

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th September 2011 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton and D. Smith. Also in attendance were Cllrs P. Hayward and S. Williams

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs J. Jennings and G. Wilson, Mr. W. Waldron, LPO J. Willetts and CSO K. Easthope

**Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest:

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Annual Meeting 3.5.11, Parish Council Meeting 3.5.11 and Planning Meetings 25.5.11 and 22.6.11 were signed as a true record.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** Cllr McCurrich had attended the Flag Flying Ceremony in Bewdley to honour British Armed Forces which had been well planned but few members of the public were present. Chaddesley was a possible venue for 2013.

**Police:** CSO K. Easthope had submitted a brief summary of what had happened in the area since the last meeting which included one property burglary, burglary of units at Rushock Trading Estate and theft of drain/storm covers. She patrols the area every ten days or so. Cllr Nicholls reported drain covers being stolen from Clattercut Lane and Cllr McCurrich reported one stolen from New Farm Lane. The new Ringmaster for NHW was now Adrian Symonds. As the Police Matters Group was also 7.9.11, Cllr Hamilton had been unable to attend.

**Village Hall:** The Parish Council had now taken over as custodian trustees of the village hall.

**Planning:** The Council had not been notified officially of the outcome of The Old Rectory planning application. Cllr Williams to take up the matter of the Parish Council receiving a letter stating the outcome. The Council's comments on the Energy from Waste Plant had been re-submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Green reported on the Local Development Plan. Rushock Trading Estate continues as employment use in a rural location.

**Highways and Transport:** Cllr Nicholls reported that the lengthsman, Bill Waldron, was doing an excellent job.

Winter Gritting: Cllr Nicholls had spoken to Richard Wheeler who is willing to do snow clearing again and had received a contract from WCC. Mr. T. Jennings had agreed to have a tonne of salt delivered to Court Farm and be responsible for putting it on the bank from the triangle into Park Lane. Cllr Nicholls to contact WCC concerning a contract for Mr. Jennings. It was hoped that the cost of the salt could be recovered under the lengthsman scheme.

Clattercut Lane slow down signs could not be erected as there was no speed limit.

3881708. Potholes in Clattercut Lane. Some tar and grit had been spread into the worst holes but a more general improvement was needed.

Accident statistics on A442. Cllr Clee had provided police report statistics on the two last accidents on the A442. One was caused by a loose cats eye and the other due to swerving to avoid a fox.

Bus service changes. There were three journeys from Kidderminster to Droitwich with concessionary passes now able to be used on the first bus. The new time table had been put on the noticeboard and Cllr Hamilton was to put it into the Magazine.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green reported that some paths were blocked by crops from May to harvest. A new footpath sign had been erected in Clattercut Lane to Lunnon Lane and one or two pointer signs had gone missing.

**Finance:** Current Position. Halifax Building Society £1417.65, Co-op Bank £2340.46 and 121 Lloyds Bank shares @ 32.46p. The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been put on the noticeboard.

**Cheques:** Cheques had been signed for Premiere Press £220.80 and W. Waldron £276.00. Cheque signed for Clement Keys £60.00. It was proposed that the Clerk should be paid for distributing the Emergency Plan.

**CALC and General Council Meetings:** Cllr McCurrich and Cllr Green had attended the Worcestershire Area CALC Meeting 21.6.11.

Cllr McCurrich had attended the Chairman's Meeting 20.7.11. A survey had been carried out on leisure facilities which Cllr Green had completed on line. Cllr Williams reported that it was thought that The Glades had passed its usefulness.

Cllr Green to attend the Joint Parish Forum/CALC Area Meeting 19.10.11.

It was hoped that someone would attend CALC AGM on 13.10.11.

Cllr McCurrich to attend 6<sup>th</sup> Parish Conference 18.10.11.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils** had been received from Elmbridge 22.3.11 and 11.5.11, Stone 10.5.11 and 12.7.11 and Hampton Lovett 4.5.11. Roy Fullee was to attend an Elmbridge Council meeting and explain the approach to highways maintenance. Cllr McCurrich to contact Robert Miller to find out who Roy Fullee is.

**Emergency Plan:** The Emergency Plan had been delivered to everyone in the Parish.

Cllr Williams reported that there was a proposal for a single shared service between Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest for the creation of emergency planning and business community service hosted by Wyre Forest. Under the proposals, WFDC would save £16,000 from current £41,000 annual cost.

Hovi had been contacted and David Clowes was to be the contact for Rushock Trading Estate.

Cllrs McCurrich and Smith to attend Community Emergency Planning Forum 5.10.11.

Several new residents had moved into the Parish and the Council would produce a welcome letter to go with the Emergency Plan. Cllrs Nicholls and Hamilton would deliver a Magazine.

**Communications:** Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012. It was proposed that Rushock hold a street party and light a beacon. Cllr McCurrich to contact Hall Management Committee and Mr. Jennings.

**Planning Training:** 10<sup>th</sup> October had been suggested as the date best suited for Rushock. Planning changes were being proposed and several councils were reported to be already relaxing planning controls in country areas. Cllrs Hayward and Williams reported that they were to attend a meeting concerning the 15 suggested possible new sites for gypsies and travellers in the Wyre Forest.

**Correspondence:** Listed separately. It was agreed that Rushock would not attend the Focus Group discussions as there was nothing specific to the Parish. Tele Atlas had amended Satnav data to avoid HGVs in lanes. Cllr McCurrich had spoken to KLM concerning a lorry stuck in New Farm Lane and emailed the transport company involved.

A letter from NFU via CALC had been received concerning registration of small domestic sewage discharges. Cllr Nicholls would provide documentation he had received in the post. Cllrs Hayward and Williams were asked to take up this matter on behalf of the Council to clarify the situation.

**Items for Future Agenda:** There were no items for Future Agenda

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Pauline Trimble  
Clerk

