

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 31st October 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Miss Morris (Chairman)
D Godwin Mrs P Pain
C Price Mrs Pam Harvey
J Nott Alan Brooks
K Perkins R Whiteman
C Hadler J Turner

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, WPC Jenny Bray, Mr & Mrs John Maconnal & Mr Colin Link Lengthsman.

1066 Apologies for absence

Councillor Ms I Fermin.

1067 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th September 2011 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1068 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) Councillor Mrs Pam Harvey a Personal Interest in grants awarded to Far Forest Friendship, Ms Morris & John Turner to Bliss Gate Playarea.
- b) There were none.

1069 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mr John Maconnal to the meeting. Mr Maconnal addressed council on planning application No 39 relating to Piggotts Farm. He wished to explain why he wanted to split the farmhouse into 3 units of accommodation.

1070 Planning Matters:

038 Application No: 11/0571/FULL
Valid Date: 16/09/2011
Application for: Proposed dormer window and new roof over existing dormer window at 5 RECTORY LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RU.

It was RESOLVED to support this application without objections.

039 Application No: 11/0590/FULL
Valid Date: 29/09/2011
Application for: Subdivision of existing dwelling to form two additional dwellings at PIGGOTTS FARM, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XL.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

040 Application No: 11/0596/FULL
Valid Date: 05/10/2011
Application for: Change of use of land to commercial stud farm and erection of stabling at LAND OFF RIBBESFORD ROAD, BEWDLEY,

It was RESOLVED to support this application provided Higways do not object and the Enviromental Agency are satisfied.

041 Application No: 11/0609/TREE
Valid Date: 17/10/2011
Application for: Removal of an oak tree at ELFIN GLEN, GORST HILL, ROCK,
KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YH.

It was RESOLVED to support the Arboricultural Officers view that this tree is a substantial specimen and important feature within the landscape and it should not be felled.

1071 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin informed council his report will feature in this month's parish newsletter. In the absence of County Councillor Campion there was no report.

1072 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1073 Parish Report

It was noted Councillor Alan Brooks would write today's report and Councillor Iris Fermin at our 28th November meeting.

1074 Proposed 15 Pitch Gypsies, Travellers and Showpeople Site – Clows Top

The council have been consulted on the Gypsy & Travellers report in the Wyre Forest District it was RESOLVED that Richard Whiteman respond on behalf of the council.

1075 Remembrance Sunday

The wreaths for Callow Hill & Rock Church Service were given out and it was noted a programme had been designed by the clerk.

1076 Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy

It was RESOLVED that Mrs Pat Pain would respond on behalf of the parish council to the consultation.

1077 Queens Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk informed council he and the Lengthsman had attended site earlier for our Diamond Jubilee corner and had 2 ton of top soil delivered. However more was needed and it was agreed Councillor John Turner and a working group would meet on Sunday 6th November at 10.30am to look at spreading top soil.

The Chairman stated she had been in touch with the Worcester stone masons about the Memorial Stone which was proposed similar to one at Pershore Abbey. The Stone would cost £2,600.00 and £1,400.00 installation costs.

It was RESOLVED to progress with this option and has a Portland Stone. The wording on the insert would be approved at a future meeting when the stone masons have provided a drawing for approval.

The Memorial Tablet for Rock Church was progressing and Councillor John Nott informed council the Church Commissioners had requested a public notice be placed in a local newspaper to advertise the council's intent. The cost of the advert would have to be met from parish reserves. Councillor Whiteman updated members of the Beacon.

1078 Speed Warning Signs

Council noted the installation of the speed warning signs and the recordings showing 35,122 people had exceeded the 30MPH speed limit at Far Forest and 24,643 on the Tenbury Road location since their installation.

1079 Past Chairman's Notice Board

Council noted the updated new Chairman's Notice Board. It was recorded with disappointment that the Church Committee had declined our request for installing the boards on the wall where we hold our meetings.

1080 Ribbesford Parishing

Council noted the Public Notices had been installed throughout the parish and in Ribbesford informing members of the public the Wyre Forest District Council were carrying out a Community and Governance Review. It was RESOLVED that any delivery of questionnaires would be posted to each household rather than hand delivered.

1081 Grit Bin Working Group

Council noted the Grit Bin working group who had met with Colin Link and recommended we purchase 4 additional bins and 2 tons of Grit Salt for dispersing around the parish during the winter. It was RESOLVED to proceed and accept an offer from Malvern Hills for their district to provide a 5th Bin at Netherton Road and we would keep it stocked with Grit.

1082 Disability Discrimination Act – Callow Hill Hall

The Clerk addressed this matter and asked councillors to consider the current meeting room and its compliance with the DDA Act. It was RESOLVED that the refurbished hall we are currently using was accepted as disabled friendly and acceptable for the council to hold our public meetings in.

1083 Finances

It was RESOLVED to note the Receipts and Payments for the current quarter. Council RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £1,285.26

Council then considered 12 applications for grants from local community groups and organisations. The Chairman stated that of the 13 several had not submitted Bank Statements or Balance Sheets. It was RESOLVED that only organisations that had submitted the correct paperwork would be progressed.

Upon a resolution it was RESOLVED to give a grant of £250.00 to 5 organisations namely, Clows Top Amateur Productions, Far Forest Scouts & Guide, Bliss Gate Play Fields, Far Forest Friendship and Rock & Far Forest Nursing Fund. It was further agreed a grant of £50.00 for Far Forest Village Hall Diamond Jubilee Party.

It was RESOLVED to Invite Mrs Pat Simmond's of Reaching Out Project, The CEO of Wyre Forest Night Stop and Mr John Leonie Handford to a future meeting to explain what their organisations do.

1084 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of 28th November 2011.

Chairman.....
28th November 2011