

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 26th November 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.**

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

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Colin Link, District Councillor Anna Coleman, Mr Roger Coleman, David Lamb, Mark & Julie Layton, Eunice Hoare, Mark & Dawn Fisher, Thelma Elliott, Ray Blount, Paul Matthews.

Apologies: Councillor Christine Sankey.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

It was unanimously RESOLVED to Co-opt Mr Colin Thornton to fill the casual vacancy created following the resignation of Alan Brooks. Councillor Thornton made the declaration of acceptance to office.

2012 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 29th October 2018 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2013 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) Councillor Croot declared a non disclosable interest in agenda item 8 relating to his company being involved with development on the Lea Castle Site under the WFDC Local Plan Review. Councillor Calne Edginton White disclosable interest in agenda item 8 at BR/RO/02 Bill White (Lem Hill) Nurseries being related to the owners and left the meeting when agenda item 8 was discussed.

2014 Public Participation:

Several members of the public wished to address council relating to the Planning Application 18/0668/Full at Fingerpost Cottage. Points raised by the public for consideration included;

- The site is previously undeveloped land
- Overdevelopment of the site
- 3 Phase supply needed
- Lighting
- Drainage
- Adjoin at SSSI site
- 2/3rds of the proposal would be a garage. More in keeping on an Industrial Site
- Noise
- Accident blackspot
- Danger to habitat and wildlife

The Chairman thanked members of the public for their contribution and told them he would not be offended if they wished to leave at this point.

2015 County & District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Anna Coleman stated she had no report tonight. There was no report from County Councillor Vale, who was unable to attend.

2016 Correspondence & Update Sheet:

There were no items raised.

2017 Planning

023 - 18/0668/Full

Application for: PROPOSED ERECTION OF A LIVE/WORK UNIT WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING AND WORKS. at FINGERPOST COTTAGE, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149TA.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend refusal to this application for various reasons as listed below;

- The application is outside the Settlement Boundary
- The application is on Undeveloped Land (for over 40 years there has been no structure on this land)
- The land adjoins a very important SSSI and development so close will be very harmful to the protected species
- Highways – adjoin one of the County's worst blackspots for accidents in Worcestershire
- The site is nestled between several dwellings and development of this type would be harmful to resident's wellbeing due to the noise and dust that would be generated from proposed usage
- Development at this site would be out of keeping with the current street scene

024 - 18/0682/Full

Application for: Two storey side extension, single storey orangery rear extension at SUE-DAN HOUSE, TENBURY ROAD, CLOWS TOP, KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 9HF.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval.

025 - 18/0702/Full

Application for: CLOSURE OF EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS. at ELFIN GLEN, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YH.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval provided local residents have been notified about the planning application.

2018 Parish Magazine

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

2019 Battles Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018

Councillor Richard Williams reported on a very successful public service and beacon lighting ceremony at Heightington Village Hall on 11th November. The Parish Council RESOLVED to express their thanks to Mr Richard Coen who had been managed the events so successfully.

2020 Callow Hill Methodist Hall

The Clerk informed Council the Methodist Church had written to inform Council the Church & Hall would be closing at Easter 2019. The last Council meeting to be held at the Hall would be in March 2019. Alternative arrangements are being considered.

Consideration was given to applying to Wyre Forest District Council to have the Methodist Church and Hall listed as a Asset of Community Value for discussion it was decided not to proceed with a request.

2021 Wyre Forest District Council Local Plan:

The Clerk presented an overview of the latest Wyre Forest District Council consultation of the proposed Local Development Plan. Council endorsed the proposed Settlement Boundaries for Far Forest, Bliss Gate, Rock, Callow Hill and Clows Top.

The Council supported the Policy **36.2** relating to **Alton Nurseries at Long Bank (BR/RO/210)** having previously supported planning approval for 4 dwellings under planning application No 18/0413/Full. The Council firmly believes the remainder of the site should be used for Employment Use only.

Council considered Policy **36.1** at **Lem Hill Nurseries (BR/RO/2)** this site has never previously been considered publicly and the Parish Council RESOLVED to totally oppose this site moving forward in the process. The Lem Hill Nursery Site has always been known as Bill White Nurseries. It is completely outside the Wyre Forest District Council Settlement Boundary and has poor access off the busy A4117.

The Land suffers from surface water flooding in bad weather. A Previously proposed development along New Road has been dropped due to local unrest and objections referred to in this round of consultations. The Local Primary School is over subscribed and the site is landlocked for any possibility of future expansion.

Development on this site would put severe pressure on the Education Authorities in finding placements in Schools outside of the Parish Boundary. The Far Forest does not have good local amenities for a Village of its size and adding up to 20 dwellings would add severe pressure on the already over stretched Doctors Surgery and Dentists practices.

Finally the Parish Council believes there has been no locally identified need for this proposal and its does not comply with the Parish Plan or Housing Needs Survey.

Rock Parish Council unanimously opposed this site being carried forward.

2022 Worcestershire County Council – Library Service Review

It was agreed individual Councillor's would respond to the Library Service Review.

2023 Accounts for Payment

- a) Accounts amounting to £1,082.06 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date for 2018-19.

2024 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.34pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 17th December 2018.

Chairman.....
17th December 2018