

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on Monday 30th July 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Miss Sue Morris (Chairman)
Ms Iris Fermin Mrs Pam Harvey
J Lawson C Price
A Brooks D Nott
A Croot Miss Christine Sankey
K Perkins Mrs Pat Pain

In attendance: Mr S Clew Clerk, Mr M Jackson, Mr R Williams, Mr Pete Ray, Mrs A Bowen, Mr D Portman, Mr Archie Montgomery, Sargent Jan Shaw & Mr Colin Link.

1187 Apologies for absence

Douglas Godwin.

1188 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th June 2012 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1189 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) Mr Alan Brookes Planning Application 0430 being an adjoining landowner.
- b) None.

1190 Public Participation

Sargent Jan Shore gave a verbal report on incidents that had been reported following the last council meeting.

Mr Archie Montgomery from Severn-Trent Water introduced himself. He had been invited to attend to explain the situation at the Sugars Lane sewage pumping station which has been an on-going problem for some considerable time. He explained that the work is necessary because the volume of water going through the present system is too much for the pump to deal with causing it to overheat and shut down. Flooding and environmental damage and nuisance is the result. Tankers were frequently used to clear the area a new pipeline and a much bigger catchment tank with a new Pump is to be fitted. There are some land purchase issues to be resolved but the work is hoped to be finished by early next year Notification of the work schedule was given some time ago. Work should start immediately to refurbish Lynalls Lane to make it suitable for traffic using the diversion from Plough lane. Representatives of the residents present made the following points;

On July 24th Closure signs went up across Plough Lane according to the published schedule to lay a pipeline but no work was started. This caused much disruption for the residents for no good reason .A diversion was set up which directed traffic via Lynnalls Lane to Cooke's Cross which is a dead end. Manoeuvring vehicles round the corner joining the two roads is very sharp, impossible for vehicles with trailers which are a necessity for a business run from Plough Lane. 25th July a hole was dug to investigate a leakage of water in the lane but this is not connected to the work on the pipeline and is probably a spring. This leak has been building up over several years and recent weather has made it much worse.

Mr Montgomery made notes of all the complaints and promised as early a reply as possible. A discussion followed concerning the leak and the quality of the resurfacing of the lane after the work is all finished. The leak has built up and is now substantial. It was suggested that it might be accumulating along the ditch formed by the sewer pipeline. Unfortunately the lane is unadopted and the ownership of the lane is not known. The legislation about maintenance and repair is unclear. Mr Montgomery noted all the details and said that Severn Trent hoped to do as much as their budget allowed. He also made a note of the number of caravans along Sugars Lane and the implication for the size of the pumping station he hopes to issue an update on all issues by the end of August.

1191 Planning Matters:

024 Application No: 12/0388/FULL

Valid Date: 25/06/2012

Application for: Amendments to approved scheme, 12/0099, to allow alternative internal driveways with alterations to existing agricultural building to allow parking provision and storage at FERNHALLS FARM, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9SH.

RESOLVED to approve.

025 Application No: 12/0391/FULL

Valid Date: 26/06/2012

Application for: Erection of a hardwood painted conservatory at SUMMERDYNE, CHAPEL LANE, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9XE

RESOLVED to approve.

026 Application No: 12/0399/FULL

Valid Date: 02/07/2012,p

Application for: Private Stable block comprising of the following five stables, wash area, tack room, feed room, and a 25m x 60m manège at LAND OPPOSITE ORCHARD COTTAGE, 143 SNEAD COMMON, PENSAX, ABBERLEY, WORCESTER, WR6 6AF.

RESOLVED to approve.

027 Application No: 12/0408/FULL

Valid Date: 04/07/2012

Application for: Single storey rear domestic extension to existing kitchen, and minor improvements to existing guest suite at BERWYN COTTAGE, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9YA.

RESOLVED to approve.

028 Application No: 12/0430/FULL

Valid Date: 10/07/2012

Application for: Change of use to part residential curtilage and part keeping of horses. Proposed relocation of manege; re-grading of site levels (part retrospective) at SPRINGHILL COTTAGE, MARY DRAPER LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XJ.

RESOLVED to approve.

1192 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin's report was circulated electronically and will feature in this month's parish newsletter. County Councillor Campion was in attendance and gave a verbal report on case work he was undertaking in the parish. He informed council he had a vacancy on Far Forest School and asked the Parish Council if they wished to nominate a councillor. He also informed the council he had £10,000 to spend on locally determined projects. If the PC wished to apply for grants he would look favourably on any applications.

1193 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1194 Parish News Report

It was noted Mrs Pain would do this months report and Councillor Mrs Pat Pain in September.

1195 Parishing of Ribbesford

The Letter received from Wyre Forest District Council relating to there decision not to pursue the parishing of Ribbesford with Rock was noted.

1196 Adoption of Code of Conduct and Members Declaration of Interests

Members formally adopted the new Code of Conduct and Declarations of Interest Forms. All members completed there DPIs and they will be retained by the Clerk until further notice. Members were reminded to keep the forms up to date and make any changes should there circumstances occur.

1197 Parish Council Vacancy

It was noted Mr John Nott had retired from the council. Members felt it would be appropriate after 36 years to mark this occasion and following discussions it was agreed to purchase a carriage Clock and have it engraved for presentation later in the autumn. It was further RESOLVED to approach Mr Chris Hadler to see if he wanted to be co opted to the Parish Council as he had been runner up last time. Council did consider other applicants who had approached the clerk when making this decision.

1198 Parish Council Training

The council RESOLVED to hold an in house training session for new councillors via CALC at Callow Hill Methodist Hall Rock.

1199 Unveiling Ceremony Diamond Jubilee Corner

It was RESOLVED not to pursue an unveiling ceremony for the Queens Diamond Jubilee Stone.

1200 Finances

Council RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £432.50.
Council further RESOLVED to grant authorisation to there Clerk Mr Stephen Clee to perform all banking matters relating to his duties as clerk and responsible financial officer with the accounts held at HSB in Kidderminster.
All Councillors present sign a fresh bank mandate for the current account at HSBC.

1201 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of Monday 3rd September 2012.

Chairman.....
3rd September 2012