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The future of Rushock as a Polling Station

We have been notified by Wyre Forest District Council that they are reviewing the location of election Polling Stations. They are looking at where financial savings can be made and have analysed the cost of using Rushock Village Hall for election polling.

At the May 2010 elections we had 113 people entitled to vote but the turnout was just 67. This is about 60%. The cost to Council Tax payers of using the Polling Station in Rushock worked out at £7.22 per vote cast. This compares with the cost of the votes in Chaddesley Corbett Village Hall at £0.92 per vote cast.

WFDC therefore propose that Rushock Village Hall 'ceases to be used as a polling place, and that the polling place for this district should be Chaddesley Corbett a distance of 2.3 miles'. The proposal for relocation to a neighbouring larger centre is not just being suggested for Rushock but also to a number of other small Parishes in the District.

A consultation period on this ends on the 5th January 2011. At the Rushock Parish Council meeting on 23rd November it was unanimously agreed by the Councillors that it was sensible to agree with the proposal to move our polling to Chaddesley, particularly at this time of financial stringency. We have informed WFDC of this.

If it is difficult for anyone to get to Chaddesley it might be possible to go with someone else or it should be easy to obtain a postal vote.

Any elector is free to contribute to the consultation. Comments should be sent by 5pm on Wednesday 5th January 2011 to:
Electoral Registration Office,
Wyre Forest District Council,
Civic Centre,
Stourport-on-Severn,
Worcs DY13 8UJ.

Or by e-mail to electoral@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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