

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Rushock Parish Council

held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021, 7.30pm, Rushock Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr. T. Green (TG) (Chairman)  
Cllr. S Davies (SD)  
Cllr. R. Hampshire (RH)  
Cllr. T. Jennings (TJ)  
Cllr. J. Nicholls (JN)

### Also Present were:

The clerk Mrs. B J Drew (BD)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. D Cutler (Vice Chairman), District Cllrs I Hardiman, L Jones, M Hart.
2. **Declarations of Councillors Interests:** None declared.

### Public Question Time:

Eleven members of public were present. Eight spoke with their views on the Planning Application at Callimore Farm.

3. **Response: Planning Application Reference: 20/0856/FUL (Revised Plans)**  
**Description: Change of use land for the storage of agricultural machinery, use of agricultural buildings for storage and retention of commercial buildings for offices. Site Location: Land At, Callimore Farm, Droitwich Road, Rushock, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire.**

TG commented that there is a Green Belt issue, the land is not designated for employment use in the current local plan, approval of change of use for this site will set a precedent for further erosion of the Green Belt and industrialisation of the local area.

Creation of a large, graveled storage area may lead to flooding and pollution with diesel, hydraulic fluids and chemicals from stored machinery, current field drainage will carry any pollution into nearby Elmley Brook.

There was much discussion with further concerns expressed:

Highways issues – the proposed new entrance is very close to other junctions with the A442 and will have limited visibility for large, slow-moving vehicles exiting and entering.

Lack of information – there is very limited information on the application form. Areas of concern are no indication of the likely number of commercial vehicle movements per day or the number of employees that will be travelling to and from the site, hours of operation, security fences and lighting that may cause light pollution to neighbouring properties and affect local nocturnal wildlife, disposal of waste including potentially harmful fluids and what activities will be undertaken on the site.

JN commented that there is no evidence there will be pollution or a greatly increased amount of heavy traffic. SD said pollution will need monitoring and who will determine where it has come from.

TG concluded that the Parish Council must make a decision from the information provided in the planning application and asked for a recommendation.

It was proposed SD, seconded TG to Recommend Refusal and was carried 3 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention.

**4. Rushock Village Hall Signing of Land Transfer Documentation.**

TG advised that there is still one outstanding signature needed to complete the Rushock Village Hall Land Transfer Document which is proving difficult to obtain. The Parish Council have options to either wait for a while, make contact again or to take legal advice.

All agreed this needs to be brought to a conclusion regardless of how it is resolved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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