

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 30th March 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors D Godwin (Chairman)
J C Simmonds Miss Morris
J Turner J Nott
A Brookes G Watson
Pam Harvey C Hadler
Iris Fermin K Perkins
C Price

Apologies were accepted from: Councillor Mrs Pat Pain

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Derek Wood, Mrs Elaine Barbour, Jenny Moreton, Mr & Mrs Lawson & WPC Pauline Montague.

669 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd February 2009 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

670 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.

671 Public Participation

WPC Pauline Montague gave a verbal report on the most recent crimes and incidents in the parish for the last month.

The Chairman Councillor Douglas Godwin welcomed Elaine Barbour, Derek Wood and Jenny Moreton representing the District Council and Fair Trade Organisation. They gave a presentation on Fair Trade, its history, aims and objectives and outline their plan for expanding its presence within the Wyre Forest. There was already some participation within the Parish by the Churches, including Callow Hill Methodist Church where the Council meetings were held each month. In the District as a whole there were approximately 20 Retail and 10 Catering outlets where Fair Trade goods were available.

It was agreed by the Council that this was a thoroughly worthwhile cause giving it their full support and suggested that anyone interested in becoming the coordinator for the Parish should contact the Clerk Stephen Clee. The chairman thanked them for their very enlightening presentation.

Mr & Mrs Lawson presented a petition signed by 100 residents of Callow Hill complaining and requesting action be taken on excess speed along the A456. The Chairman informed Mr & Mrs Lawson this was an agenda item tonight and the petition would be considered at that point on the agenda. He thanked Mr & Mrs Lawson for their highly creditable action on behalf of the community in organising the petition.

672 County Councillor's Report

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

673 Planning Matters:

- 016 Application No: 09/0099/FULL
Valid Date: 12/02/2009
Application for: Proposed stable block & change of use of land to the keeping of horses at ALTON LODGE FARM, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DH.

Council RESOLVED to approve.
- 017 Application No: 09/0121/FULL
Valid Date: 16/02/2009
Application for: Proposed detached car port at CHEPSTOW COTTAGE, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SQ.

Council RESOLVED to approve with no objections.
- 018 Application No: 09/0122/FULL
Valid Date: 18/02/2009
Application for: Demolition of existing cottage and outbuildings and erection of replacement cottage at THE SWATHES, BUCKERIDGE LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DH.

Council RESOLVED to approve with no objections.
- 019 Application No: 09/0158/FULL
Valid Date: 04/03/2009
Application for: Change of use of agricultural land to land within the domestic curtilage of Moorfield House (Retrospective Application) at MOORFIELD HOUSE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XX

Council RESOLVED to approve provided it is conditioned that the land is for garden use only and is not permitted to be delevoped or sold seperatly to Lower Norchard Farm.
Council further requests permitted development rights are withdrawn.
- 020 Application No: 09/0165/LIST
Valid Date: 04/03/2009
Application for: Proposed two storey extension (variation to approved scheme 06/0047/List) at LOWER NORCHARD FARM, DUNLEY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY130UJ.

Council RESOLVED to approve.
- 021 Conservation Area: Ribbesford (1991)
Applicant: Mrs Hall
Location: CHURCH COTTAGE, RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122TQ.
Written notification (a 'Section 211 Notice') of the applicant's intention to carry out the following work within a Conservation Area: Fell one Norway spruce, one poplar, three cypresses & one sycamore, pollard a willow & crown clean & raise limes.

Council RESOLVED to approve.

674 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the correspondence sheet.

675 Parish Magazine

Today's report will be written by Councillor Keith Perkins & Councillor Chris Price at the next meeting.

676 Parish Grit Bins

Councillor Perkins had held a meeting with several councillors to look at locations where the parish currently have grit bins. It was agreed the clerk and Councillor Perkins would meet to review the work to date.

677 Big Tidy Up 2009

It was agreed that this year's big tidy up take place at 10.00am on Saturday 11th July 2009. Meeting locations would be Rock Village Hall and at the Scout Hut, New Road Far Forest.

678 Forestry Centre

Council noted Councillor Perkins had attended a recent board meeting.

679 Worcestershire CALC

Councillor Perkins announced the Worcestershire branch of CALC had access to over £2m worth of grant aid. It was agreed to make this an agenda item in April when members could consider any projects they wished to bid for.

680 Forestry Commission Trees

Council noted Councillor Simmonds' concerns relating to the ring marking of trees along the perimeter of the forest. It was agreed we would pursue a reason from the Forestry Commission.

681 Speed along the A456

Council accepted a petition off Mr & Mrs Lawson earlier in the meeting. Discussions resumed and it was resolved to pursue speed indicator signs with Worcestershire County Council Highways.

682 Parish Milestone

Councillor Simmonds informed council Mrs Johnstone of Long Bank had recently unearthed a parish milestone in her hedgerow. Mrs Johnstone had agreed to restore the milestone at her own expense. It was agreed a letter of appreciation be sent on behalf of this council.

683 TPO at Rousebine

Councillor Simmonds expressed concern at the felling of trees at Rousebine, Gorst Hill which he felt compromised the TPO which existed relating to the property. The matter had been raised with the District Councils Enforcement Officer and no breach of planning permissions had occurred.

684 Finances

- i) Invoices amounting to £1,756.13 were approved for payment.
- ii) Council approved receipt of the schedule of payments and receipts for 2008-09.

685 Date of the next meeting

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 hrs. The date of the next meeting is 27th April 2009. The Annual Parish Meeting will start at 7.00pm followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting at the rise of the latter.

Chairman.....
27th April 2009