

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 29th July 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr Christopher Price (Chairman)
Miss Sue Morris Ms Chris Sankey
Alan Brooks Gary Watson
Keith Perkins Mrs Pam Harvey
Douglas Godwin David Nott
Andrew Croot

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Peter Ray, Ms Monica Powell, Martin Jackson & Steven Bowen.

Apologies: Councillor Mrs Pat Pain, Iris Fermin, Jim Lawson & Colin Link (Lengthsman)

1341 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th June 2013 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1342 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

None.

1343 Public Participation:

Members of the public started a debate relating to Plough Lane at Far Forest and residents requested for the Parish Council to support their desire to get the lane resurfaced following works carried out by Severn Trent. Councillor Croot asked what the status of the lane was and the clerk confirmed via Worcestershire County Council that's it's an Unadopted Highway with right of public access to all.

A debate ensued about the nature of the works and who is prepared to fund repairs following the Severn Trent pipework last year. Several Councillors asked how much the repairs were likely to cost and Councillor Godwin stated approximately £8,000. He stated Severn Trent had offered £2,000 together with Worcestershire County Council and a number of Plough Lane residents had agreed to contribute £2,000 leaving the Parish Council to contribute a similar sum.

Councillors had before them previous advise from the Clerk that stated it was unprecedented for Parish Councils to contribute to Unadopted Highways and that having sought advice from CALC they concurred with his advice. Before making a decision members had before them the email from Mr Richard Levett dated 25th July 2013 and an email from the Residents of Plough Lane dated 15th July 2013.

Following a lengthy debate it was Proposed by Councillor Croot and Seconded by Councillor Perkins that Rock Parish Council are minded to support a grant of £2,000 or 25% of the works which ever is the less provided; contributions are given by the other three parties, there will be no future responsibilities or liabilities made to RPC, the residents association may if they wish form themselves into a legal grouping. Prior to taking a vote Council recognised the wider community benefits for local residents.

A vote was taken and it was unanimously supported by all members present.

1344 Planning Matters:

022 Application No: 13/0312/FULL
Valid Date: 14/06/2013

Application for: Proposed rear single storey extension of disabled relative at LITTLE MAYHILL FARM, RANTERS BANK, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DT

RESOLVED to approve.

023 Application No: 13/0318/FULL
Valid Date: 10/06/2013
Application for: Proposed single storey rear extension at CLOVERFIELD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XL.

RESOLVED to approve.

024 Application No: 13/0334/FULL
Valid Date: 19/06/2013
Application for: Proposed modernisation and extensions to existing cottage at RUDDS BRIDGE, STATION ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UQ.

RESOLVED to approve.

025 Application No: 13/0349/FULL
Valid Date: 27/06/2013
Application for: The construction of a manege surrounded by post and rail fencing in existing paddock area at BOXERS WELL FARM, KINLET ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UE.

RESOLVED to refuse this application as it is detrimental to adjoining properties.

026 Application No: 13/0363/FULL
Valid Date: 08/07/2013
Application for: Replacement of a pair of semi-detached cottages by one cottage style dwelling, re-use of outbuildings as garage, stables and home office and paddock for equestrian purposes at 1 & 2 LITTLE BARRATTS COTTAGES, RECTORY LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RR.

RESOLVED to refuse this application as council believes the property should be retained as two dwellings and not converted into one large house.

1345 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin's report was circulated electronically and will feature in this month's parish newsletter. There was no report from County Councillor Campion.

1346 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1347 Parish Magazine

Councillor Watson tonight and Miss Morris in September.

1348 Accounts for Payment

- a) It was RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £666.00.
- b) Council approved the Clerk opening an Account with Cambridge & Counties at a Bank Rate of 1.93% for our reserve Account.

1358 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting will take place on Monday 2nd September 2013 to be held at Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Callow Hill.

Chairman.....
2nd September 2013