

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th May 2012 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.55pm

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton and G. Wilson, District Councillor S. Williams, CSO K. Easthope, Messrs. W. Waldron, J. Cutress and M. Trimble and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Clee and P. Hayward

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

Minutes: Minutes of the Meetings held 31.1.12, 1.3.12 and 19.3.12 were approved and signed as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: There was nothing to report

Report from District and County Councillors if Present: Cllr Williams reported that as a result of the election held on 3rd May the District Council had gone from Conservative controlled to no overall control. The make up now is Conservatives 20, Labour 8, ICHC 8, Liberal/Independent 6. It was expected that the Conservatives would form an administration in a minority which should ensure that the Precept S136 agreement would remain the same. Cllr Williams confirmed that the Green Belt would remain protected under the Local Development Framework and offered, together with Cllr Clee, to give the Council a short demonstration on how WFDC Political Structure works. It was agreed that the Council required a briefing paper from the Charter Trustees before any decision was made to support the creation of a Town Council for Kidderminster. Chaddesley School was more or less on schedule and it was agreed that the Council would contact Mike Parker again concerning light pollution and find out specifically what type of lighting is to be used.

Police: Already covered in the Annual Parish Meeting.

Planning: Approval had been received for the Porch at Yew Tree Cottage, Clattercut Lane, and alterations to the roof pitch and finish of the garden room, and erection of double garage incorporating a log store and reinstatement of garden wall at Leylands Farm, Clattercut Lane. A decision on the Energy from Waste Plant had been postponed until 19th July. Sam Palmer agreed to take on The Waste Core Strategy which will now take into account new planning requirements which include a presumption in favour of sustainable development.

Highways: Mr. Waldron reported on the work undertaken on visibility splays and the drain blockage by Tudor Cottage.

Approval was still awaited from the Department of Transport for the new HGV signs.

Root cutting would possibly be undertaken again in Clattercut Lane and at the bottom of Church Bank in the Autumn.

A request had been made for double white lines between Beech Elm Farm and Little Gains but WCC had reported that the lane was not wide enough for this and some residents thought it would make the lane look more like an urban highway.

David Hunter had agreed to meet residents in connection with speeding in Clattercut Lane. It was agreed to try to arrange a meeting on Clattercut Lane at 5.30pm.

It was agreed to write to David Hunter to arrange for the gritting route to be changed to go along Park Lane and down the hill by the post box rather than along Lunnon Lane.

The Council had replied to the street lighting scrutiny requesting that street lighting be turned off during the night, particularly on the A442 adjacent to the Rushock Trading Estate and on the A449 between Torton and Crossway Green.

Footpaths: Cllr Green reported that several new signs had been erected, there was an overgrowth of some paths by crops, there was a locked gate at Upper Hyde and a new gate arrangement at the Old Post Office. It

was proposed that Cllr Green apply to the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme for a grant to be used for strimming and signage work.

Councillor Vacancy: It was **Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr Nicholls that Mrs. S. Palmer be co-opted on to the Council and a Declaration of Office was duly signed by her. Proceedings were to be set in motion to co-opt a further councillor to replace Cllr Jennings.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: The Council were to obtain a temporary event notice for the PCC beacon/bonfire and pig roast on 4th June to be held at The Old Rectory. The Street Party was to take place at 4.00pm on 2nd June and an application had been made for a grant to support the children. If the grant was not forthcoming it was proposed that the Parish Council make a donation of say £50.

Finance: Current Position: Co-op Bank £3842.63, Halifax Building Society £1418.79 and 121 Lloyds Bank Shares @ 28.83p

Cheques: Cheques had already been issued to Drain Jet Surveys £912.00, the Clerk £223.20 and Inland Revenue £48.20. Cheques were signed for CALC £54.75, WCC £352.00 and Zurich Insurance £225.00.

CALC and Other Meetings: Clls Nicholls and Green had attended the Joint Parish Forum/CALC 19.4.12 and Cllr Green reported that the main topics were the Neighbourhood Plan and Broadband. It was agreed that the Council would give feedback to Mike Parker on Broadband problems.

Cllr McCurrich reported on the 7th WCC Parish Conference which had covered levies on building development and Localism. Cllr Green agreed to attend the next CALC Area meeting 13.6.12 and Joint Parish Forum/CALC 17.10.12. The 8th WCC Parish Conference was 31.10.12 and there was a Localism Framework Consultation Event 28.5.12.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Minutes had been received from Elmbridge 1.2.12 and 14.3.12 and Hampton 7.12.11 and 28.3.12. Hampton were trying to get better gritting on the hill out of Hampton on the A442 and Elmbridge were having a Jubilee event on 3rd June at Broadhouse Farm.

Emergency Plan: Mr. J. Cutress had kindly attended the Planning Forum 8.2.12 and from that meeting we had managed to get a £500 grant towards flooding prevention. It was agreed that the Council should endeavour to get a further grant this year. Next Emergency Planning Forum 10.10.12.

Localism Bill: Cllr Green to keep the Council informed on the Localism Bill and to complete the Think Local questionnaire together with Cllr McCurrich. Code of Conduct and Neighbourhood Planning already covered.

Communications with residents: The refuse collection day change to Tuesdays appeared well known.

Training: Mr. Waldron to attend Lengthsman Training 29th May 2012.

Correspondence: Listed Separately. There was an on-line petition against wind farms: residents to reply individually. WFDC had received back most of their deposit with Icelandic Landsbanki. Mr. Savage was to be asked to attend the Flag Flying Ceremony on 25th June.

Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda. There were none.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 21st August 2012 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk