

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 25th September 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman)
Pat Pain Ms Sue Morris
Richard Williams Calne Edginton White
Sandra Woodhouse David Nott
Alistair Scott Alan Brooks
Jim Lawson Chris Sankey

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, District Councillor Rod Wilson, Mr Michael Harris, Mr Nick Harris, Mrs Denise Christy & Mrs Trish Wilson.

Apologies: Councillor Douglas Godwin & County Councillor Rebecca Vale

1875 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 31st July 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1876 Declaration of Interest for a) The Meeting and b) Any Changes to be notified to the Registers of Interests and Gifts & Hospitality;

A) David Nott a personal interest in Planning Application 17/0477 and left the room whilst this matter was debated. B) There were none.

1877 Public Participation:

The Chairman introduced the public speaking session and stated 30 minutes was set aside for public contributions relating to items on the agenda or parish matters. No members of the public wished to speak.

1878 Planning Matters:

17/0454/Full Proposed loft conversion at Bowerbatch Farm, Greenaway, DY14 9SQ.

Resolved to support.

17/0459/Tree Reduce Crown of a Beech Tree by 20% at Two Hills Lodge, Rock, DY14 4DB.

Resolved to support.

17/0478/Full Single storey extension at The Warren, Gorst Hill, Rock DY14 9YP.

Resolved to support.

17/0477/Full Change of use of land at Gorst Hill Farm, Rock DY14 9YJ for storage of additional caravans.

Resolved to support.

17/0561/Full Demolition of existing bottle store and construction of single storey accommodation at Colliers Arms, DY14 9HA.

Resolved to support.

17/0563/Full Extension to form stores at Parweld Ltd Long Bank, Bewdley, DY12 2TZ.

Resolved to support.

1879 Update Sheet

There was none.

1880 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Rebecca Vale sent a written report. She confirmed she had noticed that the pavements on Rectory Lane are in need of some improvement. She has asked the County Council to treat them as one of her priorities within the Division of Bewdley for improvements.

She also confirmed she was pleased to donate £500 of her Divisional funding to help fund the defibrillator that the Parish Council wishes to install in the Bliss Gate area.

District Councillor Rod Wilson stated West Mercia Police have purchased a new Mini Bus to use for surgeries within rural locations like Rock Parish.

Parish Councillor Richard Williams reported on a recent Parish Chairman Meeting he had attended at Wyre Forest DC HQ. He stated only 2,000 people had responded to the recent Local Plan Review Proposals from 100,000 living within the WFDC area. He stated there are 250 empty properties within the WFDC area at the moment with 3,300 people on the housing waiting list.

He stated some Parishes have installed Gateways into their parishes to help slow down speeding motorists. The Clerk confirmed he was working on an application for funding off WFDC on similar schemes for this parish. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to make this an agenda item next month.

1881 Parish Magazine

Councillor Jim Lawson was writing tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor David Nott in October.

1882 Apprenticeship Scheme

Councillor Alan Brooks informed council Kidderminster College had identified an apprentice seeking support towards their training unfortunately upon investigation the individual lives in Bayton and not our parish so fails to meet our criteria.

However a further apprentice had been identified living within the Gorst Hill area of this parish. It was agreed to support the sponsorship of this individual with funding from 1st April 2018 or sooner if funding can be identified when the Finance Committee next meet.

1883 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £6,794.40 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date.
- c) Council noted we had received an unqualified audit for the last time of Messrs Grant Thornton Ltd.

1884 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 21.30pm. It was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday 30th October 2017.

Chairman.....
30th October 2017