

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 29th August 2006 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

Apologies were accepted from: County Councillor John Campion. Mr D Godwin, G Watson and Mr J Nott.

In attendance: Mr S Clee.

269 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th July 2006 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) There were none.
- b) There were none.

271 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Campion was unable to attend the meeting and there was no report.

272 Public Participation

There was no member of the public present.

273 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

020 06/0809/Full Proposed granny annexe at Alton Cottage, Buckeridge, Rock

No Objections.

021 06/0828/Full Conversion of Existing redundant agricultural building to 12 No Dog Kennels at Ankretts Farm, Buckeridge Bank, Rock.

No objections subject to consultation with Shropshire District Council who border the site and sound proofing materials being used to defuse the noise levels, together with a restriction on dogs being kept outside the compound.

022 06/0838/Full Change of Use from Agricultural Building to joinery workshop at Wilde Farm, Heightington.

No objections.

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023 06/0856/Full Single storey extension at rear of Upper Snead Farmhouse, Clows Top Road, Pensax.

The Council objected to this application. Council feels the application is overdeveloped compared to the original footprint. The scale and design is not in keeping with the original dwelling.

024 06/0788/Full Variation to Condition 4 of WF/1079/78 to allow holiday occupation of caravans for 11 months in each year at Land rear of The Willows, Far Forest.

No objections.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

274 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet. The clerk advised that the vacant seat on the council was up to the council to co-opt as no resident had called for an election.

275 Parish Lengthman Scheme

Council ratified their previous decision to offer Mr Colin Link the position of lengthman providing he agrees with the terms of reference and secures the necessary Public Liability Insurance. Council further RESOLVED to contribute £80.00 towards the necessary Insurance Premium.

276 Lest we Forget

Council accepted a copy of Lest We Forget provided by Mr John Collett.

277 Parish Magazine Report

Councillor Brooks agreed to provide an article for the parish magazine in October. Councillor Mrs Harvey is scheduled for the November issue.

278 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interest Forms

The Clerk informed council that all councillors had completed the declaration of interest forms.

279 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £1,648.66
- 2) Council resolved to note the schedule of Payments and Receipts up until August 2006.
- 3) The Unqualified audit opinion provided by Messrs Clement Keys was noted together with the matters arising that had been dealt with via an exchange of correspondence between the clerk.

280 Date of the Next Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Tuesday 25th September 2006 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....
25th September 2006

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He stated that weekends seem to be the busiest times for the bikers to race through the villages and urged West Mercia to act. PC Barter stated that he is fully supported and welcomed this opportunity to be able to hear first hand the council's concerns and those of the public.

Mrs Clarkeson questioned the current Road Signs and location for the 30 MPH & 60 MPH directional signs. She felt their immediate closeness caused confusion to motorists. Several Councillors expressed support for traffic calming measures including "speed bumps". PC Barter stated that Kidderminster Division had 120 full time officers working out of Kidderminster in the Wyre Forest area. PC Barter stated that West Mercia worked on a demand led response and it was critical that all incidents were reported to the force when they occurred.