

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 21st May 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, PC Steve Thomas & CSO Nathan Chater.

Apologies: Councillors Douglas Godwin, Calne Edginton White, District Councillors Rod Wilson Nick Harris.

1956 Election of Chairman

The Council elected Mr Christopher Price to the office of Chairman and Mr Richard Williams as Vice Chairman for the municipal year 2018-2019 and the Chairman made the declaration of office.

1957 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd April 2018 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1958 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 declared an interest in the Bliss Gates Fields Committee being a Trustee of the land. B) There were none.

1959 Public Participation:

PC Steve Thomas was welcomed to the meeting and reported on minor incidents over the past month in and around the parish which again seemed to be the break in of garden sheds.

1960 Planning Matters:

- 001 18/0305 Application for: Installation of play equipment on Rock millennium green at ROCK MILLENIUM GREEN, PORCHBROOK ROAD, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149SD.

RESOLVED to approve with no objections.

1961 Correspondence & Update Sheet

There was none.

1962 County & District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Nick Harris had sent an apology as he was on a Wyre Forest District Council induction course.

1963 Parish Magazine

Councillor Richard Williams is writing tonight's report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Chris Price in June.

1964 Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018

Councillor Richard Williams said he was trying to speak to Mr Coen and invite him to one of our meetings. The Clerk confirmed the Gas Beacon had been ordered and 2 gas cylinders would need to be purchased or hired nearer the time.

1965 CALC

It was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jim Lawson & Richard Williams to represent the Parish Council on the Area CALC Committee.

1966 Bliss Gate Play Fields Committee

It was RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jim Lawson & Christine Sankey to represent the Parish Council on the Bliss Gates Play Fields Committee.

1967 Appointment to Committees

- a) Finance Working Group (Richard Williams, Jim Lawson, Mrs Pain, Christine Sankey, Sue Morris, Chris Price (Max 6 members)
- b) Emergency Working Group (Andrew Croot, Alister Scott, Sandra Woodhouse, Christine Sankey, Mr Nott)
- c) Planning & Parish Plan Working Group (Andrew Croot, Richard Williams, Chris Price, Jim Lawson, Douglas Godwin, Sandra Woodhouse & David Nott)

1968 Approved Schedule of Dates for 2018-19

The Council approved the schedule of dates for 2018-19 as previously circulated a copy of which will be placed on the Notice Boards and Website.

1969 Rudds Bridge

The Clerk presented a verbal report on the condition of Rudds Bridge off Station Road at Far Forest. The Footbridge links Shropshire with Worcestershire and spans the Dowles Brook. Following lobbying by Kinlet Parish Council the matter has been raised with Worcestershire County Council and their Countryside Services Manager Mr Philip Coulsen. Worcestershire has a small repairs budget for 2018-19 however the estimated repair for Rudds Bridge is between £50,000 and £75,000. It was RESOLVED the PC would support Kinlet Parish Council and lobby Worcestershire and Shropshire County Councils to work together and jointly fund this much needed rural link across our borders .

1970 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £860.23 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date for 2018-19.
- c) Council noted the Clerk had completed our Internal Audit for 2017-2018 and the accounts had been inspected and given a clean bill of health by Messrs Peter Phillips our Internal Auditor who recommends the accounts be submitted to Messrs PKF Littlejohn LLP as required. Council noted the work carried out and thanked the Clerk accordingly.
- d) Following the accounts being presented Council approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2017-2018 and Authorised the Chairman & Clerk to sign them accordingly.
- e) The Council further Approved the Accounting Statements for 2017-2018 and Authorised the Chairman & Clerk to sign them accordingly.
- f) Council RESOLVED to appoint Mr Peter Phillips as the Internal Auditor for 2018-2019.

1971 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th June 2018.

Chairman.....
25th June 2018