

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich (Chairman), J. Nicholls (Vice Chairman), D. Cutler, J. Cutress T. Green and T. Jennings, District Cllr S. Williams, Mr. I. Hardiman and the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from County Cllr S. Clee, District Cllr. P. Hayward, Mr. W. Waldron and the Police

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19.11.14 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Minutes of the Planning Meeting 11.12.14 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** Cllr Green reported that the Council were to change the bus timetable to show that the last school bus did not go to Droitwich.

**Reports from District and County Councilors if Present:** Cllr Williams reported that Stone had set their precept with a 2% increase and Chaddesley a 5% increase. The funding for the link road between Kidderminster and Stourport was all in place and construction is now proceeding. The Hoobrook rubbish dump was open again. As Chairman of the District Council he had signed a contract for £11.9 million for a new leisure centre on the old Sugar Beet site which should be completed by June 2016. Mr. Hardiman briefed the Council on the financing of this project and confirmed that The Glades would be sold and developed. With regard to Parish Polls it was hard to envisage where a poll would be required and it would be too expensive. The comment for the consultation would be that it would not be relevant or useful.

**Police:** There was no police presence.

**Planning:** Planning Application 14/0680/FULL. Change of Use of attached outbuilding (Formerly Perry Mill) to office and storage space at New Farm, Rushock had been approved.

**Highways:** Cllr Nicholls reported that the Lengthsman, Mr. Waldron, had injured his lower back and consequently had only been able to carry out a few small jobs but there was nothing outstanding. Chaddesley had increased the lengthsman's pay from £12.50 per hour to £13.50 per hour and it was **Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich, **Seconded:** Cllr Nicholls and unanimously agreed that Rushock would do the same. The bill was still awaited from Drain Jet Surveys. There had been another massive water leak in New Farm Lane and the road had been closed for over a week for repairs to be carried out. Cllr McCurrich reported that a Severn Trent inspector had suggested that the Parish Council write to Severn Trent asking them to replace the water main down New Farm Lane with one made of a new type of plastic and it was agreed that this would be done.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green reported that the Parish Paths Partnership was still being funded next year and the amount of funding would depend on how many Parishes applied.

**Finance: Precept:** Cllr McCurrich advised that the Precept had been difficult to do as the Clerk had submitted her formal resignation, hopefully to leave her position by the end of the current financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The post was to be advertised in the Parish Magazine as it would be ideal to employ someone in the Parish who knows people and who is local. If this failed the post would be advertised through CALC and adjacent Parish Councils would be approached to see if their Clerk would like to do a couple of hours a week

extra. It was proposed and agreed that the present Clerk be moved up the Spinal Column Point from 20 to 22 with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. After discussion it was **Proposed**: Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded**: Cllr Green and unanimously agreed that the Precept for 2015/2016 be increased to £2,200 – an increase of 7.3%. The balance on the Lloyds Bank account was £4976.14 and the 121 Lloyds Bank shares were currently 72.94p each.

**Cheques:** A cheque had already been raised for First Services (Computer) £315. Cheques were signed for the Clerk £299.66 and Inland Revenue £75.00.

**CALC and Other Meetings:** Cllr Green reported on the CALC Area Meeting 15.12.14 which had covered CALC funding and Parish Polls. Fly tipping had increased whilst Hoobrook Rubbish Dump had been closed. Cllr McCurrich reported on the CALC AGM 26.11.14 where there had been a presentation by the new Chief Executive of NALC. Cllrs Green and Cutress to attend the next CALC Area Meeting-Joint Forum 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** The Agenda had been received from Chaddesley Corbett. Cllr Williams reported that they were trying to get something done to alleviate the traffic problems at Mustow Green island and the old School site had gone out to tender and a decision was imminent.

**Emergency Plan:** The updated Emergency Plan was to be submitted to Richard Leache.

**Communications with residents:** The new version of the Rushock Parish Council Information and Community Emergency Plan was agreed and printing was to go ahead. The new version would be distributed to everyone in the Parish. Cllr Cutress will investigate further funding from the Emergency Planning fund.

**Training:** The Council would be pleased to support any training.

**Correspondence:** Correspondence had been received from Lady Ann Judge advising that after endless lobbying by Peter Luff, the Ministry of Transport had agreed to re-surface the M5 with a low noise surfacing. Details of a Care and Repair workshop had been put on the noticeboard. Cllr Jennings agreed to attend the WCC Budget Consultation Meeting at County Hall on 22.1.15. Unfortunately a team cannot be organized for the Parish Games Quiz Night this year and the Clerk to write and thank the Leisure Development Officer for the invitation. There was no interest in an oil buying club.

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

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Rushock Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Pauline Trimble - Clerk