

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 28th November 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Miss Morris (Chairman)
D Godwin Mrs P Pain
C Price Mrs Pam Harvey
J Nott Alan Brooks
K Perkins R Whiteman
J Turner Ms I Fermin

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, WPC Jenny Bray, PC Martin Bromley, Mrs Pat Simmonds & Mr Colin Link Lengthsman.

1085 Apologies for absence

Councillor Chris Hadler

1086 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 31st October 2011 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1087 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- a) There were none.
- b) There were none.

1088 Public Participation

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Simmonds to the meeting. Pat gave an overview of the organisation she was now running called Reaching Out. Mrs Simmonds stated the group aimed to connect with elderly people who could not attend community groups and luncheon clubs. She hoped the parish council would consider a grant to enable her to pay transport costs.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Simmonds for attending the meeting and informing council on her new project. She stated the council would consider her request later in the meeting.

1089 Planning Matters:

042 Application No: 11/0641/FULL
Valid Date: 31/10/2011
Application for: Retention of two holiday caravans at ROUSBINE CARAVAN PARK, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DD.

Council RESOLVED to refuse this application and request the District Council enforce the original conditions.

043 Application No: 11/0659/FULL
Valid Date: 10/11/2011
Application for: Conversion of retained barns/workshop with modifications to form three dwellings. Demolition of three steel framed buildings and clearance of part demolished buildings at FERNHALLS FARM, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SH.

RESOLVED to approve with no conditions.

1090 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.

1091 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

1092 Queens Diamond Jubilee

Councillor Turner stated he had given £150.00 to Children in Need for the top soil he had donated to the Diamond Jubilee Corner. It was RESOLVED to thank Mr Turner for the top soil and reimburse him accordingly.

Mr Foley Bateman had offered to donate 4 Oak Trees to the Parish and it was agreed to write and accept his kind offer.

1093 Ribbesford Parishing

Council noted the work of a small group of councillors who had stuffed envelopes and prepared all the consultation documents ready for posting. Councillors were urged to remind all their neighbours and friends living within the parish to return the post cards to Wyre Forest District Council early.

1094 Remembrance Service

Council noted 65 people attended the service this year and £112.00 was collected at the cenotaph for the Royal British Legion Rock branch. Thanks were expressed to Mr George Munroe who carried out the service.

1095 Finances

Council RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £1,482.02. Council approved a Community Grant of £250.00 to be paid to Mrs P Simmonds and her Outreach Charity.

Councillor Perkins addressed council on the recommendations from the Budget Review working Group. It was recommended to set the Council Tax for 2012-13 at the same level as 2011-12 namely £20,670.00 and that the clerk's salary rise to Spinal Point Code LC2 and hours increase to 520 from 1st April 2012. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept these recommendations.

1096 Date of the next meeting

It was noted the date of the next meeting of 19th December 2011.

Chairman.....

19th December 2011