

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 18th December 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Michael Harris, Mr Nick Harris & Mr Geoff Simpson.

Apologies: Councillors Chris Sankey, County Councillor Rebecca Vale & District Councillor Rod Wilson.

1897 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30th October 2017 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1898 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.

1899 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. Mr G Simpson raised concern at the Live Music being played at the Royal Forester Inn every month. He was concerned that the music appeared to be coming from a newly installed marquee and not from within the pub itself.

Mr Simpson stated he did not object to the planning application being considered later on the agenda for a covered area to be installed over the "smoking space" at the Royal Forester Inn.

1900 Planning Matters:

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| 028 | 17/0652/FULL | Application for: Conversion of barns to create 3no dwellings with associated access and ancillary works at GYBHOUSE FARM, ROCK CROSS, ROCK,

RESOLVED to support. |
| 029 | 17/0665/FULL | Application for: Use of land for a static caravan to be used by site warden at THE WAIN HOUSE CHAPEL FARM, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122XY.

RESOLVED to support. |
| 030 | 17/0676/FULL | Application for: Demolition of existing dwell and associated dutch barn style buildings. Construction of 2 new dwellings and re-positioning of existing access at THE DRIVE, BLISS GATE ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XU

RESOLVED to support. |

031	17/0700/FULL	<p>Proposed temporary accommodation (sited for a period of 2 years) during the construction of the replacement dwelling at Barrett's Farm Cottages at 1 & 2 BARRETT'S FARM COTTAGE, RECTORY LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RP.</p> <p>RESOLVED to support.</p>
032	17/0705/LIST	<p>Small extension to form boot room off existing kitchen and regularisation of existing utility room extension at ALTON LODGE FARM, BUCKERIDGE BANK, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DH.</p> <p>RESOLVED to support.</p>
033	17/0722/FULL	<p>Application for: Erection of domestic workshop, garaging and storage building at BROOK FARM, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY122YR.</p> <p>RESOLVED to support.</p>
034	17/0751/FULL	<p>Application for: Proposed covered area extension at ROYAL FORESTER, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149XW</p> <p>RESOLVED to support.</p>

1901 Correspondence & Update Sheet

No matters arising.

1902 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Rebecca Vale sent apologies as did District Councillor Rod Wilson however Cllr Wilson had sent a written report to the meeting and the Parish Council were deeply appreciative of his efforts whilst knowing he was unwell at the moment.

1903 Parish Magazine

Councillor Andrew Croot is writing tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Alistair Scott in January.

1904 Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018

Councillor Richard Williams updated members on his recent visit around the Parish with the Clerk. He reported land at Heightington, Rock Village, Clows Top & Far Forest had been visited and considered for the Beacon. Upon close inspection the land at Heightington met the criteria best with a very prominent field with views for miles around. The Heightington Site also offered great car parking with an access to a fully equipped Village Hall for tea and refreshments afterwards. Work was continuing and Councillor Williams will report back when additional information is available and costs associated for a beacon.

1905 Apprenticeship Scheme

Councillor Alan Brooks reported he had received an update from Kidderminster College and our Apprentice we were supporting via sponsorship had left her current employer.

The Clerk advised that no payment would be made to her former employers as we only pay invoices after 6 months of work carried out.

Douglas Godwin arrived at 7.43pm.

1906 Policy Documents

The Finance Committee had considered the following Documents at its recent meeting. It was recommended by the Finance Committee all the documents should be approved for adoption;

- a) Financial Controls – RPC/001/FC
- b) Statement of Internal Control – RPC/002/FC
- c) Policy on Filming & Recording Meetings – RPC/003/FC
- d) Treasury Management Strategy – RPC/004/FC

It was RESOLVED to approve the above policies and publish them on the Parish Council website.

1907 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £6,312.81 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date.
- c) It was recommended by the Finance Committee to set the Precept for 2018-19 at £40,400.00. Following a presentation by the Clerk it was unanimously RESOLVED to agree to a Precept for 2018-19 of £40,400.00.

1908 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.59pm. It was noted the date of the next meeting would be held on Monday 29th January 2018.

Chairman.....
18th December 2017