

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 17th December 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors D Godwin (Chairman)
J C Simmonds J Turner
J Nott Miss Morris
K Perkins Mrs P Pain
Mrs Harvey A Brooks
C Hadler C Price
I Fermin

Apologies were accepted from: Councillor Gary Watson.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, PC Pauline Montague, Mr & Mrs Davies, Mr Melvin Dulak, Mr Jim Baker, Mr Attwood, Mr & Mrs Jim Born, Mrs Homer, Mr Martin Harris & Mr Phil Hurt

468 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2007 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

469 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

a) Mrs P Pain – Prejudicial Planning Application 07/1183.

b) There were none.

470 Public Participation

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak. 10 members of the public had attended relating to planning application 07/1219/Outline. Several addressed the council with concerns relating to the following matters;

Over-development of the site, Out of keeping within the existing dwellings, Damage to wildlife on the site, Access of the A456 is within a road accident cluster site, Storm water issues, and High density development.

The chairman thanked the public for their comments and stated that the council would consider the points raised when the matter was debated within the council meeting shortly.

The Chairman then invited PC Pauline Montague address the meeting. PC Montague advised on recent thefts and incidents that have occurred within the parish.

The chairman then resumed the meeting.

471 County Councillor's Report

No report was provided.

472 Planning Matters:

Application No : 07/1178/FULL

Valid Date : 19/11/2007

Application for : Conservatory at CASA MIA REST HOME, CLEOBURY ROAD, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EH.

RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

Application No : 07/1183/FULL

Valid Date : 21/11/2007

Application for : Conversion of existing barn to one dwelling (resubmission of 07/0742) at LEM HILL FARM, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EH.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

Application No : 07/1185/FULL

Valid Date : 21/11/2007

Application for : Conversion of Unit 1 to 3no bedroom residential unit utilising roof space,access and parking.(Amendment to Planning Permission WF112/05) at UNIT 1, LIVERIDGE FARM BARN, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122UA.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

Application No : 07/1186/FULL

Valid Date : 21/11/2007

Application for : Conversion of unit 4 to 3no bedroom residential unit utilising roofspace;access and parking.(Amendment to Planning Permission WF 112/05) at UNIT 4 LIVERIDGE FARM BARN, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122UA

RESOLVED to approve.

Application No : 07/1219/OUTL

Valid Date : 28/11/2007

Application for : Outline: Redevelopment to provide five dwellings (layout and access to be determined) at OXBINE, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XB.

It was RESOLVED to recommend refusal on this application. Council considered very carefully the concerns of the residents earlier in the meeting. Refusal was moved with the following reasons; Over-development of the site within the green belt, Very dangerous on highway grounds just off the A456 when this junction falls within an accident cluster site, Huge drainage problems currently exist and a development of this size will only add to that problem, This application will set a precedence, It's a high density development and harmful to the wildlife that features within the grounds now.

The clerk pointed out that the parish council's comments would now be forwarded to the district planning officer who, at the end of the day, had delegated powers to determine this application provided that her views were supported by the parish council.

473 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

474 Parish Magazine

Councillor Hadler will provide an article for January and Mrs Harvey for February.

475 Elf Glen

The clerk advised that the solicitor to Wyre Forest District Council had issued a Certificate of Lawfulness to land directly opposite Elf Glen but, following our comments in previous correspondence, had declined to issue a certificate for land that falls within the adjoining field.

476 Councillor Fermin

Wished to thank the council for its support in her co-option. She stated that she looked forward to working with the council over the months ahead.

477 Finances

The chairman introduced the budget group's paper. It was RESOLVED to set its precept for 2008-09 at £22,200. It was further RESOLVED to increase the clerk's salary to Spinal Point Rate 24 with immediate effect and subscribe to the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Invoices amounting to £99.00 were approved for payment.

478 Date of the next meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 28th January 2008.

Chairman.....

28th January 2008