

# ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

**Apologies were accepted from:** None

**In attendance:** Mr S Clee Clerk, Sergeant Chris Aimes, Mr Tony Woodall & Mr Alan Bennett.

## **619 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

a) Councillor Simmonds personal in Grants to Local Organisations.

b) There were none.

## **621 Public Participation**

Sergeant Chris Aimes gave a verbal report on the most recent crimes and incidents in the parish for the last month.

Mr Tony Woodall expressed concern that residents were observing the restrictions that the bollards at Far Forest Stores had created but motorists were now blocking residents' drives lower down the Cleobury Road. The Chairman stated that the PC were looking at a range of traffic management measures at the moment and thanked Mr Woodall for his contributions.

## **622 County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Campion had circulated a written report stating that the County Council had invested its reserves with HM Government in the UK and not in Icelandic Banks. The Value of the County Council Pension Fund had fallen by £500m over the past 12 months but was expected to regain its funds when the economic recovery starts.

## **623 Planning Matters:**

048 Application No: 08/0932/FULL

Valid Date: 21/10/2008

Application for: Conversion of retained barns/workshops to create three dwellings & demolition of four steel framed barns, two silos & ancillary brick building at FERNHALLS FARM, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9SH.

Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal. The barns had no worthy merit for retention & the application was overdevelopment on the existing site.

049 Application No: 08/0934/FULL

Valid Date: 22/10/2008

Application for: Addition of meeting room, kitchen & toilet for the disabled at FAR FOREST VILLAGE HALL, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9TF.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

050 Application No: 08/0973/FULL

Valid Date: 05/11/2008

Application for: Change of use from Hay Store to Stables. at HILLVIEW, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9SH.

Council RESOLVED to approve.

051 Application No: 08/0975/LIST

Valid Date: 05/11/2008

Application for: Replacement windows and refurbishment of existing timber frame gable. at THE WADHOUSE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY12 2YE.

Council RESOLVED to approve.

052 Application No: 08/0934/FULL (Revised)

Valid Date: 22/10/2008

Application for: Addition of meeting room, kitchen & toilet for the disabled at FAR FOREST VILLAGE HALL, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9TF.

As per application 049.

053 Application No: 08/0994/FULL

Valid Date: 07/11/2008

Application for: Single storey extension & conversion of garage for accommodation for dependant relatives at APRIL COTTAGE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9XL.

Council RESOLVED to approve with permitted development rights being withdrawn.

## **624 Correspondence Sheet**

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

## **625 Parish Magazine**

Today's report will be written by Councillor Mrs Harvey, Councillor Hadler in December & Councillor Miss Morris in January.

## **626 Emergency Planning Document**

Council RESOLVED to support the submission being presented to Wyre Forest District Council which included linking Ribbesford to the Parishes' submitted Plan. It was noted the benefits of submitting an emergency plan would enable the parish to purchase equipment and goods relating to recording emergency incidents or helping the lengthsman reform his duties.

## **627 Visit to Forestry Commission**

Council recorded its thanks to the Forestry Commission for hosting a site visit on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009. Members felt that the visit was very beneficial and hoped to revisit the centre in early spring 2009.

**628 Kidderminster Driving Test Centre**

Council noted the letter from a Bewdley District Councillor Mr Julian Phillips relating to proposals to close the Driving Test Station in Kidderminster. Council RESOLVED to oppose this proposal and asked the clerk to convey its support for Councillor Phillips' campaign.

**629 Finances**

- a) Invoices amounting to £417.79 were approved for payment.
- b) Council approved transferring £5,000 from the current account into the new Lloyds TSB account.
- c) Council noted the VAT Claim for £487.08 for the last 12 months had been paid.
- d) Council resolved that the Budget Review working group, comprising Councillors, Godwin, Perkins, Price, Simmonds, Mrs Harvey & Mrs Pain, should meet prior to the next meeting and look at recommending to the December Meeting a precept for the 2009/10 municipal year.

**630 Date of the next meeting**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 hrs. The date of the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008.

Chairman.....  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008