

**Minutes of the Meeting of Rushock Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in Rushock Village Hall at 8.05pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. L. McCurrich, J. Nicholls, D. Cutler, T. Green, S. Hamilton, G. Wilson, Mr. W. Waldron and the Clerk

**To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs S. Clee and S. Williams and Mr. J. Cutress.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Meeting 23.1.13 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Progress Reports not Covered Elsewhere:** A reply to the letter sent to Chaddesley School re lighting had been received from the Head Teacher on behalf of the Chairman of Governors informing the Council that lighting would be left on for approximately 15 minutes after the school had been vacated and the planting would be allowed to develop. The Jubilee bench had arrived and had been treated with hardwood oil. It was unanimously agreed that it would be installed at the top of Church Bank on the footpath. Tony Horton had taken up the offer of an Orchard Grant.

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

**Police:** The visit to Hindlip had been reported on at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Planning:** The planning application for the travellers' site at Stone had been withdrawn.

**Highways:** Cllr McCurrich had contacted David Hunter concerning the work required at Gabbs Farm. A video was awaited from Drain Jet Surveys showing Severn Trent Water Main going through the drain at Three Willows. Cllr Nicholls and the Lengthsman to decide how many bollards are needed by the ditch in Park Lane and Cllr McCurrich/Nicholls to contact David Hunter concerning the badly damaged verges in Park Lane.

**Footpaths:** Cllr Green had obtained a grant from WFDC for £170 for a new sign on Clattercut Lane and strimming.

**Finance:** Current Position: Co-op Bank £5288.14. 121 Lloyds TSB shares @ £59.67p. The Halifax BS Account had had to be closed and the money had been deposited in the Bank. The cost of a contested election had risen.

**Cheques:** Cheques had already been issued to Drain Jet Surveys £624 and £912, W. Waldron £381.25, The Clerk £224.50, Inland Revenue £48.00 and WCC £150 (grit bin). Cheques signed for Zurich Insurance £243.80, CALC £58.23, Rushock PCC £555 and W. Waldron £162.50.

**CALC and Other Meetings:** Cllrs McCurrich and Green reported on CALC Area meeting 25.3.13. Cllr Cutler agreed to become involved with Localism issues and a meeting to be arranged between Cllrs Cutler, McCurrich, Green and the Clerk. Cllr Green to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Parish Conference 4.6.13. Regarding CPRE, no-one able to attend meetings.

**Minutes from Neighbouring Parish Councils:** Minutes had been received from Hampton 5.12.12 and 6.3.13 and Elmbridge 23.1.13 and 13.3.13. Speed camera enforcement had been requested on the A442.

**Emergency Planning Forum:** Mr. J. Cutress had attended the Emergency Planning Forum on behalf of the Council and there was still money available for flood alleviation. It was hoped that Mr. Cutress could attend the next meeting 23.10.13.

**Localism Bill:** The impact on Rushock would be largely a financial one.

**Communications with Residents:** Ditch odours – An inspector from the Environment Agency had been to Lowbridge Farm and asked that the levels in the lagoons be lowered and requested some changes in ditch arrangement. He would be keeping a constant watch.

**Training:** Cllr McCurrich encouraged Councillors to go on training courses.

**Correspondence:** Listed separately. Cllr McCurrich had attended an Act on Energy Advice Surgery.

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

**Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Pauline Trimble - Clerk