

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 25th July 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Miss Morris (Chairman)
D Godwin
C Price Mrs Pam Harvey
J Nott J Turner
A Brooks R Whiteman
C Hadler

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Nigel Potter & Mr Colin Link.

1016 Apologies for absence

Councillors Ms Iris Fermin, Keith Perkins & Gary Watson.

1017 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 27th June 2011 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1018 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) Councillor John Turner in planning application 029.
- b) There were none.

1019 Public Participation

Mr Nigel Potter addressed council in his role as a community first employee. He stated he had taken over from Mr Alan Saunders and he carried out rural housing needs surveys for parishes that requested them.

He stated he had worked with Cookley & Wolverley Parish Council and Blakedown & Chaddesley Councils in the past. Mr Potter informed council there were 59 people on a waiting list for accommodation within the Rock Parish.

The chairman thanked Mr Potter for his contribution and stated if we wanted to pursue a rural housing needs survey it would be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting.

1020 Planning Matters:

028 Application No: 11/0385/FULL
Valid Date: 29/06/2011
Application for: Proposed rear extension at LITTLE MAYHILL FARM, RANTERS BANK, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DT.

RESOLVED to support with no objections.

029 Application No: 11/0416/FULL
Valid Date: 13/07/2011
Application for: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling including alterations to existing access and provision of bin/cycle store (Amendment to planning permission 10/0016/Full at ELFIN GLEN, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, **DY149YH.**

RESOLVED to support with no objections.

030 Application No: 11/0418/FULL
Valid Date: 13/07/2011
Application for: Proposed extension and alterations at JOANS HOLE, DUNLEY,
STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY130UJ.

RESOLVED to support with no objections.

1021 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin had circulated a written report. In the absence of County Councillor Campion there was no report.

1022 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1023 Parish Report

It was noted Councillor Chris Price would write today's report and Councillor Turner in September.

1024 Localism Bill

In the absence of Councillor Perkins there was nothing to add.

1025 Wyre Forest District Council – Focus Group

Councillors Chris Price and Mrs Pam Harvey agreed to represent the parish at the meeting on 3rd August 2011.

1026 Registered Charities in Rock Parish

The clerk circulated a paper based on information available on the website for charities within this parish. The paper was noted and a request made for Worcestershire County Council Education Department to provide information relating to the size of the Rock Education Foundation Charity.

1027 Queens Diamond Jubilee

The Chairman opened discussions on this item. She said at the last meeting we had a shopping list of items we were considering to do and we needed to focus more clearly on what we wanted to do tonight.

She stated the clerk had approached Worcestershire County Council Property Services Department with a view to purchasing or leasing the corner land (Commonly known as the Green Dragon Corner) with a view of planting it up with spring and autumn plants and having a Large Rock off Clee Hill placed there with some commemorative inscription to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Councillors RESOLVED to support this project.

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the purchase of 14 Oak Trees from Farlow Farm Nurseries for £20.00 each including stakes. One tree could be identified by each councillor for planting in the parish and the 14th Tree would more than likely be planted in Rock Church grounds.

It was RESOLVED not to proceed with the purchase of 3 silver plates for the three parish churches.

The clerk advised that the Department of Culture Media and Sport had written to all councils requesting they consider having a Beacon on the evening of 4th June 2012. They recommended Gas Beacons that ran off cylinders. Following discussions councillors felt a proper timber framed beacon was more community spirited and Councillor Whiteman was going to investigate an appropriate location within the parish that had landowners support.

Jubilee Mugs were discussed and it was RESOLVED not to pursue this idea further.

It was noted a Civic Church Service had been approved by the Rev Stephen Owens and this would take place.

It was also noted the application for a Church Faculty for the Stone Commemorative Plaque being installed inside Rock Church and an Oak Tree being planted within the Grounds of Rock Church had been made.

Finally it was suggested and agreed the Queens Diamond Jubilee Logo be used on the Parish Councils letterhead.

1028 Annual Parish Dinner

It was confirmed the Parish Dinner would be on Monday 24th October 2011 at the Rock Cross Inn.

1029 Finances

Council RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £4, 533.20. Council were informed Messrs Clement Keys of Birmingham had contacted the clerk on two points relating to the annual audit. Information relating to the query had been provided.

1030 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of 5th September 2011.

Chairman.....
5th September 2011