

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 28th October 2013 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Councillor Campion, Mr Ken Link & Miss Jemma Godson.

Apologies: Councillor Keith Perkins, Jim Lawson & Colin Link (Lengthsman). The Chairman was delayed and the Vice Chairman Councillor Alan Brooks took the chair.

1369 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th September 2013 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1370 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

Cllr Ms Fermin declared an interest in Planning Application No 031 and left the room whilst this matter was discussed.

1371 Public Participation:

There were none.

1372 Planning Matters:

029 Application No: 13/0490/OUTL
Valid Date: 11/09/2013

Application for: An Outline Application - All Matters Reserved Except Access - For a dwelling to serve a rural based business in the combined form of Home /Live/Work Unit. at FIVE ACRES, HEIGHTINGTON ROAD, BLISS GATE, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SX.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

030 Application No: 13/0515/FULL
Valid Date: 03/10/2013

Application for: Construction of junior rope course at GO APE WYRE FOREST, CALLOW HILL, BEWDLEY, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XQ.

RESOLVED to approve.

031 Application No: 13/0526/FULL
Valid Date: 07/10/2013

Application for: Change of use of land for keeping of horses. New manege and tractor, horse trailer and mower store at BUCKERIDGE LODGE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DR.

RESOLVED to approve.

1373 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin's report was circulated electronically and will feature in this month's parish newsletter. County Councillor Campion gave a verbal report relating to the likely closure of Bewdley Fire Station. He confirmed he had given £2,000 towards Plough Lane and the Community Project being done there. He stated he had limited funds for Footpaths within his division and asked any councillors with footpath issues to contact him.

He stated the County Council had to save £120m between now and 2017. He stated subsidised bus services were going to be stopped and a consultation document would be sent shortly to all parish councils but £3m needed to be saved.

1374 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1375 Parish Magazine

Councillor Mrs Pam Harvey today and Councillor Chris Price in November.

1376 War Memorial Service 2014

The Chairman had received a request from Councillor Perkins for the War Memorial Service in 2014 to be moved from 11am. This was to enable the British Legion and the IR Standard Bearers to be able to attend both Rock Church and our Parish Service at Callow Hill. It was agreed to seek the views of people at this year's Callow Hill Service and discuss at the next meeting.

1377 Housing Needs Survey

Councillor Ms Fermin introduced the findings of the survey that had been carried out by Wyre Forest District Council. The plan was noted and it was RESOLVED to recommend to Wyre Forest District Council that;

- a) Smaller properties are needed within our parish to enable young families to stay within our parish and also bungalows to enable people to downsize
- b) Any smaller houses built should not be able to be extended in the future.

1378 Hereford & Worcester Fire Service Consultation Document

The Chairman Alan Brooks introduced the report that had been emailed to all Councillors previously. Cllr Brooks had attended a presentation on the plan earlier this month at Wyre Forest House. He stated £4.5m needed to be removed from the Fire Service budget for Hereford & Worcestershire by 2017. Council RESOLVED to support a draft reply being sent to the consultation document by Cllr Brooks on behalf of the Parish Council.

1379 Accounts for Payment

- a) There were no accounts for payment this month.
- b) Council approved 11 grants for payment of £270.00 each to;

Far Forest Friendship Club, Far Forest Village Hall, Far Forest Scouts & Guides, Clows Top Village Hall, Community Transport Bewdley, Rock Church, Heightington Village Hall, Far Forest Centre, Clows Top Amateur Productions, Royal British Legion Rock Branch and Bliss Gate Village Field.

- c) Council noted a grant had been made by an individual within the parish for funds towards travelling costs for her training employment. It was however felt the grants were for community groups and not individuals.
- d) Council approved the grants for the three churchyards amounting to £750.00.
- e) It was noted the Finance Working Group would meet on 20th November 2013 at 7pm to review next year's precept.
- f) Council approved the quotation received from Oak Leaf Properties for the removal of a dangerous tree at Rectory Lane on our land and the removal of a large stump following the removal of an earlier tree amounting to £1184.42.

1380 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting will take place on Monday 25th November 2013 to be held at Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Callow Hill.

Chairman.....
25th November 2013