

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 26th May 2014 commencing at 7.09pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr Chris Price (Chairman)
Miss Sue Morris Mrs Pam Harvey
Douglas Godwin Iris Fermin
Mrs Pat Pain David Nott
Alan Brooks Chris Sankey
Keith Perkins Jim Lawson
Andrew Croot

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Colin Link, Rev Stephen Owen, County Councillor John Campion.

1448 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Councillor Christopher Price was elected Chairman for 2014-15 and Councillor Andrew Croot Vice Chairman.

Apologies: None

1449 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28th April 2014 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1450 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

None.

1451 Public Participation:

There was none. At this point the Chairman passed a vote of thanks to Rev Stephen Owen of Rock, Heightington & Far Forest Churches for his 15 years serving the parish. He presented Rev Owen with a Parish Council Certificate of Recognition with grateful thanks for his work. Rev Owens thanked the council for its generosity and the council had a refreshment break at this point.

1452 Planning Matters:

004 Application No: 14/0230/RESE
Valid Date: 15/04/2014
Application for: For a dwelling to serve a rural based business in the combined form of Home /Live/Work Unit. Reserved Matters to approval appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following Outline Approval (Ref 13/0490/OUTL) at FIVE ACRES, HEIGHTINGTON ROAD, BLISS GATE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SX.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

005 Application No: 14/0232/FULL
Valid Date: 28/04/2014
Application for: Two storey extension to front; Single storey extension to side; Additional dormer window (Re-submission of 14/0066/FULL) at THE HOMESTEAD, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RW.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections provided the access road is not blocked for other users of the lane during construction.

006 Application No: 14/0237/FULL

Valid Date: 23/04/2014

Application for: Extensions and Alterations At First Floor To Link Garage To House and Single Storey Rear Extension To Accommodate Pool. at OLD HALL FARM, TENBURY ROAD, CLOWS TOP, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149HE.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections

1453 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin's report was circulated electronically and will feature in this month's parish newsletter. County Councillor Campion addressed council on a range of issues. He stated the County Council had reached a settlement on the Energy from Waste Plant at Hartlebury with Herefordshire Council. He stated more commissioning of services to external organisations was happening across the county. He stated he was happy to part fund the Timber Bollards outside Rock Church to stop vehicles from clipping the grass verge and getting closer towards the stone perimeter wall.

1454 Chairman's Annual Report

Councillor Price presented his annual report and it was agreed to be placed in the parish magazine and on all the parish notice boards.

1455 CALC Representatives

Council RESOLVED to appoint Councillor's Ms Iris Fermin & Jim Lawson to CALC

1456 Bliss Gates Playing Fields

Council RESOLVED to appoint Councillor's Sue Morris & Jim Lawson to BGPF Committee.

1457 Appointment to Committees

Council RESOLVED to appoint the following Councillor's to internal committees;

- a) Finance Working Group (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs Pain, Chris Sankey, Sue Morris (Max 5 members)
- b) Emergency Working Group (Chairman, Councillors Perkins, Mrs Pain, Mrs Harvey & Mr Nott)
- c) Planning & Parish Plan (Councillors Price, Vice-Chairman, Croot, Ms Fermin, Godwin & Mrs Harvey)
- d) Staffing Committee (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Alan Brooks, Watson & Ms Sankey)

1458 Schedule of dates for Meetings 2014-15

The schedule of dates circulated was approved for the next municipal year. Copies will be placed on all notice boards and the Parish Website.

1459 Wyre Forest District Council – Boundary Review

Following debate and discussion Council RESOLVED to formally advise Wyre Forest District Council and the Boundary Commission for England that they unanimously decided to reaffirm its previous decision to support the reduction of Councillors from 42 to 33 and the creation of a

new Bewdley and Rock District Ward on Wyre Forest District Council from the next municipal elections in 2015.

Council however, object to the splitting of Upper Arley Parish Council and would prefer to see the whole of Upper Arley Parish left within the Bewdley and Rock Ward. Council believes that having a coterminous ward boundary to that of the County Council will have added benefit to our Parish.

1460 Apprenticeship Scheme

Councillor Perkins asked if the PC would like to be addressed by the individual we were sponsoring under our Apprenticeship Assistance Scheme supported by Wyre Forest District Council. It was agreed to invite her to a future meeting COUNCILLOR Perkins to pass on her contact details to the clerk.

1461 Parish Magazine

Councillor Jim Lawson tonight and Councillor Andrew Croot in June.

1462 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £1,641.93 were approved for payment.
- b) Council noted the Clerk had completed a claim to HMRC for VAT to be recovered.

1463 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business it was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on 23rd June 2014.

Chairman.....
23rd June 2014