

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday, 1st February 2011 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There were no questions for the Parish Council from the public.

The Chairman reported the sad death of Bobbie Udal who used to live in Well Lane. Rushock

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton, J. Jennings, D. Smith and G. Wilson. Also in attendance were Cllrs. S. Clee and S. Williams, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. P. Hayward and CSO K. Easthope.

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes: Minutes of the Council Meeting and Planning Meeting 23rd November 2010 were signed as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: There had been little reaction to the letter circulated advising of the Council's recommendation that the Polling Station in Rushock be closed. Following the report on the visit to the recycling plant last meeting, Cllr McCurrich advised that there was a good summary of what could and could not be recycled on the WFDC website.

Police: Cllr Hamilton had sent apologies to the Community Engagement Group meeting 8th December 2010.

Planning: Cllr Clee reported that the Energy from Waste plant was going to Planning Committee in March and most documentation was on WCC website. The Planning Application for Gabbs Farm had been withdrawn. Cllr Williams reported that the Core Strategy was in the process of being adopted with some meetings and site visits still to be undertaken. The Trading Estate was not allowed to grow any bigger and Rushock was still in the Green Belt area. Cllr. Smith had completed and returned the questionnaire on the Waste Core Strategy.

Highways and Transport: Cllr Nicholls reported that the lengthsman had been busy with considerable success in Lunnon Lane. David Hunter had been asked if a digger could be used but he had responded that the Lengthsman Scheme did not cover such work and risk assessments and method statements etc. would have to be produced.

- Winter Gritting. A letter had been sent to Nick Yarwood of WCC requesting that Park Lane and the Bank be gritted in addition to Cakebole Lane and Lunnon Lane. He had replied that additional gritting was not possible and it was proposed that a detour up the bank and down again be requested. Cllr Nicholls to check with Richard Wheeler re the storage of grit.
- Clattercut Lane Speed Signs. David Hunter had suggested that some speed/volume data was obtained and it was proposed that we should request the monitoring equipment in the centre of the row of 10 houses in Clattercut Lane. Any letters of concern over speeding to be sent to the Clerk for forwarding to David Hunter.
- Pot Holes in Clattercut Lane. Some potholes had been repaired at the Cutnall Green end of Clattercut Lane and the road had been marked where work is to be done.
- Use of buses in Clattercut Lane. A review is being undertaken and it is likely that this route could be dropped in the present economic climate.
- Accident statistics on A442. LPO Jayne Willetts had agreed to provide the statistics and the Clerk to contact her again.
- A large Polish HGV had got stuck outside the village hall whilst a party was taking place, on its way to Tiger Turf on the Icon Estate. Cllr McCurrich had contacted Tiger Turf and emailed the Transport Director in Poland but with no response. Cllr Nicholls to draft a letter re the provision of noticeable signs of a visual

format for the Clerk to send to David Hunter together with a request for replacement of signs in Clattercut Lane which had been knocked down.

Footpaths: Cllr McCurrich thanked Cllr Green on behalf of the Parish Council for taking on the role of Footpath Warden. Cllr Green requested that any footpath problems be reported to him.

Finance: Current Position: Bank £3359.13, Building Society £1417.29 and 121 Lloyds Bank Shares @ 62.07p. Zurich had provided a competitive insurance quote over Aon and Cllr Hamilton agreed to check the policy and the cover offered. There was an additional Budget Consultation Meeting to be held on 4.2.11 in County Hall at 1.00pm.

Cheques: Cheques were signed for W. Waldron £222.00, Rushock PCC £690 and the Clerk £203.38.

CALC AND General Council Meetings. Several Councillors had attended the CALC Area Meeting 7.12.10 where Ian Miller reported on the single office building being built for WFDC. Cllr Williams reported that tenders were being issued next month and completion was likely to be 2012. The Section 136 grant was likely to be reduced but Cllrs Clee and Williams were to vote for 10% of the precept at the meeting on 23rd February. WFDC had provided an emergency number for the reporting of gypsies taking up residence on sites and the Clerk to email the number to Councillors. Cllr Williams advised that WFDC had moved gypsies off the site in Churchill and Cllr Clee reported that WCC have a Gypsy and Travellers Unit and he would email the clerk with the telephone number. Cllr McCurrich reported on the Chairman Meeting 19.1.11 which covered affordable housing, the removal of flyposting and signs which was thought to be better dealt with at Parish Council level and the request that planning applications were sent through to the Clerk more quickly after they had been published. There was a Community Emergency Planning Forum on 9.2.11 and a joint Parish Forum/CALC Area meeting on 13.4.11.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils. Minutes had been received from Elmbridge and Stone.

Emergency Plan and Introduction to Rushock Parish Council. Cllrs McCurrich and Green had approached Premier Print on Rylands Trading Estate and it was proposed to order a two colour brochure at a cost of £270. The Councillors agreed that they were happy to have their telephone numbers printed on the brochure and the printers could provide stick on labels should the Councillors change.

Communications: Jonathon Swift of Chaddesley Corbett PC was keen to improve communications between Parish Councils and District.

Training: Training courses were offered by CALC. Councillors are encouraged to attend some of these.

Correspondence: Listed separately. Cllr McCurrich reported on the Localism Bill and there was a meeting on this on 17.2.11 at 5.00pm in Kidderminster. Eon Central networks had sent a demonstration pack which was to be reported in the Magazine. There was to be a street party in Rushock for the wedding of William and Kate on May Bank Holiday to be organised by the Village Hall Committee. There was to be a Jubilee weekend 2nd-5th June 2012 to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee

Items for Future Agenda: There were none.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm
Pauline Trimble