

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting and an ordinary meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 23rd April 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

Apologies were accepted from: Mrs S Tudor Hughes & County Councillor Campion.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, Mr C Link, Rev W Elliott & Mrs Elliott, Mr A Knott, Mr R J Nott, Mr B Richards, Mr C Smith, Mr & Mrs R Blount, Mrs S Perkins, PC James Price and PC Pauline Montigue.

386 Minutes of 2006 Parish Meeting

The minutes of the last parish meeting held on 17th April 2006 were read out by the chairman. They were proposed and accepted by members present.

The Chairman then introduced former councillors; Rev W Elliott, Mr C Smith, Mr R Blount and Mr B Richards to the audience. The council wished to convey a past chairman's medal on the former council Chairman in recognition of the work they had done on behalf of the parish over many years.

The former councillors thanked the council for their award. The chairman Councillor Perkins then closed the Parish Meeting and informed the audience an ordinary meeting of the Council would follow.

387 Minutes of 2006 Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the parish council meeting of 26th March 2007 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

A & B) There was None.

389 Public Participation

PC Pauline Montique addressed the council and stated there had been an increase in the travelling community in the area and the parish council and residents needed to be very observant. PC James Price the area Community Support Officer CSO stated new regulations had been changed so CSO s can now drive West Mercia Vehicles. This will assist him in his visits to the rural areas.

The Chairman thanked the PCs for their continued support.

390 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

Application No : 07/0230/FULL

Valid Date : 02/03/2007

Application for : Change of use of existing vacant building to residential at THE OLD TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, CALLOW HILL, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XR.

RESOLVED to recommend refusal. This site was originally approved for business use only. The council do not wish to see it converted into a dwelling. The current structure is too small for a domestic dwelling.

Application No : 07/0232/FULL

Valid Date : 01/03/2007

Application for : Proposed replacement windows. at BINE MILL, BLISS GATE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YD.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

Application No : 07/0242/FULL

Valid Date : 06/03/2007

Application for : Free standing agricultural building at BULLOCKHURST FARM, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SE.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

Application No : 07/0270/FULL

Valid Date : 13/03/2007

Application for : Erection of detached garages and storage facilities to replace existing outbuildings. at BLISS GATE FARM COTTAGE, BLISS GATE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YE.

RESOLVED to recommend approval provided the outbuildings being replaced are knocked down after the new installations are completed.

Application No : 07/0303/FULL

Valid Date : 21/03/2007

Application for : Creation of agricultural vehicular access at FERNHALLS FARM, THE GREENWAY, ROCK,

RESOLVED to recommend refusal. The council believes the current vehicle access should be used and not a new one. The council believes this site should not have three vehicle accesses of the small rural lanes.

Application No : 07/0322/FULL

Valid Date : 16/03/2007

Application for : Extensions & modifications at ELFIN GLEN, GORST HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YH.

RESOLVED to recommend refusal. The parish council do not oppose a new replacement bungalow on this site. However they believe the current replacement unit is in the wrong location. They would prefer to see a new replacement dwelling within the curtilage of the garden on the opposite side of the vehicle drive. The council would also like to see some consideration being placed on the TPOs as part of the application.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

391 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

392 County Councillor's Report

No report in Councillor Campion's absence.

393 Parish Magazine

Councillor Godwin would provide the parish report for the May parish magazine and Councillor John Turner for the June edition.

394 Past Chairman Badges

The council discussed past chairman's badges for sitting past chairman. It was RESOLVED unanimously that past badges should be purchased for Councillors, Mrs Pat Pain, John Simmonds, John Nott and Mr Keith Perkins. It was also RESOLVED that the clerk would purchase annual past chairman badge for each AGM when the Chairman would be retiring.

395 Rock Village Hall

The Chairman suggested that at the AGM a discussion be held into the use of alternative venues for the Parish Meetings during 2007-08. The Chairman also stated he would write an article in the parish magazine.

396 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £2,559.06.

397 Exclusion of the Press and Public

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Tuesday 27th May 2007 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....
27th May 2007