

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Rock Parish Council held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 29th February 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Mr Andrew Croot (Chairman)
Jim Lawson Chris Sankey
Chris Price Pat Pain
Ms Sue Morris Douglas Godwin
Ms Iris Fermin Alan Brooks
David Nott Ms Sandra Woodhouse
Keith Perkins Gary Watson

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr & Mrs Rod Wilson, Mr Albert Ward, District Councillor Jenny Greener, & CSO Toby Stephenson.

Apologies: None

1674 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th January 2016 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1675 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- A) Councillor Price declared a DPI in Planning Application 16/0020 and left the room whilst this application was discussed.
- B) There were none.

1676 Public Participation:

CSO Toby Stephenson updated council on the issues surrounding the parish during the past month.

1677 Planning Matters:

- 032 Application No: 16/0019/FULL
Valid Date: 12/01/2016
Application for: Two storey rear extension at 9 NEW ROAD, FAR FOREST, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149TQ.
RESOLVED to approve with no objections.
- 033 Application No: 16/0020/FULL
Valid Date: 19/01/2016
Application for: Two storey extension to front/rear at THE GROVE FARM, LYE HEAD, BEWDLEY, DY122UX.
RESLOVED to approve.
- 034 Application No: 16/0044/FULL
Valid Date: 27/01/2016
Application for: Detached garage to replace existing garage at THE HOLLIES, CHAPEL LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XE.
RESOLVED to approve.
- 035 Application No: 16/0045/FULL
Valid Date: 19/01/2016
Application for: Front Porch Extension at 10 OAKLEAF RISE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149AE.
RESOLVED to approve.

1678 Update Sheet

There was none.

1679 County & District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Jenny Greener informed Council Wyre Forest District Council had frozen council tax for 2016-2017 at last year's rates. Mainly due to the fact that Kidderminster Town Council was created and costs associated to Kidderminster alone has been transferred to this new Council. She also informed Council the new Leisure Centre was well under construction. There was no report from County Councillor Campion.

1680 Parish Magazine

Councillor Alan Brooks was writing tonight's report and Councillor Douglas Godwin in March.

1681 Tesco's Grant Application

The Clerk was pleased to report his application for grant aid from Tesco's raised by their 5p Plastic Bag Charges had been shortlisted to one of 3 for the Wyre Forest District.

The 3 bids being, Bliss Gates Play Fields. Lickhill Primary School for a Bring Back the Bees Project and Hartlebury Primary School for replacement Play Equipment. The rewards are £8,000 £10,000 & £12,000 It is now open to the public to vote in any of the Tesco's stores in Wyre Forest between 27th February till 5th March for the project they rate highest. We were assured of 3rd place for our bid. Councillors thanked the clerk for pulling the bid together and achieving this fantastic sponsorship for the local community.

1682 West Mercia – Smart Water

Members had various questions relating to PC Stephen Thomas email regarding a Smart Water project being run within the parish. It was agreed to invite him to our next meeting to answer questions.

1683 Queens 90th Birthday

The Clerk informed Council the Local Government Association & NALC were inviting all Councils in England to hold an event to mark the Queens 90th Birthday on 21st April 2016. Her Official Birthday being celebrated on 11th June.

The Clerk presented a £2.00 coin from the Royal Mint where some Council's were presenting them to all the children in their local school. Other Councils were looking at burning a Beacon, Planting a Tree and a Street Party. It was decided to cost a few options and come back to the next meeting.

1684 District All Out Elections

The Clerk outlined the consultation document from Wyre Forest District Council relating to changing to All Out Elections from 2019. Council unanimously supported this proposal as a cost saving for the District Taxpayers and requested Wyre Forest look at making all the Parish Council Elections Coterminal with the changes being made so Rock Parish do not incur additional costs themselves.

1685 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £226.00 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.

1686 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business it was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 29th March 2016.

Chairman.....
29th March 2016
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