

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

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich (Chairman) , J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, T. Green, S. Hamilton and G. Wilson, Messrs. W. Waldron and J. Cutress. CSO K. Easthope and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Palmer and District Cllrs. S. Williams and P. Hayward.

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest

Dispensation: Signed dispensations had been received by the Clerk and it was **Proposed:** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Green that a dispensation be granted up until the next ordinary election to all parish councillors who live within the parish to enable them to participate in any discussion or vote on any matter concerning the setting of the council's budget and annual precept. All agreed.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting 21.8.12 and Planning Meeting 4.9.12 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Nothing to report.

Report from County or District Councillor if present: There were no County or District Councillors present. Cllr McCurrich was to attend the official opening of the new WFDC offices on 22nd November. There had been no news of the Jubilee bench.

Police: CSO Easthope reported that there was very little crime in Rushock. There had been a burglary on the Trading Estate and a spate of electric cables being cut down. None of the councillors had re-registered for Ringmaster. They are happy to continue with the local notices from Kate. Mr. Bill Longmore had been appointed the new Police Commissioner. CSO Easthope reported that there were changes afoot which could include redundancies but she would keep the Council informed of any new proposals.

Planning: Application 12/050 for No. 2 wind turbines at Lowbridge Farm had been withdrawn on the basis that WFDC Planning Committee were unlikely to pass it because of its proximity to the hamlet of Rushock and historic buildings. Another application might be made for a single but larger turbine in a different location but it was hoped that the withdrawal was terminal. There had been a national outcry against onshore turbines and Cllr McCurrich would write to Mark Garnier MP for his views.

Cllrs McCurrich and Nicholls had been invited to an informal chat with the Manager of the Potter Group site about their plans to increase the hazardous waste transfer activity. This would involve the conversion of a building and transit van size deliveries would be sorted there and despatched in bulk for specialist disposal elsewhere. One of the buildings on Rushock Trading Estate was being used for paintball activities which was making a lot of noise on Saturday nights. Cllr McCurrich to contact Hovi and make them aware that residents were not entirely happy about this.

Lighting at Chaddesley School. A lot of bright light was spilling into the surrounding countryside all night. Cllr McCurrich would speak to John Baggot concerning this.

WFDC area plans and central area proposals were passed to Cllr Cutler who would pass them to Mr. J. Cutress.

Highways: Cllr Nicholls reported that rodding work at Lunnon Lane had been unsuccessful and jetting was needed. Mr. Cutress advised that some parishes were receiving grants from WCC for jetting and Richard Osborne still had money available for drainage work. WCC to be contacted. Work to be undertaken on the verge at the top of New Farm Lane in dry weather.

HGV signs. David Hunter to be asked for a Left Only for Rushock Trading Estate sign for lorries to be installed at the Elmbridge crossroads.

Speeding in Clattercut Lane: The flashing sign had had some effect and was to be moved to a different location in Clattercut Lane. Cllr Cutler to write to the Clerk requesting a white line in Clattercut Lane by Gabbs Farm for the Clerk to pass to David Hunter.

Footpath Nos. 1-10 Clattercut Lane: The residents had been informed and were in favour of the work being carried out. David Hunter had been asked to go ahead.

Grit Bin in Lunnon Lane: The gritting route being changed to Park Lane and down the Bank meant Lunnon Lane would not be gritted. There was one complaint from Mr. Savage who had agreed to the change with the proviso that a grit bin would be provided. Unfortunately the site did not qualify for a grit bin from WCC but it was **Proposed:**

Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Cutler that the Parish Council purchase a grit bin for Lunnon Lane from WCC at a cost of £150 to include 1/3 tonne of salt. All agreed.

Footpaths: Cllr Green reported that the lengthsman had erected a new sign on Clattercut Lane by Bannut Tree Farm Shop and strimming of footpaths had been undertaken. The Enforcement Officer had attended at Upper Hyde and new gates were being installed. Cllr Green had attended the Worcestershire Warden Conference on 26.10.12.

Finance: Current Position: Co-op Bank £3374.24, Halifax Building Society £1418.79 and 121 Lloyds TSB shares @ 45.72p.

The Clerk reported that Mr. J. Jennings had been removed as a bank signatory and replaced by Cllr Nicholls. The signatories were now Cllrs McCurrich, Nicholls and Hamilton.

Proposed Precept: The proposed Precept of £1850 was presented by Cllr McCurrich. It was **Proposed** Cllr Hamilton and **Seconded** Cllr Nicholls with all in favour that the Clerk should move up an SCP to 20. It was

Proposed: Cllr Hamilton and **Seconded:** Cllr Green that the proposed precept would be £1850 subject to final agreement. All agreed.

Cheques: Cheques had been issued to Inland Revenue £48.00, the Clerk £237.66 and Homebase £16.99 (speed sign batteries). Cheques were raised and signed for Mr. W. Waldron £150.00 and Rushock Village Hall £180.00

CALCS and Other Meetings: No-one had been able to attend the Joint Parish Forum/CALC 17.10.12, 8th WCC Parish Conference 31.10.12 or CALC AGM 10.10.12. Cllr McCurrich had been unable to attend the Chairman meeting 18.10.12. Next Chairman Meeting 24.1.13. Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Green would attend the next CALC meeting 11.12.12.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils. Minutes had been received from Stone 11.9.12 and Elmbridge 18.7.12 and 12.9.12. Elmbridge were pressing for flashing speed activated signs on the A442 and had supported Rushock in their objection to the wind turbines at Lowbridge Farm.

Emergency Plan: Mr. J. Cutress reported on the Emergency Planning forum on 24.10.12 which he had attended on behalf of the Council. Sandbags could now be pre-ordered and stored within a parish, the lengthsman had permission to work out of hours in emergencies, money is still available for water/drainage use, there is a new WFDC emergency action plan web page and any raised ponds should be reported to Richard Osbourne. Next meeting 17.4.13. The Clerk had updated the Emergency Plan.

Localism Bill: Standing Orders. An addition of dispensation procedures to allow people with DPI to take part in discussion and voting was circulated by the clerk to all Councillors. It was **Proposed:** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Cutler that these be adopted and attached to the Standing Orders. All agreed.

Communications with residents: Cllr McCurrich inserted reports in the Parish magazine. The Clerk had more literature on the survey for faster Broadband.

Training: Information on training courses available had been sent to Councillors. The Chairman encouraged attendance at these. Some money was available for this training.

Correspondence: Listed separately. The Parish Games were to be replaced by a Parish quiz. Mr. W. Waldron had been registered for Traffic Management. A direct telephone line would be activated for use by the Parish Council during severe weather. The clerk would be notified of this by email. Grant Thornton would be taking over from Clement Keys as external auditor.

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

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 23rd January 2013 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk