

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall, Bliss Gate on **Monday 24th May 2010 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Miss Morris (Chairman)
D Godwin
Mrs Pam Harvey A Brooks
Mrs Pain C Hadler
G Watson R Whiteman

Apologies were accepted from: Councillors; Turner, Nott, Perkins & C Price

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Colin Link (Lengthsman), WPC Jenny Bray, Mrs Sheila Ward, Mr & Mrs J Collett, Mr Ray Blount, Mr J Lawson, County Councillor Mrs Mary Drinkwater Chairman of Worcestershire County Council & Mr Peter Drinkwater, Mr Max Davis.

832 Election of Chairman

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Sue Morris be Chairman for the municipal year 2010-11. It was further REOLVED Councillor Chris Price continue as Vice-Chairman.

833 Presentation of Civic Awards and Past Chairmans Budgets.

The Chairman Miss Morris invited the Chairman of Worcestershire County Council to step forward and present Parish Council certificates to two worthwhile recipients for their contributions to village life. The first was awarded to Mr Max Davis headteacher at Far Forest School from September 1997 until his retirement in April 2010.

The second award was presented to Mr John Collect for his many years service to parish life; Major contributor to the research, production and distribution of the Rock Parish Council financed Map and Book to celebrate the new millennium of 2000. Member of Far Forest Village Hall Committee and Treasurer for some years. Member of Far Forest Horticultural Society and Hon. Secretary, mainly responsible for the early stages of planning the new pavilion and applying for major grants.

Major contributor to Far Forest Lea Memorial School Centenary Celebrations, exhibition/book and planning & presenting the entry that won first prize in the County Councils 'Parish Pride' award scheme.

Major contributor to Far Forest Village Celebrations on the occasion of the Queen's Golden Jubilee, also helping to co-ordinate simultaneous events at the Church, Glebe Field, School and Village Hall.

Research and creation of the story of 100 years of Far Forest Horticultural Society's history presented in pictures and words at the 2002 Centenary Annual Show.

Member of and ex Chairman of Rock Parish Council.

Founder of Rock Parish history group 'Oak Lands District History Society' and author of the 3 books on the parish produced under the history group's name.

Also responsible for 'finding' and arranging a permanent display (at F.F.H.S carpark) of the WW2 'Anti Tank Defence Barriers' in conjunction with the County Council Archaeology Dept.

Not to mention the number of local events I have attended over recent years to raise funds for the history group by selling the books we produced on Rock Parish.

Currently involved with the 'Grow with Wyre' project checking out possible archaeological sites of interest in Wyre Forest highlighted by the LiDAR survey of the forest.

Councillor Drinkwater then presented past Chairman badges to Mr Douglas Godwin & Mr Jim Lawson for their years in the office as Chairman of Rock PC. All recipients addressed council and thanked council for their respective awards.

Following the presentations the County Chairman thanked everybody for inviting her to meet the council and bestow the awards and medals on members of the parish community. She stated she was delighted to meet the council and looked forward to a future visit. Councillor Morris thanked the County Council Chairman for finding the time in her busy diary to attend our meeting.

834 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors, Perkins, Turner, Nott & Price

835 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th April 2010 and as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) Councillors Douglas Godwin declared a prejudicial interest in all matters relating to planning & enforcement agenda items.
- b) There were none.

837 Public Participation

WPC Jenny Bray gave a verbal report on policing matters affecting the parish since our last meeting. No member of the public wished to address council.

838 Planning Matters:

023 Application No: 10/0219/FULL
Valid Date: 19/04/2010
Application for: Demolition of single storey extension and erection of two storey and single storey extension and single storey extension to side elevation. Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage at SYCAMORE FARM, GORST HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YQ.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

024 Application No: 10/0220/FULL
Valid Date: 19/04/2010
Application for: Replacement of large flat roof with pitched tiled roof at ALTON HOUSE, DARK LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YL.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

025 Application No: 10/0227/FULL
Valid Date: 21/04/2010
Application for: Construction of new block wall to front and part side elevations at GREENACRES, SUGARS LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UN.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

026 Application No: 10/0257/FULL
Valid Date: 04/05/2010
Application for: Extension to garage at THE LODGE, HEIGHTINGTON ROAD,
RIBBESFORD, BEWDLEY, DY122TU.

It was RESOLVED to support this application provided no water is connected to the garage, permitted development rights are withdrawn and the garage is integral to the main house and not sold separately.

027 Application Reference Number 10/0258/CERTE
Proposal: Established Use of Land adjoining Green Cottage, Bliss Gate Road, Bliss Gate ,
Rock, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY14 9XS as garden for the benefit of the
adjacent existing dwelling.
Site: THE GREEN COTTAGE, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XS

It was RESOLVED to support this application provided it is conditioned for garden use only and the land is not sold separately from the dwelling house.

028 Application No: 10/0271/FULL
Valid Date: 13/05/2010
Application for: Extensions and Alterations including cellar (Resubmission of
09/0740/FULL) at JOANS HOLE, DUNLEY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN, DY130UJ.

It was RESOLVED to support this application with no objections.

029 Application No: 10/0272/FULL
Valid Date: 13/05/2010
Application for: Single storey extensions at MOUNT PLEASANT BUNGALOW, CALLOW
HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XL.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

030 Application No: 10/0274/FULL
Valid Date: 11/05/2010
Application for: Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with 3 No dwellings
(amendment to schemes previously approved under applications 09/0505/FULL and
09/0506/FULL at OXBINE, CALLOW HILL, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XB.

It was RESOLVED to refuse this application as it is overdevelopment and access of the A456 is extremely dangerous for the increased number of cars.

The Parish Council considers the design is out of keeping with the street scene. The Parish Council further wishes that if you are minded to recommend approval to this application a site visit will be called first so members of the Parish Council can show District Councillors their concerns.

031 Application No: 10/0145/FULL
Valid Date: 17/03/2010
Application for: 1st Floor Extension at ALTON CROSS COTTAGE, GORST HILL, ROCK,
KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YR.

It was RESOLVED to support this application.

032 Application No: 10/0153/FULL

Valid Date: 19/03/2010

Application for: Replacement of a pair of semi-detached cottages by one cottage style dwelling with associated access and parking, re-use of outbuilding as garage, stables and home office, and paddock for equestrian purposes at 1 & 2 BARRATTS COTTAGES, RECTORY LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RR.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application.

The council believes the current cottages are most worthy of retention and need preserving for the survival of younger people looking for affordable small dwellings.

The council wish to point out that these cottages are one of few remaining in rock parish linked to agricultural use.

839 County Councillor's Report

In the absence of County Councillor Champion there was no report. Councillor Godwin stated his district report was covered in his monthly report contained in the parish magazine.

840 Correspondence Sheet

Council noted the updated correspondence sheet.

841 Finances

a) It was RESOLVED to approve payment of invoices amounting to £968.84

842 Date of the next meeting

Council noted the date of the next meeting of 28th June 2010.

Chairman.....
28th June 2010