

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the AGM Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 26th June 2006 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors K Perkins (Chairman)
J C Simmonds Mrs S Tudor-Hughes
J Turner J Nott
Mrs P Harvey Mrs E Batten
C Price D Godwin
G Watson Mrs P Pain
Miss S Morris A Brooks

Apologies were accepted from: County Councillor John Campion.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, Mr Michael Harris, Mr Foley Bateman, Mr Ian Darch, Mr Nick Hodgkiss & Mr Stephen Biddle.

240 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Mr Alan Brooks was warmly welcomed to his first meeting of the parish council having been co-opted at the May meeting. Mr Brooks duly made his declaration of acceptance of office.

241 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15th May 2006 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

242 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.

243 County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Campion was unable to attend but sent a written report. Firstly may I apologise for my recent poor attendance at your meetings. It unfortunately has regularly clashed with other Council or Work commitments.

There has been one big development recently in relation to the proposed merger of the Police Forces in the West Midlands region. The Home Secretary has announced that he has indefinitely delayed the plans to force through a merger of West Mercia and the other three forces in the West Midlands. This is a victory for West Mercia who opposed the plans on the basis that it would reduce the local police service offered to the communities in West Mercia. We will have to watch his next move with interest.

The County Council Cabinet have confirmed the proposed changes to the Catchment Areas in Wyre Forest that includes that the Children attending Bayton Primary will be able to automatically attend Bewdley High.

I continue to address individual pieces of casework from the Parish, mainly relating to Highways.

244 Public Participation

Mr Foley Bateman raised a matter regarding a wall being built along Long Bank outside a dwelling and adjoining the highway. Councillor Simmonds stated he was in discussion with the District Council enforcement officers and he would look at the matter again in the morning.

There were no other issues raised by the public.

245 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

001 06/0512/Full Residential caravan for a maximum period of two years at Liveridge Farm (Unit 3) Ribbesford, Bewdley, DY12 2UA

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections provided the Caravan is removed at the end of the temporary period.

002 06/0563/Full Retention of existing caravan for a temporary period of one year (retrospective) at The Woodman Caravan Park, Ribbesford

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections provided the Caravan is removed at the end of one year..

003 06/0556/Full Conversion of Barn to two bedroom dwelling with associated parking at Mill Farm Barn, Long Bank, Bewdley

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal on the grounds that the site is within an area of great landscape value and wildlife would be approval provided permitted development rights are withdrawn if the DC Committee approves this application.

004 06/0560/Full Change of use of woodland/scrub to domestic curtilage Adjoining Millerdale Cottage, Gorst Hill, Rock

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal on the grounds that the site is within an area of great landscape value and natural wildlife would be harmed if this application were approved.

005 06/0552/Full Agricultural Access at The Yard House, Heightington, Bewdley

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval subject to no highway objections.

006 06/0548/Full Conservatory to rear at 1 Old School House, Rock Cross

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

007 06/0538/Full Erection of single storey extension with pitched roof; additional pitched roof to existing garage at The Gower, Rock Cross, Rock

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

008 06/0549/Full Erection of tractor shed at Liveridge Farm, Ribbesford, DY12 2UA

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval provided the colour of the cladding blends into the rural setting.

009 06/0600/List Relocation of door into kitchen from hall; new 2.3m high brick garden wall; replacement windows at Falklands House, Heightington

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

010 06/0607/Full Replacement of existing building with a building to be used for the production of cream/yoghurt at GYBHouse Farm, Rock Cross, Rock

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

011 06/0652/Full New garden wall at Falklands House, Heightington

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

246 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

247 Parish Lengthman Scheme

Council noted an expression of interest from Mr Colin Link and RESOLVED to place an advertisement on the Parish Notice Board with a closure date for application forms of 14th July 2006.

248 Code of Conduct – Declaration of Interest Forms

The Clerk circulated declaration of interest forms to all councillors and asked them to complete them and return them to him as soon as possible so they could be passed onto the monitoring officer at Wyre Forest District Council.

249 Worcestershire County Council – Waste Core Strategy

Councillor John Turner agreed to read and respond to the consultation document on behalf of the parish council.

250 Worcestershire County Council – Young People's Plan Consultation Document

Councillor Miss Morris agreed to read and respond to the consultation document on behalf of the parish council.

251 Parish Training at Wyre Forest DC on 28th June 2006

Council noted the planning training being offered by Wyre Forest District Council and Councillors, Mrs Eleanor Batten, Pam Harvey, Pat Pain, Miss Morris, G Watson, C Price, A Brooks, D Godwin & J Turner stated they would attend.

252 CALC AGM

The Chairman thanked members from Rock for attending the recent AGM of the Wyre Forest Area Committee branch of CALC. Members felt the presentation on Highway matters by Mr Paul Jameson was excellent.

253 Request for Grant Aid Far Forest Scouts and Guides

Council noted the request for grant aid from Far Forest Scouts and Guides. It was RESOLVED to consider the request at the September meeting when grants are allocated.

254 Footpath Diversion Order – Bridleway 553 & 574

Council noted the correspondence from Worcestershire County Council that the above footpath diversion order would not now proceed.

255 Finances

- 1) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £114.12
- 2) The chairman stated Mr Bannister Head of Financial Services at Wyre Forest District Council had carried out the internal audited accounts again this year. It was agreed to purchase a suitable bottle of refreshment to thank Mr Bannister for his work.

256 Date of the Next Meeting

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 24th July 2006 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....

24th July 2006