

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 in Rushock Village Hall at 8.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton, J. Jennings and G. Wilson. Also in attendance were LPO J. Willetts, Mrs. I. Green (Part time), Mrs. M. Trow (Part time), Mr. G. Weaver, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk

**Election of Chairman:** Cllr McCurrich agreed to continue as Chairman. There were no other nominations

**Proposed:** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Green and unanimously agreed

The Declaration of Office was signed by Cllr McCurrich and he was thanked by Cllr Nicholls for all his hard work

**To consider apologies and approve reasons for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr S. Clee, Cllr S. Williams and CSO K. Easthope.

**Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Nicholls agreed to continue as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations.

**Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr Hamilton and unanimously agreed. Cllr McCurrich thanked Cllr Nicholls for the support and energy he had given to him during the past year.

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

**Public Question Time:** There were no questions from the Public. Cllr McCurrich advised that the Council were battling to get language free unsuitable for HGV signs erected but it is a national problem and permission is only given for acute and specific problems. New symbolic signage is being considered by Central Government. Home made signs would be considered as fly posting. Concerning winter gritting, Mrs. Green suggested that a grit bin could be installed on the bank between the grass triangle and Park Lane.

**To note Standing Orders:** The Standing Orders December 2005 were shown and noted.

**To note Code of Conduct:** The Code of Conduct was shown and noted

**To review the Council's Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Insurance Requirements:** Financial Regulations were shown and noted. The Risk Assessment had been circulated. The insurance policy had been moved from Aon to Zurich with a reduction in cost to £225 from £375. The main difference was that Libel and Slander cover was reduced from £250,000 to £100,000 with a 10% excess.

**To Nominate Councillors to Worcestershire CALC Area Meetings:** Cllrs McCurrich and Nicholls were nominated.

**Proposed:** Cllr Hamilton and **Seconded:** Cllr Green and unanimously agreed.

**Minutes of the last Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010** had been approved and signed at the Parish Council Meeting 25th August 2010.

**Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

**Appointment of the Clerk:** That Pauline Trimble be appointed as Clerk:

**Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr Jennings and unanimously agreed

**Appointment of Proper Officer and Financial Officer:** That the Clerk be appointed:

**Proposed:** Cllr McCurrich and **Seconded:** Cllr Hamilton and unanimously agreed

**Adoption of accounts for the year 2010-2011.** That the accounts be adopted:

**Proposed:** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Jennings and unanimously agreed.

The 2011-2012 Precept had been set at £1800 which was not out of line with other similar Parishes and lower than some. The WFDC S136 Grant had been reduced from 15% to 12.75% and would be only 10% this year.

**Approval of the Annual Audit Return and Annual Governance Statement:**

**Proposed:** Cllr Hamilton and **Seconded:** Cllr Green and unanimously agreed.

**Appointment of Internal Auditor:** That Tony Horton be appointed:

**Proposed:** Cllr Jennings and **Seconded:** Cllr Nicholls and unanimously agreed.

**Any Other Business:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

Pauline Trimble – Clerk