

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Tuesday 29th May 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors

J C Simmonds	J Nott
Mrs P Harvey	C Price
J Turner	D Godwin
A Brooks	C Hadler
Miss Morris	Mrs Pain
Gary Watson	

Apologies were accepted from: Mrs S Tudor Hughes, Mr Keith Perkins & County Councillor Campion.

In attendance: Mr S Clee, Mr C Link, Mrs Pat Simmonds, Mr & Mrs Sheila Ward, Mrs Joan Simpson, Mr & Mrs John Collett, Mr Brian Kettle, Mr John Nott Senior, Miss Faye Ward, Mr Daniel MaCann, PC James Price and PC Chris Aimes.

398 Election of Chairman for 2007-08

Members of the council were invited to nominate a councillor to the office of Chairman for the ensuing municipal year. Councillor John Nott proposed Councillor Douglas Godwin and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs Pain. In the absence of any further nominations It was UNANIMOUSLY agreed that Councillor Godwin be chairman for 2007-08.

Councillor Godwin duly signed the declaration and oath of office of chairman for the next municipal year. Councillor Godwin thanked members present for the confidence in his election. He particularly wished to thank the outgoing Chairman Councillor Keith Perkins for his leadership and support given during the past three years.

399 Election of Deputy Chairman for 2007-08

Nominations were sought for the position of Deputy Chairman for the next municipal year. Councillors Miss Morris and Mr Chris Price were duly proposed and seconded. A ballot was held and it was RESOLVED that Councillor Chris Price be Deputy Chairman for 2007-08.

400 Minutes of April Parish Council Meeting

The minutes of the last parish council meeting held on 28th April 2007 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman then introduced former councillors; Mrs Sheila Ward, Mr John Collett, Mr Brian Kettle and Mr John Nott Snr, to the audience. The council wished to convey a past chairman's medal on the former council Chairmen in recognition of the work they had done on behalf of the parish over many years.

The former councillors thanked the council for their award. The chairman Councillor Godwin then closed the presentation part of the meeting and announced an ordinary meeting of the Council would follow.

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

A Councillor John Simmonds declared a personal interest in planning application 07/0435 and Councillor Chris Price in agenda item 07/0378.

B) There was None.

402 Public Participation

PC Chris Aimes gave a comprehensive report to the council.

403 Past Chairman's Report

The Chairman Councillor Godwin read out Councillor Perkins Annual Chairman's Report.

404 County Councillor's Annual Report

In the absence of County Councillor Campion the Chairman read his annual report.

405 District Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Simmonds gave a verbal report. He stated following the district council elections on May 4th the Council was still in no overall control. He stated the former Leader Councillor Clee had stepped down and Councillor John Campion had been elected Leader at last week's annual meeting. The new Council Chairman was Councillor Jeff Baker and Councillor Simmonds was re-elected Deputy Chairman for the third year.

Councillor Simmonds alluded to the new Code of Conduct and changes that would come into effect from late autumn this year, together with a progress report on the Council's Centralised Office Accommodation project.

406 Planning Matters:

A) Matters for consideration;

Application No : 07/0352/FULL

Valid Date : 30/03/2007

Application for : Retention of residential use of previous ground floor store with first floor residential extension above at ANKRETT'S FARM, BUCKERIDGE BANK, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9DN.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0378/FULL

Valid Date : 10/04/2007

Application for : Erection of building for covered storage of newly treated timber products (use class B8) at MPB GARDEN BUILDINGS LTD, COPPICE GATE, LYE HEAD, BEWDLEY, DY12 2UX.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0401/FULL

Valid Date : 17/04/2007

Application for : Detached car port with farm office over (part change of use) at OAK TREE COTTAGE, DEASLAND LANE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY12 2XQ.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0416/FULL

Valid Date : 18/04/2007

Application for : Conversion & extension of garage store & outer office to form Granny Annex; removal of existing residential caravan at LODGE COPPICE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9UP.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0426/FULL

Valid Date : 23/04/2007

Application for : Single storey extension at ground floor; reinstate chimney at HOUSEMANS, GORST HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9YR.

It was RESLOVED to defer this application as the disc would not open to enable the plans to be projected onto the screen.

Application No : 07/0430/FULL

Valid Date : 23/04/2007

Application for : Part rebuild & refurbish of detached outbuilding to form study at LOWER NORCHARD FARM, DUNLEY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY13 0UJ.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0431/LIST

Valid Date : 23/04/2007

Application for : Part rebuild & refurbish of detached outbuilding to form study at LOWER NORCHARD FARM, DUNLEY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY130UJ.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0435/FULL

Valid Date : 26/04/2007

Application for : Proposed demolition of existing piggery unit & outbuildings; proposed 6 log-cabins for holiday let at CHERRY TREES, CALLOW HILL, CHAPEL LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XF.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0436/FULL

Valid Date : 24/04/2007

Application for : Proposed single & two storey extension to rear; sun lounge to side at THE SWATHES, BUCKERIDGE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9DH.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

Application No : 07/0441/FULL

Valid Date : 26/04/2007

Application for : Extension to existing caravan park to provide 3 No. eleven month occupation holiday homes & 1 No. twelve month residential home for site owner occupation; demolition of existing public house (not trading); provision of enclosed LPG store to serve caravan site at THE WOODMAN, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY12 2TJ.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval to this application with no objections.

B) Applications notified by Wyre Forest District Council

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

407 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet. Councillor Mrs Harvey agreed to send a response to Community First evaluation on Parish Plans. Councillor Chris Price agreed to read the WFDC Parish Guide and report back to the June Meeting. It was also agreed to make an agenda item of the Health & Safety Issues around the Lengthsman Scheme in June.

408 Parish Magazine

Councillor Turner would provide the parish report for the June parish magazine and Councillor Gary Watson for the July edition.

409 Dates for the Meetings for 2007-08

The Council RESOLVED to approve the schedule of meeting dates for the next Municipal Year as previously circulated. They also debated and discussed a venue to hold the meetings. After careful consideration it was RESOLVED to continue to hold the parish meetings at Callow Hill Methodist Hall in light of the neutrality and central location.

410 Finances

- 1) The Council unanimously approved the Schedule of Payments and Receipts for 2006-07 as previously circulated with the agenda. This would enable the Audited Accounts to be internally inspected prior to inspection by Messrs Clement Keys.
- 2) Outstanding invoices for payment were unanimously approved totalling £760.93.

411 Exclusion of the Press and Public

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00 hrs. The date of the next meeting being Monday 25th June 2007 commencing at 7.00pm in Callow Hill Methodist Hall.

Chairman.....
25th June 2007