally sited at the Village Hall has now been repaired by Mr Graham Lambourne and is to be erected by the seat at the entrance to Orchards Rise Richards Castle.

d) The Clerk explained that there was a sixteen week delay for the delivery of Defibrillators and that subject to payment in advance. The total cost of the defibrillator and box unit will be approximately £1,600 with £500 being contributed by both the Parish Councils, £250 by the Village Hall and the balance from the Soap Box the VAT will also be recoverable.

£572.28 had been provided by the closure of the Waste Paper Account and this will be held in reserve for future supplies and maintenance of the defibrillator.

13/23 Planning Items:

Nil

13/24 Financial Items:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Richard's Castle Village Hall – grant - £2,000 (50% recoverable from Richard's Castle (Shropshire) PC

Richards Castle Village Hall – Room Hire 2013/14 - £54.00

Temescape – Grass Cutting - £120.00

C E Williams – Salary - £200.00

Inland Revenue – Tax - £50.00

Defibshop – Defibrillator - £1,216.74 – see 13/22 (d) above

Life Box – Defibrillator Box - £646.80 – see 13/22 (d) above

R Bayliss – Footpaths - £161.90

13/25 Update of the Parish Plan/Neighbourhood Plan:

The Parish Council expressed concern that the Parish Plan had not been completed but appreciated that Mr M Saunders may need assistance from the original volunteer members to complete.

The Parish Council would re-consider the requirement of a Neighbourhood Plan at the next meeting.

13/27 Other Items:

Mr G Whitmarsh tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor and was thanked by the Parish Council for the valuable contribution that he had made over the last twenty years on behalf of the local community.

The Clerk will duly advertise the vacancy by issuing a Notice of Vacancy.

13/28 Next Meetings:

Monday 23rd September 2013, Monday 18th November 2013, Monday 20th January 2014, Monday 17th March 2014 and Monday 12th May 2013.

Chairman