

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in  
Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

There were no questions for the Parish Council from the public.

These Minutes are presented in the order of the Agenda but the order used at the meeting was changed to accommodate the Police Representative and the District Councillor who needed to depart before the end.

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, T. Green, S. Hamilton, J. Jennings, D. Smith and G. Wilson. Also in attendance were District Cllr. S. Williams, CSO K. Easthope, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Nicholls and D. Killingworth.

**Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest and Cll. Green a personal interest in the planning application for 5 Clattercut Lane.

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Parish Council Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, and Planning Meetings 24<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010** were approved and signed as a true record.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere.** It was generally felt that Rushock was pleased with the new recycling and rubbish collections. Cllr Williams reported that in the first three weeks there had been a 20% increase in recycled material with a reduction in landfill.

**Police:** Cllr Hamilton reported on the Policing Matters Group she attended 8.7.10 which dealt primarily with internet safety, particularly with regard to children and she had information available if wanted. CSO Easthope reported that there had been several break-ins on the Rushock Trading Estate and Councillors were asked to note registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles. A transit van containing two black males had been disturbed up a private driveway early morning.

**Planning:** Outcome of WCC/Wychavon Incinerator Planning Application and Planning Applications for Leylands Farm and 5 Clattercut Lane still awaited. In reply to a request from WCC, our response to WFDC concerning the Incinerator was copied to them.

At this point Cllr D. Smith left the room. Following the submission of the planning objection to the two storey extension on 5 Clattercut Lane, Cllr McCurrich had spoken to the Case Officer who informed him that 750mm would be normal set back for an extension and he would approve this. Because we had objected it would have to go to the Planning Committee unless we withdrew our objection. A vote was taken on the proposal to withdraw the Parish Council's objection if the set back was increased to 750mm. On a vote of 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention it was proposed that the Clerk write to the Case Office and withdraw the objection.

Cllr. McCurrich reported on the presentation by Mercia Waste in the Village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> June on the proposed Hartlebury incinerator and a letter had been received from them offering to answer any questions and liaise with the public. A letter received from Severn Waste at the request of Garth Weaver concerning grants available, had been passed to him.

A letter had been received from WFDC concerning changes to the British Sugar site from business and industrial to partly residential. Cllr McCurrich suggested that we agreed to the proposed changes as there appeared to be a need for housing more than yet more industrial premises. Cllr Williams reported that a chemical producing factory at the edge of the site would preclude any large residential development and the Council had provided more affordable housing than they were required to do. It was proposed that the letter be circulated to the Councillors to be considered at the Council's next meeting and the conclusions copied to Cllr Williams.

**Highways/Transport:** Mr. Waldron reported that the visibility splays had been cut. 2700299 Motorbikes speeding on A442 still ongoing. Cllr Williams to check with Cllr Clee as to our position on the waiting list for the temporary illuminated speed sign for Clattercut Lane. No report on potholes in Clattercut Lane. The missing and broken footpath signs had been reported by the clerk and were to be inspected by Patrick White of WCC within the next few weeks. Cllr Green was considering taking on the role of Footpath Warden. In response to a letter from WCC, a change to the gritting route had been suggested and Richard Wheeler had agreed to help with snow clearing. Volunteer drivers were needed by Community Transport Helpline Ltd. The clerk to be notified of anyone willing to help and Cllr Hamilton to insert it in the Magazine.

**Finance:** A letter had been received concerning the payment of the S136 grant. It was proposed that the questionnaire be completed on the basis that the grant is a very important part of the precept for a small parish and we do not get any benefits such as street lighting, street cleaning, parks, etc. as afforded to larger parishes. Cllr Williams was in favour of retaining the grant. Current Position: Bank £2443.34, Halifax Building Society £1416.51 and 121 Lloyds Bank shares currently at 66.00p. The new signatories were now in force for the Co-op Bank being Cllr McCurrich, Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Jennings. The Halifax signatures were in the process of being changed.

**Cheques:** Cheque already raised for W. Waldron £72.00. Cheque signed for the Clerk £381.97.

**CALC and General Council Meetings:** Cllr McCurrich had attended the CALC Area Meeting on 9.6.10. Derek Killingworth had become the new Chairman and Yvonne Scriven the new Clerk. Cllr McCurrich had attended the WFDC Chairmans Meeting 27.7.10 which had included a presentation on new parking charges in Kidderminster. Cllrs McCurrich and Green to attend the next CALC Area Meeting 8.9.10. It was hoped that the Parish Conference 7.9.10 would be attended.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** Cllr McCurrich reported on Minutes received from Elmbridge 24.3.10 and 26.5.10 and Hampton 5.5.10.

**Emergency Plan and Introduction to Rushock Parish Council:** Cllr McCurrich presented a Rushock Parish Council Information letter which had been produced by him and Cllr Green to be circulated to all Rushock residents. He asked for any comments to be made to him or Cllr Green and the Clerk to ask Yvonne Scriven for a copy of the household emergency plan document sent out to Chaddesley residents.

**Parish Council Visit:** The Clerk to contact Severn Waste to organise a visit to the Norton Recycling Plant on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 noon.

**Communications:** Cllr McCurrich and possibly Cllr Hamilton to attend a web site meeting in County Hall on 14.9.10.

**Training:** Cllr Smith reported on the Code of Conduct Training 11.8.10 which he had attended. Cllrs. Green and Smith to attend Planning Training 2.9.10

**Correspondence:** Cllr McCurrich reported on the correspondence listed separately. Parish Games possibly to go into the Magazine and on to the web site.

**Items for Future Agenda:** Cllr Smith enquired of the size of the grants offered by Severn Waste and Cllr McCurrich advised that there were a lot of grants available from WCC for specific projects.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30 pm  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm