

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 28st September 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors D Godwin (Chairman)
Keith Perkins Miss Morris
J Nott Mrs Pat Pain
A Brooks J Turner
Pam Harvey C Price
C Hadler G Watson

Apologies were accepted from: Councillor John Simmonds & Mrs Fermin.

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Colin Link (Lengthsman), Mr Mark Garnier, Mrs Rosemary Dalley, Mr Jim Lawson, Mrs Jennifer May, Community Support Officers Nichola Fice, Clive Webster & Russell Fox.

741 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1st September 2009 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillor Douglas Godwin declared a prejudicial interest in all matters relating to planning & enforcement agenda items & Councillor John Nott a Personal Interest in matters relating to Bliss Gate Play Fields.
- b) There were none.

743 Public Participation

CSO Nichola Fice gave a verbal update on matters affecting the parish over the past 4 weeks.

744 Planning Matters:

065 Application No: 09/0505/FULL (Revised)
Valid Date: 16/07/2009

Application for: Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with two new dwellings. at OXBINE, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XB.

The Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application as they believed the current access off the A456 is dangerous. The council believes the plans are overdevelopment of the site. Drainage was also an issue as the current soakaway causes flooding to existing land owners with the existing dwelling. Council believes insufficient detail has been considered for the storm water and drainage solutions.

066 Application Reference Number 09/0598/CERTE

Proposal: Use of existings former stable block building as a dwelling.

Site: STABLE COTTAGE, FOXMEAD, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XW

The Council RESOLVED to support this application.

067 Application No: 09/0610/FULL
Valid Date: 27/08/2009
Application for: Demolition of Existing House and Erection of Replacement House and Garage. at BANK FARM, BANK LANE, ABBERLEY, WORCESTER, WR6 6BQ.

Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal for this application. Council believes the current dwelling is a substantial character house worthy of retention. Council believes there would be a great danger of disturbance to birds and wildlife should this application for demolition be approved.

068 Application No: 09/0624/FULL
Valid Date: 01/09/2009
Application for: Variation of Conditions 4 and 5 of Planning Permission 06/0788/FULL to allow one full-time residential warden's caravan on site and to allow the remaining caravans to be used for holiday purposes from March to January only at LAND TO THE REAR OF THE WILLOWS, CLEOBURY ROAD, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EB.

Council RESOLVED to recommend approval

745 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of County Councillor Campion there was no report.

746 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

747 Parish Magazine

Today's report will be written by Councillor Godwin today and Councillor Brooks at the next meeting.

748 Bliss Gate Play Fields

Councillor Godwin introduced this item for discussion as several former councillors and one serving parish councillor had recently discovered they were Trustees of the Bliss Gate Playing Fields. It was stated a management committee was created in 1992 to manage the field after its purchase.

Various fundraising events and anonymous donations were given to secure the purchase of the 7 acres site for the recreational use for local people. It was stated Mrs Jennifer May became secretary of the management committee. It was stated that the Charity Commissions Document states two Trustees should be nominated from the parish council to the Management Committee annually.

It was stated that the play equipment on the site was not insured. Councillor Nott being a trustee had taken personal action to look at obtaining third party insurance for the equipment with immediate effect. Council noted that Mr Jim Lawson a former chairman of the Committee had agreed to take on the position again. The council RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Sue Morris & John Turner to the Management Committee until councils next AGM in May 2010.

It was also noted that the Parish Council had given £1,030.00 to the Management committee between 1996 & 2006.

749 Finances

It was RESOLVED Invoices amounting to £1569.12 be approved for payment.

Council authorised the transfer of £18,000 from the HBOS account to the Lloyds TSB Current Account. Council noted the clerk had written to Wyre Forest District Council for the churchyard grants for 2009-10.

Council noted the applications for grants to community groups to date. As the cut off date was 14th October it was RESOLVED to look at the grants at the October meeting.

Council noted the correspondence exchanged between the clerk and Messrs Clement Keys our external auditors.

750 Date of the next meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30hrs. It was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to Monday 2nd November 2009.

Chairman.....
2nd November 2009