

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th November 2011 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls and T. Green. Also in attendance were County Cllr. S. Clee, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Hamilton, Cllr S. Williams, LPO J. Willetts and CSO K. Easthope.

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting 7.9.11 were signed as a true record

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Cllr McCurrich had spoken to the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee and it was agreed that the Queen's Diamond Jubilee might best be celebrated with an ad hoc street party and possibly the lighting of a bonfire beacon. No grant would be required. Cllr Clee advised that Rock were to light a beacon possibly on Clows Top and to have a permanent memorial stone. It was thought that consideration could be given to Rushock having some sort of permanent memorial in conjunction with the church.

It had been confirmed at a recent Parish Forum that compulsory registration of small domestic sewage discharges was not going ahead but they could be registered voluntarily.

Police: CSO Kate Easthope had submitted a brief summary of reported incidents in Rushock of which there had only been one, being the theft of diesel and gas canisters from Rushock Trading Estate. The NHW organisation had been re-organised but alerts would still be received through CSO Kate Easthope. The new number 101 had been introduced for non emergencies. This is on the notice board and will be in the magazine. Cllr McCurrich reported that one resident had had to wait over 15 minutes for a reply on the 0300 333 3000 number to report a theft.

To Invite County Councillor and/or District Councillor to speak: Cllr Clee reported that Central Government dictated that there was to be no increase in Council Tax. This meant that there had to be efficiency savings of £70million at County level and £3million at District Level over three years. This could mean that some libraries might be moved to other locations and departments were being brought together under one roof in Stourport and Kidderminster.

Planning: Application 11/0261/FULL The Old Rectory had been approved.

The consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Sites was to be circulated among Councillors. Cllr Clee reported that there were originally 15 preferred sites but at a Cabinet Scrutiny meeting this had been reduced to 7, taking out Stone which had been the closest to Rushock.

The Public Inquiry into the Energy from Waste Plant at Hartlebury was about to take place.

A letter had been received from Dodderhill Parish Cllr. Anne Judge asking Rushock to support the objection to development of Green Belt north of Droitwich. It was agreed that the Council would support it on the grounds that it is important to maintain the Green Belt and the A38 provided a tangible and clear boundary which should not be breached.

A CPRE publication had been received advising how to respond to Planning Applications.

Highways and Transport: Cllr Nichols reported that there was nothing to report on lengthsman activity as everything was in good order.

Mr. Wheeler had agreed to do snow ploughing again and supplies of salt and grit had been ordered.

A meeting had been held with David Hunter regarding pictorial HGV signs and hopefully some signs would be installed fairly soon. He had also agreed that the sign to Rushock Church from Clattercut Lane should be re-instated. He was also helpful with regard to winter gritting ideas.

The Council agreed that they were happy to keep in line with whatever Chaddesley and Stone decide over an increase in the lengthsman's salary. The Clerk to liaise with Chaddesley.

Rushock falls within the Wyre Forest Dial-a-Ride area and this information to be inserted in the Magazine.

Footpaths: Cllr Green presented his report following a meeting with Phillip Coulson, Area Access Officer, WCC.

Finance: Current Position: Co-op Bank £2899.26, Halifax Building Society £1417.65 and 121 Lloyds TSB shares @ 29.55p. It was **Proposed** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded** Cllr Green that there should be no increase in the 2012-2013 precept unless the Council were informed of a change in the S136 grant before the precept was submitted in January/February.

Cheques: had been signed for the Clerk £308.71 and Inland Revenue £63.00

CALC and General Council Meetings: Cllr McCurrich and the Clerk had attended the 6th Parish Conference 18.10.11 which had generally dealt with Localism, Highways, The Worcestershire Agreement and Broadband. It was agreed that Cllr McCurrich and the Clerk would return the The Worcestershire Agreement, highlighting what we would wish to be involved with. Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area Meeting 6.12.11. No-one had attended the CALC AGM 13.10.11. Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Green and the Clerk hoped to attend the next CALC Area Meeting at Chaddesley on 6.12.11. Next Parish Conference 25.4.12.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Cllr McCurrich reported on Minutes from Elmbridge 20.7.11, Stone 13.9.11 and Elmley Lovett 13.9.11.

Emergency Plan: Cllr McCurrich reported on the Community Emergency Planning Forum 5.10.11 and would attend the next Forum on 8.2.12, hopefully with another Councillor.

Community Games: The Parish Games had been suspended for 2012 for Parish Councils to become involved with Community Games to coincide with the Olympics. It was felt that Rushock was not large enough to become involved.

Communications: The website was being kept up to date.

Planning Training: No-one had been able to attend the Planning Training on the date chosen by WFDC of 20.10.11.

Correspondence: Listed separately.

Items for Future Agenda: There were no items for Future Agenda. Cllr McCurrich was hoping to arrange a visit to a printing works suggested by Mrs. M. Trow.

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk