

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Thursday 11th May 2023, 7.30pm, Rushock Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. T. Green, (TG) (Chairman), D Cutler, (DC) (Vice Chairman), S Davies, (SD), R Hampshire (RH), T Jennings (TJ) and Cllr. D Pugh (DP).

Also Present were: The clerk Mrs. B J Drew (BD). Mr W Waldron (BW)

- 1. Welcome from Parish Council Chairman Cllr. Terry Green.** Chairman welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th May, 2022.** These were duly approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.
- 3. Chairman's Report.** The Chairman reported as follows: -

Firstly, I would like to thank all councillors for their help and support over the last year which has been invaluable. We have had a busy year with lots of involvement in village activities made possible by councillors' willingness to take on a range of roles. Bev continues to provide excellent support and expertise which has helped us immeasurably over the year. Our District and County Councillors have been very supportive and regularly report back to our meetings and attend village events.

Meetings

The Council has held four ordinary Council Meetings and one Extraordinary meeting to cover a major planning application. We have also been well represented at CALC meetings, WFDC Parish Forums and WCC meetings.

Planning

We have had 4 planning applications this year, 3 of which were recommended for approval. Of these 2 were withdrawn and 1 was approved by WFDC. One application, Callimore Farm, was strongly recommended for refusal and is still under consideration by WFDC

Finance

Due to increased costs a small increase was made to the precept. We received £500 from our County Councillor Marcus Hart's divisional funding towards Coronation celebrations as well as Lengthsman's Scheme funding and a grant from the Parish Path's Partnership. Some unplanned expenditure was incurred to replace our aged laptop which ceased to function and to set up and operate a domain name for the Parish Council as recommended by CALC. We still have a healthy reserves balance.

Highways

Bill Waldron, our Lengthsman, continues to provide an excellent service and there have been no flooding issues in the parish. Park Lane verges have been damaged by farm and HGV traffic. Some emergency repairs to the worst sections have been carried out using the Lengthsmans' funding. No councillors have claimed personal expenses.

Footpaths

These remain in good condition generally and are well used. Crops were sprayed off to retain access and some repairs and vegetation clearance has been carried out including some work under the Parish Path's scheme.

Biodiversity project

Further bulb planting has been carried out this year with pleasing results. Delayed cutting back of these areas, as approved by residents in the Parish Poll, has improved the range of wildflowers present which is appreciated by the majority of residents.

Community

The Parish Council has worked with the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council on village activities this year including sponsoring the Chocolate Santas for the Crib Service and the pig roast for the Jubilee Street Party. A new flag has been purchased for the church. A Jubilee bench and Memorial post are also to be installed.

4. Other Reports.

None Received.

5. Resident's Open Forum.

No residents questions.

Meeting Closed at 7.35pm