

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 22nd January 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors K Perkins (Chairman)
J C Simmonds Mrs P Pain
J Nott Mrs P Harvey
C Price Miss Morris
J Turner D Godwin
A Brooks G Watson
C Hadler Mrs S Tudor Hughes

Apologies were accepted from: None.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, County Councillor John Campion, Mr & Mrs Paul Rogers, Mr McDonald, Mr John Rushton and Dr Fermin.

341 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18th December 2006 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillor J Simmonds a Personal Interest in WF/06/1248 and Councillor Godwin a Prediducal Interest in Agenda Item 20.
- b) There were none.

343 Public Participation

Mr Rogers read a statement relating to TPOs being placed on a range of trees around his recently purchased property. Mr Rogers expressed his concern that the future development plans he may have could be affected due to the TPOs being lodged. The Chairman assured Mr Rogers that the Parish Council had asked at an earlier meeting for TPOs to be placed on three substantial oaks and it looked as if the order was for a wider number. It was RESOLVED to make this an agenda item in February when the clerk could provide a more detailed report.

344 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

Application No : WF/0789/04 (Revised)

Valid Date : 27/07/2004

Application for : Full : Conversion to one residential dwelling at Existing Village Hall,, Rock Cross, Rock.,

The Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

Application No : 06/1209/FULL

Valid Date : 04/12/2006

Application for : Variation of Condition 4 of WF6/05 to allow use of building as ancillary accommodation to Fir Tree House and alterations to approved elevations at FIR TREE HOUSE, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149TF.

The council RESOLVED to approve this application provided a condition is placed on the application that the converted dwelling is not sold separately to the existing dwelling.

Application No : 06/1248/FULL

Valid Date : 13/12/2006

Application for : Conservatory to side. at EVERGREEN COTTAGE, TENBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RB.

The Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

Application No : 06/1249/FULL

Valid Date : 14/12/2006

Application for : Amendments to application ref: 423/01 to provide dormer bungalow at LAND TO REAR OF WOODSEAVES, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DB.

The Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal of this application as the extensions are out of keeping in size and scale to the original footprint.

Application No : 06/1272/FULL

Valid Date : 20/12/2006

Application for : Erection of two dwellings with modified access and parking (retention of public house) at BLISS GATE INN, BLISS GATE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YE.

The Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application. Members expressed great concerns relating to Highway Access.

Application No : 06/1275/FULL

Valid Date : 19/12/2006

Application for : Variation of Condition 2 of WF 965/99 to allow use of dwelling for short term letting (maximum 6 month periods) at BANNUT TREE FARM, CROSS BANK, BEWDLEY, DY122XB.

The Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

Council noted the applications approved by Wyre Forest District Council since the last meeting.

345 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

346 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Campion gave a verbal report on progress relating to Far Forest School and the building extensions to convert the school from a First School to a Primary. Cllr Campion expressed the likely indications that Worcestershire County Council would be increasing its Council Tax by 4.9% due to a continued bad settlement from Central Government.

347 Parish Games

Councillor Hadler updated members on correspondence he had had with Wyre Forest District Council.

348 Parish Magazine

Cllr Price would provide the parish report for the February parish magazine.

349 Far Forest Post Coding

The Council was hoping to meet a representative from the Post Office at its February meeting.

350 Worcestershire County Council - Regional Spatial Strategy

Copies of the Regional Spatial Strategy were provided for all members. It was RESOLVED to make this an agenda item for the next meeting and draft a council reply.

351 Rock Village Hall

The Chairman stated he had attended the recent opening of the village hall and several members of the Village Hall Committee had expressed their great disappointment that the Parish Council had not been more supportive. It was RESOLVED that this be an agenda item for February to give the clerk the opportunity to collate all relevant papers.

352 Annual Parish Dinner

The Chairman stated the annual parish dinner would be held on Wednesday 7th March 2007 at Little Lakes commencing at 7.00pm. The cost of the tickets being £12.95 per person.

353 Past Chairman Badges

It was RESOLVED to invite past Chairman to the presentation ceremonies in two groups, the first being March and the second April Council nights.

354 Rock Neighbourhood Watch

A member reported that Worcestershire County Council was proposing to review all village speed limits in Worcestershire during 2007-11. Cllr Nott expressed his concern at the continued vehicles parked opposite the entrance to Rock Church. The Clerk would raise the matter with West Mercia Police.

355 Low Carbon Building Programme

The Chairman stated Jane Poxton had written to him on this matter. It was RESOLVED Cllr Godwin would read the documentation and report back to the February Meeting.

356 Parish Notice Boards

The Council noted the new village notice boards had been installed at Callow Hill and Far Forest.

357 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £2,232.60
- 2) The Council approved the schedule for Payments & Receipts Spreadsheets.

358 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public during the discussions relating to Rectory Lane Rock.

359 Date of the Next Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 26th February 2007 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....
26th February 2007

