

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, T. Green, S. Hamilton, Mr. J. Cutress, PCSO D. Johnson and the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Palmer and G. Wilson.

**Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 27.8.13 and Planning Meeting 23.9.13 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** The Environment Agency were still monitoring the ditch odours in Park Lane and had been in contact with Lowbridge Farm.

**Reports from District and County Councillors if Present:** There were no District or County Councillors present. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllrs Williams and Clee about their lack of apologies and attendance. The Council had hoped for updates on the Kidderminster town centre developments and on the County and District cost savings.

**Police:** PCSO Deb Johnson was welcomed and she explained the changes to local policing. Rushock would now be served by PC Phil Green and PCSOs Niall Ryland and Deb Johnson. Their contact number is 07816172452. (the other member of the team PC Sarah Brooks is on maternity leave). There would still be full patrol response from Kidderminster although the PCSOs were now on foot. Neighbourhood Watch was going through an overhaul with a new system evolving and all alerts going to HQ. A monthly newsletter should be being sent out and PCSO Johnson would investigate why this had not been received.

**Planning:** Planning Application 13/0459/Full for extension over existing flat roof to form meeting/training room at Motovario Ltd., Unit 335 Rushock Trading Estate had been Approved.

It was suggested and unanimously agreed that a Planning Sub Committee to serve for one year comprising Cllrs Nicholls, Cutler and Hamilton be formed to deal with any non-controversial planning applications. Cllr Clee's response to Cllr McCurrich's enquiry as to the cost of the Hartlebury Incinerator had been that the WCC Officers are competent and would be spending our money wisely; this is not very convincing and a succinct factual document had been expected.

**Highways:** Cllr Nicholls reported that drainage at Gabbs Farm was still ongoing and David Hunter had been contacted and asked to visit the site. Drain on the A442 by the Trading Estate still needed attention.

A load of scalpings were being delivered to Foxhayes Farm for the lengthsman and Mr. Pardoe to put into damaged verges in New Farm Lane and Park Lane.

Advice had been sought from David Hunter on the ownership of verges as the Chairman had received a complaint about the logs on the verge at Clattercutt House. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr. Weaver and ask him to remove them and attach the WCC document.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to David Hunter and ask if it would be possible to have "SLOW" signs painted on the road at the entrance to the bends at Gabbs Farm from both directions.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green reported that strimming had been undertaken and one sign renewed on Clattercut Lane. Crops had been planted over a lot of the footpaths.

**Finance:** Current position: £5050.27 Co-op Bank. 121 Lloyds Bank shares @75.08. The Audit had been completed satisfactorily and there had been no charge. The Precept would be set at the January meeting. Cllr McCurrich reported that the Parish Council money was not covered by the Governments guarantee if the bank failed. It was unanimously agreed that the money should be left with the Co-op Bank.

**Cheques:** Cheques had already been issued to W. Waldron £262.50, Inland Revenue £50.40 and the Clerk £221.46. A cheque was signed for Rushock Village Hall £90.00.

**CALC and Other Meetings:** Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area meeting 30.9.13 which he had attended together with Cllr McCurrich. No-one had been able to attend the CALC Annual General Meeting 10.10.13 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Parish Conference 22.10.13 had been cancelled. No-one had been able to attend the CALC Networking Event 24.9.13. Cllr Cutler gave a comprehensive report on "Growing Worcestershire" meeting. Information could be found at [www.growingworks.org.uk](http://www.growingworks.org.uk). Cllrs McCurrich, Nicholls and Green would attend the next CALC Area Meeting 10.12.13.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** had been received from Elmbridge 10.7.13 and 11.9.13.

**Emergency Plan:** Cllr D. Cutler and Mr. J. Cutress would attend the Emergency Planning Forum 20.11.13.

**Standing Orders:** It was **Proposed:** Cllr L. McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr J. Nicholls and unanimously agreed that the new Standing Orders as communicated to Councilors on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 be adopted.

**Localism Bill:** Cllr Cutler advised the Council on Parish Precepts and changes in Band D, The Localism Fund and Churchyard grants.

**Communications with residents:** Cllr McCurrich had included in the copy for the next Four Square Magazine an article from the Environment Agency about checking heating oil tanks.

**Training:** No training had been undertaken.

**Correspondence:** Listed separately. A reply to the Subsidised Bus Services Review was agreed along the lines that the Rushock section does not justify a subsidy but both ends of the route are used and Rushock is the natural link.

**Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda:** An email had been received from iccreates.com offering Free Stop Smoking Services and NHS Health Checks for the community. It was agreed that Cllr McCurrich should seek the views of Dr. Wilkie.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Pauline Trimble  
Clerk

