

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 5th September 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Miss Morris (Chairman)
D Godwin Mrs P Pain
C Price Mrs Pam Harvey
J Nott G Watson
A Brooks R Whiteman
C Hadler
Ms I Fermin

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk & Mr Colin Link. Rock Parish; Mr and Mrs Lydiard, Mrs Diane Booton, Mrs P Hall, Mr and Mrs White, Mr and Mrs Phillips, Sally Martin-Smith, P Jones, Mr Ashton-Booth, Mrs Cook, Mrs Mole, Mrs Paynton and four of her family!, Mr Hingley, Mrs S Layton, Mr Ray Blount, Mr and Mrs Sutcliffe, Mr Ashton, Mr D Smith, Mr H Green, Sally Watkins, Sandra Woodhouse. Malvern Hills District; Mr and Mrs D Newby, Mr M Taylor, Sue Burrows, Mrs R Stanley, Mrs Marsh, Eve Chatterly, Peter Chatterly, Mr N Edwards, Mr G Oakley, Mr R Dyer, Jess Mole, Nick Edwards, Mr and Mrs Collins and District Councillor Marcus Hart.

1031 Apologies for absence

Councillors Keith Perkins & John Turner.

1032 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th July 2011 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1033 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) Councillor Alan Brooks a Personal Interest in planning application 033.
- b) There were none.

1034 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed a large number of residents to the meeting. The overwhelming majority had attended due to the proposals identified by Wyre Forest District Council to have a Gypsies, Traveller and Showpeople site at Clows Top. The Chairman asked the Clerk to address the audience on this matter.

The Clerk stated that under the Wyre Forest District Council Local Development Framework Document the council had to consider a range of issues from Land allocation for Housing, Industrial, Commercial and provisions for Gypsies, Traveller and Showpeople in the District. A Company called Baker Associates from Reading had produced a Draft Document following consultations with Wyre Forest District Council and Worcestershire County Council Planners.

A series of sites had been looked at and Clows Top was one that had been identified as being a site that could house 15 pitches. There were a lot of criteria within the report from Bakers stating infrastructure and good public services were needed when planning sites for this use.

Many members of the public asked questions and stated many reasons why they felt Clows Top was an inappropriate location being: Lack of Transport Links, No Provisions at Local Schools, Noise and Nuisance, Accessibility, Sewerage, Electricity Supply problems, Visual scene, Security issues and Devaluation of Property Values.

Members of the Public were informed a Scrutiny Committee was going to meet on Thursday 8th September in Kidderminster at 6pm when this report would be considered. They would be recommended to send the report to the Wyre Forest District Council Cabinet who would later this month agree to go out to Public Consultation on the 15 sites identified.

Members of the public were told to write with any objections to Mark Garnier MP for Wyre Forest, Douglas Godwin District Councillor for Rock and Mike Parker Director for Planning & Regeneration at Wyre Forest District Council.

1035 Planning Matters:

031 Application No: 11/0450/FULL

Valid Date: 25/07/2011

Application for: 2 Storey side extension at THE FINGERPOST, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149TA.

RESOLVED to support this application.

032 Application No: 11/0453/FULL

Valid Date: 21/07/2011

Application for: Proposed mobile home for holiday accommodation at OAK TREE FARM, KINLET ROAD, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UE

RESOLVED to support this application. Provided a condition is placed on the mobile home only being used on a 2 week let and it is restricted from use by the dependant family and members. The caravan should also be restricted so it cannot be used for storage purposes.

033 Application No: 11/0454/FULL

Valid Date: 25/07/2011

Application for: Use of existing stationary caravan by carer for two (2) years at RUSHMERE, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XS.

RESOLVED to support this application provided it is only used by 1 dependant carer and the application is renewed every two years.

034 Application No: 11/0496/FULL

Valid Date: 15/08/2011

Application for: Fit Solar P.V Panels to roof of agricultural barn at OAK TREE COTTAGE, Deanland Lane, Heightington, DY12 2XQ

RESOLVED to approve.

035 Application No: 11/0524/FULL

Valid Date: 22/08/2011

Application for: SINGLE STOREY KITCHEN EXTENSION AND REAR PORCH AND SINGLE STOREY DETACHED GARAGE BLOCK at MOORFIELD HOUSE, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XX.

RESOLVED to approve.

1036 County & District Councillor's Report

Councillor Godwin informed council his report will feature in this month's parish newsletter. In the absence of County Councillor Campion there was no report.

1037 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1038 Parish Report

It was noted Councillor Douglas Godwin would write today's report and Councillor Gary Watson at our 26th September meeting.

1039 Proposed 15 Pitch Gypsies, Travellers and Showpeople Site – Clows Top

The Chairman Miss Sue Morris stated a great deal of time and information had been shared with members of the council at the earlier meeting with residents from Clows Top. Several Councillors expressed great concern and it was RESOLVED Douglas Godwin should represent the Parish Councils views at the Scrutiny Meeting in Kidderminster on Thursday.

1040 Wyre Forest District Council – Focus Group

Councillors Chris Price and Mrs Pam Harvey reported back on their attendance at a Budget Focus Group in Kidderminster. They had both found the process useful in understanding how the district council set a budget and reduce their funding.

1041 Registered Charities in Rock Parish

The clerk updated members on the Rock Education Foundation trust administered by Worcestershire County Council.

1042 South Worcestershire Development Plan

Several Councillors reported back on their reading of the South Worcestershire Development Plan being consulted on by Malvern Hills District Council. The only observations Rock PC wished to make was relating to the proposed Clows Top settlement and the councils preference that the South Worcestershire proposed development should work closely with Wyre Forest District Council and their proposals for this highly visual location in our parish.

1043 Queens Diamond Jubilee

The Clerk informed council Worcestershire County Council had agreed to enter into a Section 96 agreement for the land on the corner of Cleobury Road and Tenbury Road. The Chairman agreed to progress the large stone to have it engraved to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

It was noted the Woodland Trust had responded and they will not be offering free trees to parishes and community groups. Councillor Whiteman confirmed Ms Sally Martin Smith had agreed the PC could use her land at Clows Top as a site for a beacon on the evening of 3rd June 2011.

1044 Wyre Forest District Council – Planning Training

It was noted councillors; Richard Whiteman, Chris Hadler, Gary Watson, Mrs Pat Pain, Mrs Pam Harvey, Miss Sue Morris and Miss Iris Fermin would like to attend training on 20th October 2011. Councillor Chris Price would like to attend on 22nd September if possible.

1045 Housing Needs Survey

Council considered the request from Mr Nigel Potter at its last meeting looking to carry out a housing needs survey in our parish. Council RESOLVED not to pursue rural housing needs survey at this time.

1046 Marcity Leaflet

Council noted the leaflet that has been circulated to residents in Clows Top. It was noted the leaflet had been circulated to residents in Bayton Parish which falls in Malvern Hills District as well.

1047 Request from Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council in Suffolk

Council considered a request from Leiston-cum-Sizewell in Suffolk. The motion reads;

We ask the current Minister at the Department of Communities and Local Government (Greg Clark MP) to make the following planning policy/guidance to apply to large planning applications in the area of a Town or Parish Council

1. That any applicant or representatives of any applicant who submits such an application that will have a significant effect on an area must, if requested by the Town or Parish Council attend a meeting of
 - (i) that Council to answer questions from elected councillors; and
 - (ii) a Parish Meeting, should one be duly called, to answer questions from all electors.
2. That any applicant who submits such an application that will have a significant effect on an area must, if requested by the Town or Parish Council, or a Town Meeting, pay for the Council or Meeting to get an independent assessment carried out as to how the proposed development will affect the sustainability of the local communities.

It was RESOLVED to support this request.

1046 Finances

Council RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £720.28. It was noted Zurich Insurance had revisited our annual premium following the adding of an additional bus shelter for Far Forest.

It was noted Messrs Clement Keys had completed our annual audit and given an unqualified statement. Council RESOLVED to accept the amended Assets Register amounting to £58,522.00. Council noted the HM Customs & Excise refund amounting to £1,411.03. It was noted Wyre Forest District Council had paid us £720.00 this year for churchyard grants.

It was noted we had received 5 applications so far for Community Grants. The cut off date being 26th September 2011 and the grants approved at our October meeting. Council noted we had replaced a Glasdon Bollard at Far Forest.

1047 Winter Gritting & Bins

Council noted Worcestershire County Council had written asking us to inform them where we have grit bins and if we have any new additional locations. It was RESOLVED to set up a working group with the Clerk, Lengthsman and Councillors, Sue Morris, Pat Pain and John Nott.

1048 CAB Support in Rock

Council noted a request from CAB in Kidderminster for support to be provided in the Rock Parish area. Members felt it was more appropriate for CAB to be housed in the three main towns rather than looking to hold surgery's in rural locations such as ours.

1049 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of 26th September 2011.

Chairman.....

26th September 2011