

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st August 2012 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton and S. Palmer, Cllr S. Clee, Messrs. W. Waldron and J. Cutress and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. G. Wilson, PC A. Wallace and CSO K. Easthope.

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual Meeting 15.5.12, Parish Council Meeting 15.5.12 and Planning Meetings 15.5.12 and 6.6.12 were approved and signed as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Details of the lighting at Chaddesley School had been received from WFDC and passed to Mr. J. Cutress for his opinion. Mr. Cutress reported that the lighting was quite energy inefficient and there was no indication of the on/off times. Mr. Cutress will produce a short document on the various points in the report. We will send a copy to John Baggot and a copy to Cllr Clee who will pass a copy to Andrew Page, Project Manager of the School.

WFDC had made a donation of £50 towards the Childrens' party for the Diamond Jubilee and the Parish Council had donated £22.66 which had all contributed to a successful event.

Report from District and County Councillors if present: Cllr Clee reported that he had some locally determined funds for footpaths and footways. The footway in front of 1-10 Clattercut Lane was in disrepair and the Council to report back to Cllr Clee on the exact location of where improvements are needed. Cllr Clee agreed to provide up to date information on the structure of the District Council.

Police: Nothing to report.

Councillor Vacancy and Co-option: Mrs. D. Cutler had applied for the post of Councillor and it was **Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr Hamilton and unanimously agreed that she be appointed.

Planning: Application 12/0252/FULL Alterations to existing building to form self contained ancillary accommodation at Yew Tree Cottage, Clattercut Lane had been withdrawn. Application 12/0306/FULL Application for change of use of land for the storage and sales of HGVs at Plot A Rushock Trading Estate had been approved but permission had not been granted for the provision of external lighting. A letter had been received from Hartlebury Parish Council asking for support for their objection to the development of the Energy from Waste Plant on the basis of cost to the Council tax payer. The PFI balloon payments were uncapped and unknown and Cllr Clee was asked to report back to the Council on these payments. An application for two wind turbines at Lowbridge Farm had been received and it was agreed that the Planning Meeting would be held on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm. An informal pre-meeting of Councillors was to be held on Thursday 23rd August at 7.30pm at The Dell. Cllr Palmer agreed to take over the Waste Core Strategy.

Highways: Cllr Nicholls reported that everything was well in hand. All visibility splays were maintained and all grips re-instated. Small job on New Farm Lane outstanding.

A pictorial HGV sign for lorries had been installed on the A448 at Clattercut Lane for lorries travelling from Bromsgrove towards Kidderminster. The Council were attempting to get one installed for lorries travelling from Kidderminster to Bromsgrove and also at the entrance to Lunnon Lane.

Speeding in Clattercut Lane. A meeting had taken place with David Hunter on site. There were two possible ways of helping. A vehicle activated 'slow down' sign which would be attached to one of the existing pedestrian or horse signs and would be moveable. The battery would need to be re-charged but the lengthsman would be paid to carry this out. Alternatively a section of Clattercut Lane could be made into a separate hamlet and a calming system could be installed. It was agreed that the vehicle activated sign would be most suitable to try in the first instance.

The damage to the culvert in Clattercut Lane had been repaired.

David Hunter had been asked if the gritting route could include Park Lane and the Bank. He had agreed but Lunnon Lane would not be gritted. The four homeowners in Lunnon Lane had been written to and there had been one objection. It was agreed that David Hunter would be asked to alter the gritting route but to provide a grit bin in Lunnon Lane.

The surveys for the new centreline installations on Clattercut Lane had both shown that the lane is too narrow for centre lines.

Footpaths: Cllr Green reported that the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme agreement had been signed and returned. This would provide a grant of £210 for the lengthsman to do strimming and signage work. The County Council were dealing with issues at Upper Hyde and The Old Post Office.

Finance: Current Position: Co-op Bank £2830.27, Halifax Building Society £1418.79 and 121 Lloyds TSB shares @ 34.88p. The Clerk reported Clement Keys had concluded the Audit. Mr. J. Jennings had to be removed as a bank signatory and it was **Proposed:** Cllr Green and **Seconded:** Cllr Palmer and unanimously agreed that he should be replaced by Cllr J. Nicholls.

Cheques: Cheques had been raised for W. Waldron £143.75 and £281.25, H. Savage £72.66, the Clerk £292.40 and Inland Revenue £66.60. A cheque was signed for Clement Keys £144.00.

CALC and Other Meetings: Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area meeting 13.6.12. Keith Perkins had taken over as Chairman and Richard Pugh as Vice Chairman. No-one had attended the Code of Conduct Training 12.7.12. Cllr McCurrich had attended the Chairmens Meeting 26.7.12. Joint Parish Forum/CALC 17.10.12 to be attended by Cllr McCurrich. The 8th WCC Parish Conference 31.10.12 to be attended by Cllr McCurrich and the Clerk. The CALC AGM 10.10.12 to be attended by Cllr Nicholls if possible.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Cllr McCurrich reported on the Minutes received from Hampton 2.5.12 and Elmbridge 23.5.12.

Emergency Plan: Mr. J. Cutress kindly agreed to attend the Emergency Planning Forum 10.10.12.

Localism Bill: It was **Proposed:** Cllr Green and **Seconded:** Cllr Palmer that the new Code of Conduct be adopted and unanimously agreed.

Communications with residents: In an effort to obtain faster Broadband speeds WCC had requested as much response as possible to the Broadband survey.

Training: Mr. W. Waldron had attended the Lengthsman Training 29.5.12. There were a number of Councillor training courses available.

Correspondence: Elizabeth Skinner had requested a donation for the Cutnall Green School railings appeal. It was decided that the Council could not support this. Cllr Clee had offered the parish a seasoned oak public bench to mark Her Majesty's 60th year on the throne. It was agreed to accept the bench and two possible locations were under discussion.

Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda. There were none.

Date of Next Meeting: 21st November 2012 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk