

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in  
Rushock Village Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, T. Green, S. Hamilton, G. Wilson, District Councillor S. Williams, CSO K. Easthope, Messrs. W. Waldron, J. Cutress, and M. Trimble and the Clerk.

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Clee and P. Hayward.

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

**Minutes of the last Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011:** Were approved and signed as a true record.

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

**Chairman's Report:** Cllr McCurrich reported that the Council had held 4 Parish Council Meetings and 4 additional Planning Meetings and had been well represented at CALC, WFDC, WCC and other meetings by a good spread amongst more Councillors. Cllrs David Smith and John Jennings had resigned from the Council and were thanked. John had been a Councillor for a great many years and it was hoped to make a presentation to him, possibly at the Harvest Supper.

Planning There had been no major issues with the 7 planning applications and the result of the Energy from Waste plant at Hartlebury was still awaited.

Community Good contact had been maintained with the Police and LPO Jayne Willetts had been replaced by LPO Andy Wallace. Neighbourhood Watch had been kept well informed by CSO Kate Easthope.

The Footpath Warden, Cllr Green, had done a great job and had a good liaison with WCC.

The Council had been involved with various issues on Emergency Planning, especially watercourses, and had obtained a drainage grant to reduce flash flooding adjacent to Clattercut Lane.

Jubilee Celebrations. A Road Closure had been obtained for a street party on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and a small grant had been applied for. The Council would support the PCC with the beacon/bonfire on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

There had been no annual visit due to lack of time to organise.

Highways The Lengthsman, Bill Waldron, had continued to do an excellent job. The HGV signs promised by WCC were still awaited and Clattercut Lane had been re-surfaced to eliminate the pot holes. Communications were still proceeding re speeding in Clattercut Lane and the gritting route was to be amended, if possible, to include the hill from the post box.

Communications The web site and Parish Magazine were well used and Cllr Hamilton was thanked for her work in managing the Magazine.

Finance The finance had been kept in line with the budget and no expenses had been claimed by Councillors

Localism This would be a challenge for the next few years.

Cllr McCurrich concluded by thanking the Councillors and the Clerk for all their support and wished the Council to keep going to maintain the spirit and identity of Rushock.

**Community Policing:** CSO Easthope reported that there had been no crime in Rushock since our last meeting but there had been several crimes committed in adjoining areas including lamping and sheep rustling. People should be vigilant and report anything suspicious. It was the general feeling that CSO Easthope's NHW Alerts were preferred to Ringmaster communications.

**Lengthsman:** Cllr Nicholls reported that the Lengthsman Scheme had worked well with Bill Waldron maintaining the good work done in previous years. Jet cleaning and root cutting had been carried out in Clattercut Lane and it had been discovered that Severn Trent had damaged a pipe when installing a water main. A DVD of this had been sent to David Hunter of WCC and he was taking this up with Severn Trent who were to be asked to repair it. He was to be asked for the work to be done before August when the top dressing of Clattercut Lane was to be carried out. The Lengthsman's budget had been increased this year.

**Residents Communications:** Covered in the Chairman's Report

**Any Other Business:** There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm

Pauline Trimble