

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 30th October 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman)
Pat Pain Ms Sue Morris
Richard Williams Chris Sankey
Sandra Woodhouse David Nott
Alistair Scott Alan Brooks
Douglas Godwin

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Michael Harris, Mr Nick Harris, County Cllr Rebecca Vale & Mrs Alex Powell.

Apologies: Councillors Jim Lawson, Andrew Croot & Calne Edginton White.

1885 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th September 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1886 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.

1887 Presentation by Alex Powell:

The Chairman invited Alex Powell a Community Led Housing Coordinator working at Wyre Forest District Council to address the meeting.

Alex gave a presentation on Community Led Housing schemes being processed and examples of where parishes had led the schemes. She stated grants of £5,000 were available to carry out feasibility studies or employ architects to draw up plans for schemes to be considered.

The Chairman thanked Alex for her presentation and the meeting resumed at 7.20pm.

1888 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.

1889 Planning Matters:

Councillor Godwin arrived at 7.22pm.

17/0587/Full Application for: Erection of a canopy over the existing milking parlour and associated yard at Gybhouse Farm, Rock Cross, Rock, DY14 9RH.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

17/0633/Full Application for a: Conservatory to front at Alton Lodge, Cross Bank, Bewdley, DY12 2XB

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

17/0639/Full Application for: Erection of two storey side extension to existing dwelling house and demolition and replacement of storage shed at Brook Farm, Heightington Road, DY12 2YR

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

1890 Correspondence & Update Sheet

There was none.

1891 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Rebecca Vale mentioned the Velo event in Bewdley recently and several members of the council stated it was an excellent event and very well supported by the community.

She stated an Emergency County Council Meeting had recently been held calling for the Secretary of State to take over the running of the County Council however after all the showmanship the motion proposed by the Labour group was voted on and defeated. She confirmed Essex County Council had taken over the running of Looked After Children Services in Worcestershire following a very poor Ofsted Inspection.

Cllr Vale confirmed she had several traffic issues she was dealing with but mainly in Bewdley & Arley Parishes. Councillor Sandra Woodhouse mentioned speeding along Sugars Lane at Far Forest and Cllr Vale stated she would look into it.

District Councillor Rod Wilson was attending a Community Housing Meeting tonight and had sent his apologies.

1892 Parish Magazine

Councillor David Nott was writing tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Andrew Croot in December.

1893 Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018

Councillor Richard Williams updated members of a new document that had been produced and which he had circulated earlier today to all members. A couple of sites were being looked at for a "bonfire" and it was agreed the Clerk would meet with Cllr Williams later in the week to point out the various locations etc.

1894 Community Grants 2017-18

The Parish Council had received 13 applications for Grants for 2017-18. Unfortunately two had arrived after the cut off date so they were not considered. However all **11** were accepted and it was RESOLVED to give £270.00 to the following community groups; Wyre Forest Nightstop, Clows Top Amateur Productions, Far Forest Centre, Far Forest Friendship, Bliss Gates Village Fields, Rock & Far Forest Nursing Fund, Far Forest Village Hall, Community Transport, Heightington Village Hall, Far Forest Scouts & Little Acorns Stay & Play Group.

1895 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £639.58 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet. These payments excluded the grants agreed in 1894.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date.
- c) Churchyard Grants to Rock, Heightington and Far Forest Churches amounting to £750.00 were also approved.

1896 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.55pm. It was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday 18th December 2017.

Chairman.....
18th December 2017