

## Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Rushock Parish Council

held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7.30pm, Rushock Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr. T. Green (TG) (Chairman)  
Cllr .D. Cutler  
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), Mrs Lisa Jones (LJ) , Mr Marcus Hart (MH).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None
2. **Declarations of Councillors Interests**
  - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded to complete and need to regularly update their register of interests.
  - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None declared.
  - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests (Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary) in items on the agenda and their nature. None declared.

The meeting will now be adjourned for PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

The meeting now reconvened to conduct the items of business listed below.

### 3. **Matters for Decision:**

Planning Application Reference: 23/0107/FUL

Description: The demolition of some existing buildings and the change of use of the land for the storage of agricultural machinery, use of retained agricultural buildings for storage and retention of commercial buildings for offices, with associated new access, drainage and hard and soft landscaping including planting, fencing and gates.

Site Location: Land At, Callimore Farm, Droitwich Road, Rushock.

SD expressed concerns from local residents about this development which will result in a loss of Green Belt setting a precedent for the future, also noise pollution.

TJ commented that although improved from the previous application there are still no valid exceptional circumstances to justify this site being taken out of the Green Belt and also expressed concerns over the proposed new entrance which is very close to other junctions with the A442 and will have limited visibility for large, slow-moving vehicles exiting and entering.

JH said that there has been no representation against the development and it is a limited amount of poor quality Green Belt and the proposed planting in the application will improve the environment.

DC referred to the application as slightly ambiguous as it refers to agricultural machinery but much of the business also includes commercial machinery. TG stated that, in the most recent Auction Catalogue, only 24 of the 49 items listed were agricultural machinery and include articulated lorry tractor units and six wheel trailers, pick up bodies and cars.

BD advised Councillors that the Highways Authority (WCC) had submitted comments on 7<sup>th</sup> March asking that the applicant should be requested to submit further detailed information and plans to address the comments they raised and the Highway Authority therefore submits a deferral until such details have been provided.

MH confirmed that the Parish Council could defer the application and request further information and can request it goes before the Planning Committee of WFDC for determination. MH also confirmed that it would be WFDC that would place Section 106 obligations on the applicant.

DC suggested deferral of the application but it was proposed by JN to approve the application, this was seconded by RH but not carried. It was then proposed by DC to refuse the application, this was seconded by SD and carried with 4 for, 2 against.

Planning Application Reference: 23/0115/FUL

Description: New agricultural building for the storage of machinery and fodder.

Site Location: Little Gains, Clattercut Lane, Rushock.

Unanimously resolved to Recommend Approval

4. West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter.

Agreed Policing Priorities to remain as;  
Inappropriate Speed (Particularly in Lanes)  
Wildlife Crime  
Burglaries

The Council discussed attendance at meetings and frequency of contact and are happy to receive written reports to enable officers to “on the beat” unless there is a specific issue and then they would ask that, if possible, someone attends.

5. Accounts for Approval,  
£85.00 Purchase of Flag for Church – Rushock PCC.  
£150.00 Hire of Rushock Village Hall for meetings x 5 - Rushock Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

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