

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 23rd February 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors C Price (Chairman)
J C Simmonds Miss Morris
J Turner J Nott
A Brookes G Watson
Pam Harvey Pat Pain
Iris Fermin K Perkins

Apologies were accepted from: Councillors Douglas Godwin & Chris Hadlers.

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Colin Link, Mr & Mrs Martin Winfield, CSO Jenny Bray & Sergeant Chris Aimes

657 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd February 2009 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillors Mrs Harvey & Simmonds declared personal interests in Agenda Item 10.
- b) There were none.

659 Public Participation

Sergeant Chris Aimes gave a verbal report on the most recent crimes and incidents in the parish for the last month. Mr Martin Winfield addressed the meeting and explained the nature of his two planning applications to be discussed on the agenda later. Councillors quizzed him on various aspects before returning to the main meeting.

660 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Campion gave a verbal report on the finances of the County Council following the recent credit crunch. He reminded council that £25million pounds had to be removed from the County Council's Budget over the next three years to balance the books.

The County Council had invested to save by refurbishing county hall by reducing 40 administration offices around the county and bringing those staff on to the main campus.

Clr Campion stated that the County Council had set its precept for 2009-10 last week at 2.93%, compared to 4.93% for West Mercia Police.

661 Planning Matters:

- 011 Application No: 09/0067/FULL
Valid Date: 02/02/2009
Application for: Erection of three bay domestic garage including store at CHERRY CROFT, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XS.

Council RESOLVED to support this application provided permitted development rights were withdrawn and that the garage was tied into integral use with Cheery Croft and not looked at separately in future.

012 Application No: 09/0070/ELECO
Valid Date: 03/02/2009
Application for: Application under S.37 of Electricity Act 1989:- Replace a pole in the existing low volt overhead line on wooden poles with a tolerance of 30m either side of route shown on attached plan at ALTON LODGE BARNS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DH.

Council RESOLVED to support this application.

013 Application No: 09/0052/FULL
Valid Date: 27/01/2009
Application for: Erection of porch & rear extension to provide additional bedrooms to existing care home at WOODFIELD, CLEOBURY ROAD, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EH.

Council RESOLVED to support this application provided permitted development rights are withdrawn.

014 Application No: WF/0859/03 (Revised)
Valid Date: 27/08/2003
Application for: Full : Ground floor extension to front; increase to height of existing roof and conversion of proposed roofspace for manager's accommodation; rooflights and dormer windows to front and rear of converted roofspace; staircase and external alterations to side (MINOR AMENDMENT- INSTALLATION OF WINDOWS ON SIDE ELEVATIONS OF GROUND FLOOR TO FRONT) at Casa-Mia Rest Home,, Cleobury Road,, Far Forest.

Council RESOLVED to support this application provided obscure glass is fitted to the side windows.

662 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

663 Parish Magazine

Today's report will be written by Councillor John Nott & Councillor Mrs Pain at the next meeting.

664 Parish Remembrance Collections

Councillor Perkins proposed that any monies collected at the War Memorial or Church Services should be paid to the Royal British Legion. Any monies currently held following recent years' services at the War Memorial on Callow Hill should be passed to the Clerk so that an audited account can be made. It was unanimously RESOLVED to support this proposal.

665 Grit Bins in the Parish

Councillor Perkins proposed a working group meet to discuss the parish's current provision and needs. The working group would consist of Councillors Perkins, Turner, Nott, Mrs Fermin and our Parish Lengthsman Colin Link.

666 Grow with the Wyre

Council recorded their appreciation to the meeting that took place at the Forestry Centre earlier in February. The Forestry Commissions design plan would be emailed to all councillors.

667 Finances

Invoices amounting to £947.87 were approved for payment. Councillor Perkins stated CALC are looking at grants available for parish and town councils at this moment. They are also looking at assisting parishes completing the application forms.

668 Date of the next meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.10 hrs. The date of the next meeting is 27th April 2009. The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00pm followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting at the rise of the latter.

Chairman.....
30th March 2009