

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 23rd October 2006 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors D Godwin (Chairman)
J C Simmonds Mrs P Pain
J Nott Mrs P Harvey
C Price Miss Morris
J Turner

Apologies were accepted from: Mr G Watson, Mr A Brooks, Mrs S Tudor Hughes and County Councillor John Campion.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, Mr Colin Link, Mr John Collett & Mr Brian Woodhouse.

290 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th September 2006 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillor Mrs P Harvey - personal interest being a member of the Far Forest Friendship Club.
- b) There were none.

292 Police Matters

The Chairman welcomed PC Adrian Hewitt to his first meeting of the council under his new watch. PC Hewitt gave the council a breakdown of local policing issues affecting the parish. It was noted reported crime in the parish is very low. Councillor Simmonds questioned the speed of motor bikes along the A456 especially at weekends. PC Hewitt stated he would investigate the matter and report back.

Mrs Pain mentioned the illegal cars blocking the footway outside the Londis Store at Far Forest. The Clerk was asked to contact County Councillor Campion to see when the bollards will be erected.

293 Public Participation

Mr John Collett was invited to address the council. Mr Collett informed the council that 2000 of the Parish Maps had been produced for the millennium and following distribution to each householder a small number was made available for purchase at £2.50. Mr collect reported he still has over 400 maps and 100 books available. Mr Collett suggested the council may like to the donate the items to the History Society who could sell them and donate the proceeds to the society.

It was RESOLVED to allow the remainder of the maps and books to be donated to the History Society and the proceeds would go to the History Society.

294 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

Application No : 06/0989/FULL

Application for: Change of use to the keeping of horses & ménage at PADDOCK ADJOINING, FORGE HOUSE, GORST HILL, ROCK, DY149YQ.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

Application No : 06/0988/FULL

Application for : Replacement bungalow with new access and parking area at OAK TREE BUNGALOW, KINLET ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UE.

RESOLVED approval provided the Spanish Oak Tree is protected.

Application No : 06/0970/FULL

Application for : Proposed tennis court with 2.75m high fencing at MOORGREEN FARM, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RQ.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

Application No : 06/0960/FULL

Application for : at THE HAVEN, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RX.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

Application No : 06/0959/FULL

Application for : Change of use of ancillary living accommodation to holiday let (variation of condition 2 of WF736/95) at LYE HEAD COTTAGE, LYE HEAD, BEWDLEY, DY122UR.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

Application No : 06/0955/FULL

Application for : Retention of enclosed swimming pool at ALTON LODGE, CROSS BANK, BEWDLEY, DY122XB.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

Application No : 06/0934/FULL

Application for : Installation of solar panels on south facing roof at HORSEHILL FARM BARN, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122TT.

RESOLVED approval.

Application No : 06/0927/FULL

Application for : Replacement dwelling at THE BEECHES, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122TR.

RESOLVED approval with no objections.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

Council noted the correspondence sheet and Councillors Mrs Pat Pain, Douglas Godwin and Miss Morris would attend the Highways Maintenance Scrutiny at County Hall on 23rd November 2006.

296 Parish Magazine Report

Councillor Miss Morris agreed to provide an article for the parish magazine in November. Councillor Mr John Nott is scheduled for the December issue.

297 Parish Notice Boards

The Council discussed a quotation from Mr Mills a local carpenter who said he could manufacture new Notice Boards with glass panels and locked for £280.00 each. The Final location for the Notice Boards to be agreed at the next meeting.

It was RESOLVED to accept Mr Mills quotation and go ahead with two boards this year and two in 2007.

298 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of Councillor Campion there was no report.

299 Budget Working Group

It was RESOLVED that Councillors Perkins, Godwin and Mrs Pain would meet and discuss a draft budget for 2007 in late November.

300 Plaque Far Forest Village Sports Hall

It was noted the Oak Tree outside the Far Forest Village Sports Hall was given to the council following efforts made by former councillor Mr Ray Blunt. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Blunt and arrange for an appropriate plaque to be erected.

301 Parish Council Vacancy

It was noted we had received two applications for the one vacant post. The Council RESOLVED to invite both candidates to a pre meeting on 27th November 2006 when members had the opportunity to meet the applicants before co-opting to the vacancy.

302 Grants to Local Groups

Having considered the applications it was RESOLVED to award £150.00 to three Local organisations namely, Bliss Gate Playing Fields, Far Forest Friendship and Far Forest Scouts and Guides.

303 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £1,353.25

304 Date of the Next Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Tuesday 27th November 2006 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....

27th November 2006