

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton and G. Wilson, LPO A. Wallace, Ms. D. Job, Mr. J. Cutress and Mr. W. Waldron. Also in attendance was the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Jennings and Cllr. S. Clee.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Meetings held 8.11.11 and 19.12.11 were signed as a true record.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** There was nothing to report.

**Report from District and County Councillors if present.** There were no District or County Councillors present.

**Police:** LPO Andy Wallace had replaced LPO Jayne Willetts, He informed the Council that he would produce a monthly newsletter covering the six rural areas of his beat. He or CSO Kate Eashope would endeavour to attend the AGM and one other meeting during the year. There had been some crime on the Trading Estate and a vehicle in Clattercut Lane had had its tyres slashed. LPO Wallace had obtained a swipe card from Mr. Clowes of Hovi to enable him to go onto the site during the night. A theme running through all six rural areas was the theft of metal gates.

**Planning:** Planning Application 11.0673/FULL Installation of solar panels, Callow Gas, Unit 6 Rushock Trading Estate Approved. Outcome of Planning Application 11/0709/FULL Yew Tree Cottage, Clattercut Lane, still awaited. The Energy from Waste Plant Public Enquiry outcome was still awaited. There was a lot of paperwork and a CD available on the Waste Core Strategy.

**Highways and Transport:** Cllr Nicholls reported that high pressure jet cleaning and root cutting had been carried out in Clattercut Lane and it had been discovered that Severn Trent had damaged a drain when installing a water main. He was to take the matter up with Severn Trent. The contractor had agreed to come back and finish the work and be billed after April when the cost would go into next year's Lengthsmans Allowance. Work on the damaged verge in New Farm Lane was planned for the summer. Pictorial signs 'Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles' were to be installed at the entrance to Clattercut Lane from the A448 and the entrance to Park Lane and Lunnon Lane from Clattercut Lane when they had been approved by the Department of Transport.

Clattercut Lane would be closed for kerbing works on 13<sup>th</sup> February and patching work would start 22<sup>nd</sup> February with surface dressing to follow in the summer. Details are on the noticeboard and the website. Cllr Nicholls reported that some residents had expressed concern about disruption to the bus service and the Clerk to contact the bus service provider.

Arrangements had been made for Richard Wheeler to do snow ploughing and order the salt for Tom Jennings to spread but this had not arrived. David Hunter was to be contacted in May concerning re-routing of the gritting lorries to go down Park Lane

LPO Wallace reported that concern was being raised about the access to the new school not being lit. Cllr McCurrich hoped that if it was lit, it would only be lit during school hours to reduce impact on the rural environment.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green reported that the new WCC Footpath Officer was Alan Kingston. The Enforcement Officer was dealing with a locked gate by Upper Hyde. Cllr Green to attend the Parish Path Warden meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The Monarch Way signs had disappeared again.

**Councillor Vacancy:** The Clerk reported that a Notice of Vacancy had been put on the noticeboard and the website and as ten electors had not requested an election the Council would be able to co-opt. Cllr Nicholls reported that one person had expressed a wish to join the Council.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** It was proposed to light a bonfire/beacon on the 4<sup>th</sup> June and Mr. Silk was being contacted about having it in his field. Cllr Nicholls had agreed to do a pig roast under the auspices of the PCC. Mrs. H. Savage was liaising with Mrs. L. Mead over the organisation of a street party with a high childrens' element. There were grants available with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> February and the purchase of flags and jubilee mugs for the children had been suggested.

**Finance:** Current Position: Co-op Bank £3338.69, Halifax Building Society £1417.65 and 121 Lloyds Bank Shares @ 31.70p. Cllr McCurrich had produced a Precept Assessment and it was **Proposed** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton that there should be no increase in the 2012/2013 Precept and it should remain at £1800.

**Cheques:** Cheques had been raised for W. Waldron £262.50, the Clerk £233.50 and Inland Revenue £48.00. A cheque was signed for Rushock PCC for £720.00.

**CALC and General Council Meetings:** Cllr McCurrich had been unable to attend the Chairman's Meeting 23.11.11. Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area Meeting 6.12.11 which he had attended together with the Clerk and which had included a talk on Neighbourhood Planning by Rebecca Mayman. No-one had been able to attend the meeting with Ian Miller 7.12.11. Cllr Green had attended and reported on the WCC Budget Consultation Meeting 18.1.12. Next Parish Conference 25.4.12.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** Minutes had been received from Hampton 7.9.11, Elmbridge 28.9.11 and 23.11.11 and Stone 8.11.11.

**Emergency Plan.** No-one had been able to attend the Emergency Planning Scenario 18.1.12. Diane Job or Jon Cutress agreed to represent Rushock and attend the Emergency Planning Forum on 8.2.12.

**Localism Bill, Code of Conduct and Neighbourhood Planning.** Cllr McCurrich reported on the Localism Bill and Cllr Green on Neighbourhood Planning.

**Communications:** The website, noticeboard and Parish Magazine were being kept up to date.

**Training:** No training had been undertaken

**Communications:** Listed separately. Booklets had been received from CPRE on 'Planning Explained' and 'Neighbourhood Planning'

**Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda.** Cllr McCurrich reported that refuse collectors were to do a four day week but working the same amount of hours. There would be no reduction in the frequency of collections but some collection days would change. Rushock Village Hall had received £1000 from Stephen Clee's Beneficiary Fund to improve the heating. 1650 beacons had been registered and the Clerk to register the beacon at Rushock. A number of complaints had been received concerning the smell at the Clattercut Lane end of Park Lane. The Council was under pressure to get the water in the ditch analysed. Cllr Wilson was not aware of any problem. Cllrs McCurrich and Nicholls would arrange to speak to Mr. M. Wilson.

**Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 am

Pauline Trimble  
Clerk