

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 23rd January 2013 in
Rushock Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs L. McCurrich (Chairman), J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, T. Green, S. Hamilton and S. Palmer, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk

To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. G. Wilson, District Cllr. S. Williams, PC A. Wallace and CSO K. Easthope.

Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting 21.11.12 and 5.12.12 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere: Cllr McCurrich had emailed Mark Garnier asking for his views on wind turbines. Cllr McCurrich had received a letter from Mr. & Mrs. A. Willets thanking the Parish Council for arranging for the locals to display their objections to the unwelcome wind turbine proposal.

Cllr McCurrich had spoken to a Director of Hovi regarding the concerns received about the activities on the trading estate organised by Ram Training. Although he explained that the outside activities were not taking place on ground owned by them, though they do own the base unit, he was made aware that the Council were anxious they would not escalate.

Cllr McCurrich had spoken to John Baggott concerning the light pollution at Chaddesley School. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Trustees.

Reports from County or District Councillor if present: There were no County or District Councillors present.

Police: Cllr Palmer would attend the Police Liaison Meeting 25.1.13. She would note the issue of the Chaddesley Corbett point to points, police attendance at the AGM on 15th May and heating oil thefts. An up to date list of police contacts had been received and circulated.

Planning: Application 12/0698/FULL Oak Tree Cottage, Well Lane had been approved. The possible application by Mr. G. Wilson for the single wind turbine was not proceeding. An application had been received by Stone PC for change of use of agricultural land to a travelling show people site in Heath Lane, Shenstone.

Highways: Cllr Nicholls reported on lengthsman activities and had arranged to meet Drain Jet Surveys next week concerning the problems at Lunnon Lane and Well Lane. Cllr McCurrich to contact David Hunter concerning flooding by Gabbs Farm, Three Willows and The Old Post Office. HGV signs: David Hunter had contacted the Traffic Management Team.

Speeding in Clattercut Lane: Mr. Waldron would change the battery and move the sign again.

White Line: David Hunter had advised that the section by Gabbs Farm was not wide enough to mark with a centre line.

Footpath Nos 1-10 Clattercut Lane: Work was due to have started yesterday.

Gritting: The new gritting route had been a great success and Richard Wheeler had snow ploughed the lanes. Tom Jennings and Cllr Nicholls had done some extra gritting and it was hoped that some grit could be spread by the Church in the future if needed.

Footpaths: Cllr Green to submit the application for the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

Finance: Current Position: Co-op Bank £3683.78, Halifax Building Society £1418.79 and 121 Lloyds TSB shares @ 52.10p.

Precept: Cllr McCurrich explained there was a shortfall in funding from the Government but that WFDC were creating a Parish Localism Fund to include aid to parish councils and the support for

cemeteries. This fund would be reduced considerably for 2014/15 and it was **Proposed:** Cllr Nicholls and **Seconded:** Cllr Palmer that the precept be increased to £1900.

A proposed scale of fees for local elections had been received. The Clerk to write for further clarification on the cost of an election for a parish the size of Rushock.

Cllr Mccurrich reported on the WCC Budget Meeting 21.1.13 which had been difficult to understand.

Cheques: Cheques had been issued to Inland Revenue £48.20 and the Clerk £218.30. Cheque signed for Rushock PCC graveyard costs £740.

CALC and Other Meetings: Cllr McCurrich reported on the Area Meeting 11.12.12 which he had attended together with Cllr Green. Sue Bamford was the new Clerk. Cllr Green to attend next Area Meeting 25.3.13. 9th Parish Conference 4.6.13.

Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils: Minutes had been received from Hampton 8.8.12 and Elmbridge 7.11.12 and Cllr McCurrich reported that Highways had agreed to improve the lorry signage on the A38 Crown Lane junction with two signs, one for lorries from Bromsgrove direction and one for those approaching from Droitwich. Elmbridge Council would contribute, if required, £300 for 2 signs, one for the junction of Elmbridge Lane and Crown Lane (Rushock direction) and one for the junction of Addis Lane and Elmbridge Lane.

Emergency Plan: A Flood Alleviation Grant of £500 had been granted to Rushock for Lunnon Lane. Next Emergency Planning Forum 17.4.13. Mr. J. Cutress to be asked if he would represent the Parish Council.

Localism Bill: Cllr D. Killingworth had offered to explain some of the issues especially District and Parish Council funding and was to be invited to the next meeting.

Communications with Residents: There had been continuous complaints, with one written complaint, concerning the ditch odours in Park Lane and to the rear of The Old Post Office. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to the Environment Agency and ask them to investigate.

A Village Hall meeting had been held 14.1.13 to approve the accounts and to try to start the formation of a new committee following the resignation of the old one. Six people had come forward.

Training: Cllr McCurrich encouraged Councillors to take advantage of CALC training courses.

Correspondence: The Parish Games were to be replaced by a quiz on 13th March. Cllr Cutler was organising a team. A letter had been received from The Charter Trustees of the Town of Kidderminster asking for support for the creation of a Town Council for Kidderminster. It was agreed that the Clerk would write giving support. Correspondence had been received re Grants for Restoring Traditional Orchards which was to be circulated.

Points for Information and Items for Future Agenda: The carcass of a stolen car had been left in Lunnon Lane which WFDC, after being informed, had quickly removed as flytipping.

Date of Next Meeting: 15th May 2013

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Pauline Trimble
Clerk