

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich (Chairman), J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, T. Green and G. Wilson, Cllr M. Hart, Leader of Wyre Forest District Council, County Cllr S. Clee, District Cllr S. Williams and the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Mr. W. Waldron

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 20.8.14 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** Cllr Green reported that the school bus did not go to Droitwich as might be thought from the timetable. Cllr Clee agreed to follow this up.

**Reports from District and County Councilors if Present:** Cllr Williams reported that Cllr J. Philips had rejoined the Conservative group on the District Council which meant there were now 17 Conservatives, 9 Labour, 7 Health Concern, 5 UKIP, 3 Independent and 1 Liberal. The Boundary Commissions final recommendations had been published and would be used for the May 2015 District Council elections. There would be 12 wards with ten 3 member wards and a 2 member Wribbenhall and Arely ward and a one member Lickhill ward. Rushock would be in the 3 member new ward of Wyre Forest Rural. The circumference of this ward is 55.1 kilometres or 34 miles.

Cllr McCurrich had represented Rushock at the WW1 Remembrance Service held at St. Mary's Church Kidderminster organized by Cllr Williams.

Chaddesley Corbett and Stone Conservative Branch are to hold a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December for people to go along and ask questions of the prospective Conservative candidates for the May District and General Elections. Wyre Forest were offering free car parking from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> January after 4.00 pm.

**Police:** There was no police presence. A Police Report had been received for October showing one theft in Rushock. A new boiler had been stolen off a driveway in Clattercut Lane.

**Planning:** The WFDC Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document – Consultation had been received. Cllr McCurrich had pointed out that it would be helpful if there was a brief summary of the key points and Cllr Hart had already written to the Planning Officer to this effect. A notice of Approval of non-material Amendments had been received for Gabbs Farm. The Approval was an amendment to the original planning application which could be signed off by the Planning Officer without referral to the Parish Council. Cllr Hart advised that quite significant building work could be allowed as a permitted development by the District Council without the Parish Council being informed. Planning Advice from the Planning Officer was now free.

**Highways:** Cllr Nicholls reported that extensive work had been carried out next to Greyholme just above the crossroads to alleviate the flooding problem and Drain Jet Surveys had attended four sites and cleared all the drains, including Gabbs Farm. The Chairman extended a big thank you to Cllr Nicholls and the lengthsman. The drains were in better condition now than he had known for 30 years. No bulk or bin salt was needed at the moment. The new Direct Dial WFDC Front Line Services goes through to Green Street and covers amongst other things waste and recycling, street cleaning, garden and trade waste, bulky collections and fly tipping. Severn Trent Water had taken 5 weeks to repair a water leak in New Farm Lane and as a gesture of goodwill had given the Parish Council £200. Lunnon Lane was to be closed for three days commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December but WCC would inform the residents.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green reported that a new sign had been erected on Clattercut Lane and the path strimming had been carried out. All the paths were accessible at the moment.

**Finance:** Cllr McCurrich reported that the Council had followed the example of WFDC and closed their Co-op Bank Account. The balance in the new Lloyds Bank account was £5703.14. Cllr Clee reported that Rock Parish Council had opened a Lloyds Bank account and had been advised that their deposit was guaranteed up to a maximum of £80,000. The 121 Lloyds Bank shares we hold were currently 78.57p each.

A letter had been received from Mike Parker advising that the balance of the IT support fund of £335.33 needed to be used. The present laptop is old and it is not possible to install an antivirus programme. A new laptop had been sourced at £315 and a free standing screen at between £50-£60. It was **Proposed** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded** Cllr Cutler and unanimously agreed that the laptop and screen be purchased.

**Cheques:** Cheques had already been issued to the Clerk £227.46, Inland Revenue £50.40, Rushock Village Hall £90.00, G. M. Pardoe £336.00 and J. H. Pardoe £417.60. A cheque was signed for W. Waldron £243.75.

**CALC and Other Meetings:** Cllr Green had obtained the poppy seeds to be planted around the bench. Cllr Nicholls to contact Simon Jennings who owns the land. Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area Meeting held 22.9.14 and the next CALC Area Meeting 15.12.14 was to be attended by Cllrs McCurrich, Nicholls and Green. Cllrs McCurrich and Cutress to attend the CALC AGM 26.11.4. Cllr McCurrich reported on the 11<sup>th</sup> WCC Parish Conference 29.10.14 and supplied councilors with leaflets on the proposed new Worcester Railway Station which would provide parking and would serve the lines from Worcester to London and Birmingham to Bristol. Cllr McCurrich reported on the Chairmen's Meeting 10.11.14.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** Minutes had been received from Elmbridge 9.7.14 and 18.9.14.

**Emergency Plan:** Cllr Cutress would do a write up in the Magazine on the example pack received from Western Power. Cllr Cutler reported on the Emergency Planning Meeting 29.10.14. There is a small WCC works team available for tasks which cannot be carried out by the lengthsman and a Care Repair Agency on 01684 579456 to supply help for elderly or at risk residents. An updated Emergency Plan to be submitted.

**Communications with residents:** The new version of the Rushock Parish Council Information and Community Emergency Plan was discussed and agreed. Cllr Green will make the modifications for a final draft.

**Training:** Cllrs McCurrich, Cutler, Cutress and Jennings had attend the WFDC Planning Training on 1.10.14. Cllr Cutler advised the Council that an extension up to 8 metres would not need planning permission and any objection would need to be raised with the Parish Council within 21 days from start of building.

**Correspondence:** There was nothing significant to report

**Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda:** There were none

**Date of Next Meetings:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm in Rushock Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Pauline Trimble - Clerk