

ROCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on **Monday 17th December 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman)
Douglas Godwin Christine Sankey
Jim Lawson Sandra Woodhouse
Pat Pain David Nott
Colin Thornton

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Colin Link, County Councillor Rebecca Vale, PC Steve Thomas & PCSO Nathan Chater.

Apologies: Councillors Alistair Scott, Richard Williams, Andrew Croot, Sue Morris, Calne Edginton White & District Councillor Anna Coleman.

2025 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 26th November 2018 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2026 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.

2027 Public Participation:

PC Steve Thomas reported on a few shed break ins at Clows Top recently. He also confirmed speed enforcement was going to be visible throughout the parish over the next month or two.

2028 County & District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Rebecca Vale said she had recently seen new data showing the speed levels along New Road had severely reduced since the last recorded data in 2013 however along the A4117 speeds had substantially increased and a request for the Safety Roads Partnership Unit to visit the location and fine offenders had been requested. Rebecca confirmed she had allocated £1,000 from her Divisional Funding to support the Parish Council with its Village Gateway project.

The Clerk reported that District Councillor Anna Coleman had given the Parish Council a grant from her Localism Fund for £200.00. The Chairman recorded his thanks to Councillor Vale & Councillor Coleman for their financial contributions.

Councillor Godwin arrived at 19.15pm.

2029 Correspondence & Update Sheet:

The Clerk informed Council letters of thanks for the grants awarded in November had been received from Clows Top Amateur Productions, Far Forest Friendship Club, Little Acorns Play & Stay and Bliss Gates Village Fields Committee.

2030 Planning

026 - 18/0723/Full

Application for: Single Storey Oak Framed Orangery extension at rear of Ivy House Cottage, Dunley, Stourport on Severn, DY13 0UN.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval.

027 - 18/0749/Full

Application for: Siting of an Oil Tank in frontage of property with construction of boundary front wall at Sue-Dan House, Tenbury Road, Clows Top, Kidderminster, DY14 9HF.

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval.

2031 Parish Magazine

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

2032 Far Forest Centre – Church Lane DY14 9TP

Councillor Sandra Woodhouse reported that many local residents in Far Forest had contacted her requesting the Parish Council consider having the Centre Listed with Wyre Forest District Council as an Asset of Community Value. The Centre has been widely used over many years by various local groups and is a valued community facility.

There are various rumours stating the Centre would close and the site be developed. However following a debate it was RESOLVED to request the Centre is listed by Wyre Forest District Council as an Asset of Community Value. It was further RESOLVED to request the Conservation Officer at Wyre Forest District Council proceed to have the former Headmaster's House attached to the Centre Listed by English Heritage to help preserve the beautiful Stone Cottage thought to date back to 1860.

2033 Accounts for Payment

- a) The Chairman reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on 29th November. The Committee recommended a new Bank Account be opened with Cambridge & Counties Bank for the transfer of funds from the Current Account into an "Oakleaf Rise Playarea" Bond. The Committee had further considered the Precept for 2019-2020 and recommended to Council the setting be levied at £48,220 for 2019-20 municipal year. On these recommendations being proposed it was RESOLVED to support them unanimously.
- b) Following the above agreement, Accounts amounting to £36,247.00 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
- c) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date for 2018-19.

2034 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.40pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th January 2019.

Chairman.....
28th January 2019