

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 28th November 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Andrew Croot (Chairman)
Jim Lawson Chris Sankey
Pat Pain Ms Sue Morris
Douglas Godwin Calne Edginton White
Richard Williams Sandra Woodhouse
David Nott Christopher Price

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, CSO Jenny Bray & 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Alan Brooks & District Councillor Wilson.

1771 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 31st October 2016 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1772 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

- A) Cllr Jim Lawson wished to inform members his declaration had changed and he had resigned from Health Concern and would sit as an Independent Member with immediate effect.
- B) There were none.

1773 Public Participation:

Mr Roger Dyer & Ms Sue Burrows residents of Bayton informed Council of the Land for Sale by Auction at Clows Top on 1st December 2016.

1774 Planning Matters:

021 Application No: 16/0641/FULL
Application for: Single storey side extension to replace existing attached storage building at MUSCOVY COTTAGE, GREEN HOUSE FARM, GREENWAY, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SR.

RESOLVED to approve.

022 Application No: 16/0622/FULL
Application for: Proposed two storey extension at THE BOWER, KINLET ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149UF.

RESOLVED to approve.

023 Application No: 16/9026/NMA
Application for: Alterations to external elevations and layout at PARWELD LTD, LONG BANK, BEWDLEY BUSINESS PARK, BEWDLEY, DY122TZ

RESOLVED to approve.

1775 Update Sheet

The update sheet listed the recipients who had recently received a grant and thanked the PC for their support.

1776 County & District Councillor's Report

In the absence of our District and County Councillors, there were no reports.

1777 Parish Magazine

In the absence of Councillor Gary Watson again Councillor Richard Williams kindly agreed to write tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Mrs Pat Pain would do it in December.

1778 West Mercia Police - Smart Water

The Chairman presented a green paper setting out the Smartwater scheme and where we are to date. It was noted West Mercia Police had been delivering the Smartwater before any formal decision had been made by this Council. It was stated the maximum cost to Council Taxpayers in Rock Parish would be £6,000. An itemised invoice from West Mercia Police would need to be produced to secure payment.

The Finance Committee had met on 19th September 2016 and considered a detailed paper provided by the Clerk. The Clerk advised funding could be provided from within this year's resources without the need to withdraw our long term investment bond provided earmarked expenditure for this year was held back until 2017-18 and the funds replaced at budget setting.

Following a debate a resolution to proceed with the scheme was proposed. It was RESOLVED to precede with the scheme by 9 Votes For and 2 Abstentions from Councillors Miss Morris & Lawson.

1779 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £1,310.94 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Income and Expenditure spreadsheets for November 2016-17 were noted.
- c) The Chairman introduced the proposed Finance Committee budget proposals for 2016-17 following their meeting on 23rd November 2016. The Group had endorsed the reinvestment of our savings bond with Cambridge & Counties Bank for 3 years at 1.90% PA. The Finance Committee also recommended to Council the Precept for 2017-18 should be set at **£32,000.00** It also included allowance to facilitate an increase in the clerk's hours of employment to 17 per week from 1st April 2017 on LC2-35 pay scales and replacing money used for the implementation of Smartwater. It was RESOLVED to approve the recommendations as set out above for 2017-18.

1780 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.05pm. It was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday 19th December 2016.

Chairman.....
19th December 2016