

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 26th February 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
Mrs S Tudor Hughes Miss Morris

Apologies were accepted from: Mrs P Pain, Gary Watson & County Councillor Campion.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, Mr & Mrs Booton, Mr George Mole, Mr & Mrs Paul Rogers, Mr McDonald, Mr Woodhouse, PC Adrian Hewitt & PC Chris Aimes.

360 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd January 2007 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillor J Simmonds a Personal Interest in WF/07/0070 he had been contacted by the applicant but attended the meeting with an open mind.
- b) There were none.

362 Public Participation

Mrs Booton addressed the council relating to planning application 07/0070. She stated the planning officers had been contacted about the domestic sewage problems around this development as currently raw sewage discharges on an adjoining property owner's land.

Mr Woodhouse drew attention to the Severn Trent pumping station that had been discharging raw sewage around New Road.

PC Adrian Hewitt addressed council and introduced Bewdley's new Sergeant Chris Aimes to members. PC Hewitt stated that since October 2006 there had been a series of 10 burglaries in the beat and an individual had been arrested. PC Hewitt stated that on 13th February 4 members of the public attended the Neighbourhood Watch meeting and they had agreed to start a watch. PC Hewitt asked the councillors to all consider being neighbourhood wardens themselves and to consider purchasing the official signs which cost £10.00 each.

The Public and police session ended at 7.35pm when the main meeting started.

363 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

1. Application No : 07/0006/FULL

Valid Date : 03/01/2007

Application for : Proposed chimney at AMBERLEY, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY12 2XW

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

2. Application No : 07/0011/FULL

Valid Date : 04/01/2007

Application for : Temporary placement of static caravan for living accommodation in association with building works at ELFIN GLEN, GORST HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9YH.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application with a two year restriction.

3. Application No : 07/0029/FULL

Valid Date : 09/01/2007

Application for : Single storey extensions to side and rear; dormer windows to front and rear at ALTON VILLA, LONGBANK, BEWDLEY, DY12 2UL.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

4. Application No : 07/0037/FULL

Valid Date : 10/01/2007

Application for : Two storey extensions to all sides & dormer windows to rear at FERNHALLS FARM, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9SH.

Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal. The application is out of scale and keeping with the existing scene and overdevelopment of the original footprint.

5. Application No : 07/0046/FULL

Valid Date : 11/01/2007

Application for : Substitution of pitched roof over bedroom, construction of new gabled porch to front door at CHURCH COTTAGE, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY12 2TQ.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

6. Application No : 07/0058/FULL

Valid Date : 18/01/2007

Application for : Alteration of existing cottage to toilets & washroom facilities; Change of use of adjacent sports field to allow use as a campsite (in association with Frank Chaoman Centre) at FRANK CHAPMAN CENTRE, PARK END, BEWDLEY, DY12 2TY.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

7. Application No : 07/0064/FULL

Valid Date : 17/01/2007

Application for : Dining room extension & dormer window at MIGNON FOLD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9UR.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

8. Application No : 07/0070/FULL

Valid Date : 19/01/2007

Application for : Demolition of existing dwelling & construction of two dwellings at EAST VIEW, TENBURY ROAD, CLOWS TOP, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9HF.

Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application. It was over of scale and keeping with existing dwellings and there was a problem with the current sewage discharge which this application had not resolved to improve.

9. Application No : 07/0095/FULL

Valid Date : 26/01/2007

Application for : Retention of replacement changing room plus sewage plant at BEWDLEY TOWN F C, RIBBESFORD MEADOW, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

10. Application No : 07/0107/FULL

Valid Date : 31/01/2007

Application for : Erection of garage/workshop for private use at 14 FOREST HOUSES, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9XQ.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

11. Application No : 07/0109/FULL

Valid Date : 31/01/2007

Application for : Single storey extension to one side, two storey extension to other side, conservatory to front & rear, dormer window to rear at FAIRFIELD, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9SE.

Council RESOLVED to approve this application.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

364 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

365 County Councillor's Report

No report in Councillor Campion's absence.

366 TPOs at Gorst Hill

The Clerk updated members on the TPO Issue which council debated in January. It was noted the District Council Planning Officers would consider the trees when the Planning Application was lodged.

367 Parish Magazine

Cllr Perkins would provide the parish report for the March parish magazine and Councillor Simmonds for the April edition.

368 Far Forest Post Coding

The Council were informed that the Shrewsbury Office had now been transferred to the North West Office and discussions were being held as to what was happening with this outstanding piece of work.

369 Worcestershire County Council - Regional Spatial Strategy

A lengthy discussion was held about the Regional Spatial Strategy and members expressed concerns over various issues including Pressure on the Greenbelt, making this decision in the Region and not locally and lack of balanced data to give an informed view. Council RESOLVED that the clerk write to that affect.

370 Rock Village Hall

The Councillors stated they were very annoyed at statements made at the official opening of the Rock Village Hall that the Council had not given its full support to the Hall's Planning Application. The Clerk presented a report which gave an overview on previous council minutes as follows;

The Parish Council first discussed the Rock Village Hall at its meeting in January 2000. Minute 179 stated "Cllr R J Nott discussed the detailed plans relating to the Village Hall and the Council RESOLVED to record their FULL support for the hall and discuss again after the May elections.

At the May 2000 meeting the clerk reported the organisers of the Village Hall asked if the New Parish Council supported the project. Minute 18 records "the new council RESOLVED to continue its support".

At the Council Meeting in January 2001 Minute 206 records the Council RESOLVED to support the application with no objections.

The next entry in the minute book is January 2002 when Minute 185 records the planning application had been approved by WFDC.

Between January 2001 and 2002 there is no minute recording discussions on the Rock Village Hall. However from Papers I have traced at Wyre Forest District Council the planning application for the New Hall was placed in the name of Rock Parish Council and it was approved by the WFDC Committee in November 2001.

In May 2002 – Minute 295 resolved that the Parish Council supported an application for a Transportation Grant for £10,000 to The Countryside Agency.

Rock Village Hall was discussed at the Council Meeting on 28th June 2004 (minute 773) RESOLVED that the PC write to Mr Bob Marriott and give support for the New Village Hall Application.

3rd July 2004 – Letter of support sent to Mr Marriott.

21st July 2004 letter from The Nationwide Foundation asking if the PC Supported the construction of a New Village Hall.

10th October 2004 – PC Email confirming support from Council.

The Council RESOLVED to write to the Village Hall committee expressing their great disappointment and asking the committee to give a public apology.

371 Low Carbon Building Programme

Councillor Godwin gave a verbal update on the Low Carbon Building Programme. He stated that if Planning Officers approved and implemented the report we would see many more solar panel heating systems installed and Kitchen Macerators fitted in new and improved properties.

372 Footpath Diversion Order RK 831

It was RESOLVED to support the footpath diversion order.

373 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £1,066.93

374 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public during the discussions relating to Rectory Lane Rock.

375 Approve the Exempt Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the Exempt Minutes (358) relating to Rectory Lane, Rock.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 26th March 2007 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....
26th March 2007