

Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday, 23rd November 2010 in Rushock Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There were no questions for the Parish Council from the public.

Present: Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton, D. Smith and G. Wilson. Also in attendance were Cllr. D. Killingworth, LPO Jayne Willets and the Clerk.

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr J. Jennings, District Cllrs. P. Hayward and S. Williams and CSO K. Easthope.

Declaration of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meetings 25th August 2010 and 1st September 2010 were signed as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Cllr Green reported on the visit to the recycling plant at Norton which had proved to be very interesting and impressive. The community transport item had been put into the Magazine and Cllr Nicholls raised the issue of empty buses going up and down Clattercut Lane. Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Green to suggest an improved timetable to the bus company.

Police: LPO Jayne Willets reported that it had been quiet but any lead thefts should be reported. There had been one incident of a suspicious male on a drive in Clattercut Lane. Nigel Evans was the new local Policing Sergeant. The main issue of the Community Engagement Group meeting 22nd September had been Trading Standards being re-named Regulatory Services, which had also taken over licencing. Next meeting CEG 8th December at 7.00pm Kidderminster.

Planning: Planning Applications for Leylands Farm, 5 Clattercut Lane and Clattercut House, Clattercut Lane had been Approved. Additional environmental statements had been produced in connection with the Hartlebury Incinerator but it was decided not to offer any further comments. A letter had been sent to WFDC concerning British Sugar advising that the Council agreed to the proposed changes but emphasizing the need for a link road between the Stourport Road and the Worcester Road. Cllr Smith had completed the Waste Core Strategy questionnaire. Formal Planning Application had been received for Chaddesley School and it was **Proposed** Cllr Hamilton and **Seconded** Cllr Green that the letter dated 11th May 2009 concerning lighting be re-submitted to WFDC.

Highways: Cllr Nicholls reported on the lengthsman's activities. Cllr McCurrich reported that the verges had been better cut this year and it was agreed that the Clerk should write and thank David Hunter. Cllr Killingworth reported that the verges had been cut to the edges to stop the spread of poisonous weeds. The 50mph speed limit had been introduced on the A442. LPO Jayne Willets advised that if formally requested by the Clerk she could advise on accident statistics and causation factors for a specific period. A letter had been received from WCC advising people to clear away snow in a sensible manner. WCC have set up a fund to pay legal costs should any third party claims arise from this action. A letter had also been received noting our proposal for a new gritting route from the A442 up New Farm Lane to Rushock Church and along Park Lane. Richard Wheeler had agreed to help with snow clearing and salt storage. Some misunderstanding had occurred over the speed signs which cannot be used on roads that have a national speed limit. David Hunter to be asked if there were any warning signs available not relating to a specific speed limit. Cllr Nicholls to report the potholes in Clattercut Lane again and get a reference number. Purshall Green Lane was to be closed for a time. Cllr Green had offered to be the Parish Path Warden and the Council thanked him very much for taking this on. He was preparing an official review of the condition of all the footpaths in the Parish which would be circulated. A copy was requested by LPO Willets.

Finance: Current Position: Bank £2879.64, Building Society £1417.29 and 121 Lloyds Bank Shares @ 63.35p. It was **Proposed** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton that the precept be set at £1800 representing an increase of 5.88%. The reason for this increase was the likely significant reduction in the S136 grant we receive from WFDC. New signatories for Halifax Building Society were now Cllrs. McCurrich and Hamilton and the Clerk. The Audit had been completed and a VAT reclaim of £46.49 had been made. WFDC had undertaken a review of Polling Stations and recommended the Rushock Polling Station be moved to Chaddesley Corbett as out of 113 electors only 67 had voted which represented a cost of £7.20 per vote compared to mainly less £1 elsewhere. It was **Proposed** Cllr Smith and **Seconded** Cllr Green that the Council was in favour of scrapping Rushock and going to Chaddesley. Cllr McCurrich to draft a flyer to go into the Magazine and put on the noticeboard and website advising residents that they could comment individually.

Cheques: Cheques already raised for W. Waldron £192.00 and Clement Keys £141.00. Cheque signed for the Clerk £257.89.

CALC: Cllr McCurrich and Cllr Green had attended the Area meeting 8.9.10. Cllr Killingworth reported that attendance at the AGM had been appalling. Cllr Mcurrich congratulated Cllr Killingworth on his new role as Chairman of CALC. Next Area Meeting 7.12.10 at Chaddesley. A subsequent questionnaire following WCC Parish Conference 7.9.10 had been completed and returned.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Cllr McCurrich reported on Minutes received from Hampton, Stone and Elmbridge.

Emergency Plan and Information Bulletin for Rushock Residents. The updated version was circulated. It was proposed that Neighbourhood Watch be included and Cllr Green to get a quote for printing ready for circulation to every household in January.

Communications: Cllr McCurrich had attended the web site meeting 14.9.10 and a number of suggestions by Rushock for improvement had been put forward.

Training: Cllrs Green and Smith had attended WFDC Planning Training 2.9.10. There were training sessions planned by CALC for new or existing Councillors and it was hoped someone would attend.

Correspondence: Listed separately. Cllr McCurrich reported on the Community Payback Scheme which would cost £150 per day and it was considered that Rushock did not have suitable work available. Also listed was correspondence from the Government proposing bringing in a system for capping increases in precepts over a certain amount.

Items for Future Agenda: There were none

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st February 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.
Pauline Trimble