

## ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**

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

The Chairman opened the meeting with a mark of remembrance to CSO James Price. The Chairman stated he had represented the parish at the memorial service for SCO Price earlier today. It was RESOLVED to pay £50.00 to the Police Benevolent Fund and £50.00 to CSO Price,s family charity.

**Apologies were accepted from:** Councillor Keith Perkins.

**In attendance:** County Councillor Mr J Campion, Mr S Clee, PC Pauline Montague, Mr Richard Bowles, Mr Phil Rudling & Miss Gail Atkinson.

### **478 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Mr A Brookes – Prejudicial Planning Application 08/0012.
- b) There were none.

### **480 Public Participation**

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak. PC Pauline Montague gave a parish update on crimes and reported incidents within the parish over the past month.

Gail Atkinson and Phil Rudling from the Forestry Commission gave a detailed report on their recently successful £3.8 million Heritage Lottery Grant. Under planning related matters councils had an application for a new Visitors Centre & Education Facility. Pending planning approval the project is due to commence in October 2008 and be completed in 2011. Councillors asked various questions of the applicants during their presentation. The Chairman thanked the Forestry Commission for their presentation and stated it would be useful when councillors debated the application later in the meeting.

### **481 County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Campion gave a verbal report relating to the severe flooding issues in Worcestershire and the £6.8 million repairs bill having to be found by Worcestershire County Council for major road infrastructure improvements. Cllr Campion informed Council that the County Council have to find 25 million pounds worth of savings over the next three years to balance their books. He stated it was likely that the Council Tax increase in 2008 will be 4.7%.

#### **482 Planning Matters:**

Application No : 07/1302/OUTL

Valid Date : 21/12/2007

Application for: Construction of a community education visitors centre at FORESTRY COMMISSION, FOREST CENTRE, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XQ.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to the planning application.

Application No : 07/1316/FULL

Valid Date : 27/12/2007

Application for: Erection of a two storey rear extension at 2 OAKLEAF RISE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149AE.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval with no objections.

Application No : 08/0004/FULL

Valid Date : 07/01/2008

Application for: Proposed extension to existing building for stabling & storage purposes at LAND AT PONDEROSA, REAR OF THE YARD HOUSE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XN.

It was RESOLVED to approve this application provided it was for agricultural use only.

Application No : 08/0012/FULL

Valid Date : 09/01/2008

Application for: Independent annex within rear garden to accommodate full time carer (Resub of 07/1078) at RUSHMERE, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XS.

It was RESOLVED to refuse this application.

Application No : 07/1250/FULL

Valid Date : 10/12/2007

Application for: Change of use to the keeping of horses & construction of stable at LAND ADJACENT TO THE BRAMBLES, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XS.

It was RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

Application No : 07/1281/FULL

Valid Date : 17/12/2007

Application for: Refurbishment & construction of a front wall & new roof to storage building to provide for an office/bedroom at TOWER VIEW BARN, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SA.

It was RESOLVED to approve this application with no objections.

#### **483 Correspondence Sheet**

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

#### **484 Parish Magazine**

Councillor Mrs Harvey for February and Councillor Miss Morris March.

#### **485 CALC Training Courses**

Council noted the specific training courses available and various members agreed to attend.

#### **486 Worcestershire County Council Meadow Farm Planning Application.**

Council were consulted by Worcestershire County Council on a fresh planning application at Meadow Farm, Clows Top.

Rock Parish Council RESOLVED to object to planning application 407604 at Meadow Farm Bayton on the grounds that;

- i) The site is contained within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- ii) Concern for the damage to the water course and wildlife around the site
- iii) Lack of suitable infrastructure for the volume of vehicles needed to transport the materials
- iv) Concern at the policing of the materials proposed to be deposited
- v) Lack of sufficient enforcement arrangements
- vi) The precedent this type of application would have elsewhere
- vii) The impact on local tourism
- viii) No traffic management study has been considered
- ix) Highway safety due to the close proximity with Bayton First School
- x) The adverse affect on the wildlife

The Parish Council further RESOLVED that none of there previous objections to the planning application in February 2005 have been addressed and wish this application be refused by Worcestershire County Council's Planning and Regulatory Committee.

#### **487 Emergency Planning Meeting**

It was RESOLVED that Councillors, Godwin, Simmonds, Hadler, Turner, Mrs Harvey, Mrs Pain, & Mrs Fermin meet to discuss Emergency Planning Matters on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

#### **488 Finances**

Invoices amounting to £1,686.48 were approved for payment.

#### **489 Land at Timberdyne Close**

The Chairman stated Land Registry had finally signed over the land to Rock Parish Council. Statutory declarations being given for registration as a village Green. It was RESOLVED to set up a working group to look at the management of the land and report back to the next Parish Council Meeting.

Date of the next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008

#### **490 Date of the next meeting**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Chairman.....

25<sup>th</sup> February 2008