

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 29th October 2012 commencing at 7.00pm.

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk & Mr Colin Link.

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming Councillor Watson back as a member of the council.

1227 Apologies for absence

Councillor Andrew Croot & County Councillor John Campion

1228 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th September 2012 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1229 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) Councillor Miss Morris & J Lawson members of the Bliss Gates Playing Fields Charity & Mrs Pam Harvey Far Forest Friendship Club.
- b) None.

1230 Public Participation

No member of the public wished to address council.

1231 Planning Matters:

032 Application No: 12/0638/LIST
Valid Date: 15/10/2012

Application for: Alterations and conversion of former agricultural barn to a two bed dwelling (Amendments to LBC WF/1221/04) at ELFORDS, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XW

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

1232 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.

1233 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1234 Parish News Report

It was noted Chris Price would do today's report and Councillor Ms Fermin in November.

1235 Parish Council Retirement Gift

Councillor Godwin opened a debate eluding to a Woodford Pocket Watch he had got quotations for as a suitable retirement gift for former councillor John Notts after serving for 36 years on the council and his wider community involvement. Councillor Godwin had quotes of around £400.00.

It was RESOLVED to support the purchase of a watch up to £200.00 and all councillors and past Chairman would receive a letter inviting them to give a donation if they so wished to fund the difference.

The Chairman asked Councillor Godwin to provide the clerk with copies of his quotations and we would report back at the next meeting.

1236 Apprenticeship Scheme

Councillor Perkins confirmed he was happy to continue working up his proposals following a meeting with Wyre Forest District Council.

1237 Parish Games 2013

Councillor Fermin informed members the Wyre Forest District Council had decided to scale down the parish games for next year and they would now only be holding a parish quiz night.

1238 Rock Meeting Room - Wyre Forest District House

Members noted an email asking if we wished to display any local memorabilia in a room at the new District Council Offices. After a debate it was agreed to Frame a Millennium Map and also have the two Parish Chairman Notice Boards fitted in the office space.

1239 Finances

Council RESOLVED to accept the Income and Expenditure Spreadsheets. They further approved payment of invoices amounting to £1,230.00

Parish Grants were approved for payment to the following Organisations, Community Transport Ltd, Little Acorns Toddler Group, Bliss Gates Playing Fields, Rock & Far Forest Nursing Charity, Clows Top Amateur Productions, Far Forest Scouts & Guides, Clows Top Toddler Group and Nightstop Kidderminster.

It was resolved that the above 8 organisations receive £240.00 each. It was further resolved to give a grant of £100.00 to Clows Top Victory Hall.

Unfortunately two grants arrived after the closing date for consideration this year.

Churchyard Grants amounting to £750.00 were approved for payment to Rock & Heightington Churches and Far Forest Church.

It was noted all the signatures on the HSBC Current Account had now been accepted and confirmation from the bank to the new signatories were noted.

It was agreed a Budget Review Working Group would be prior to the next meeting to consider next years finances.

1240 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of Monday 26th November 2012.

Chairman.....
26th November 2012