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

Present: Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman)  
Pat Pain  
Richard Williams  
Sandra Woodhouse  
Alistair Scott  
Douglas Godwin  

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, Mr Michael Harris, Mr Nick Harris, Mr Colin Link Parish Lengthsman & District Councillor Ian Hardiman.

Apologies: Councillors Alan Brooks, Andrew Croot, West Mercia Police, District Councillor Rod Wilson & County Cllr Rebecca Vale.

1921 Confirmation of the Minutes 

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

1922 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.

1923 Public Participation:

District Councillor Ian Hardiman the Cabinet Member for Planning & Enforcement had attended the meeting following discussions at the January Meeting where concern was expressed at the lack of enforcement towards Caravan Parks within the Parish that are in breach of their Licensing Conditions during the winter period.

Various Members spoke and stated we have 5 Caravan Parks within our Parish and a 6th although, thought to be in Rock Parish, was in fact located within Ribbesford, but was looked at being within Rock Parish by many people, and relied on services provided by Rock Parish for its residents. The Clerk stated “the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and in specific Sec 5 is quite specific at the conditions that must be adhered to”. Members felt the Planning Authority should be enforcing these conditions such as, Vacating the site for 1 month per year, not emptying or providing refuge collection during this period, Council Tax is only paid for 11 months and not 12 like everybody else.

Mr Hardiman stated he had been briefed by the WFDC Planning Development Control Manager Mr Paul Round who had stated “no breaches had recently been reported to the WFDC” It was agreed that Members would forward previous emails on this subject to the Clerk who would pursue this matter with Ian Hardiman and WFDC directly. The Chairman thanked Mr Hardiman for his attendance and stated the Clerk would be in touch with him in due course.

1924 Planning Matters:

039  18/0046/FULL Two storey and single storey rear extensions at 14 OAKLEAF RISE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149AE.

RESOLVED to support.
1925 Correspondence & Update Sheet
The Chairman reminded members the Annual Parish Dinner would be held on Monday 16th April 2018 at the Royal Foresters Inn. The Chairman asked if members wanted to support the “national spring litter pick scheme” It was agreed to support the scheme and register our litter pick date as 21st April 2018 accordingly. Further details would be discussed at our next meeting.

1926 County & District Councillor’s Report
In the absence of Councillors there were no reports.

1927 Parish Magazine
Councillor Miss Morris is writing tonight’s report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Pat Pain in March.

1928 Battle’s Over – A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018
Councillor Richard Williams said he had spoken to Mr Coen and he was looking forward to attending tonight’s meeting however in his absence Richard stated various items were being progressed for the 11th November 2018 event including a Church Service at Heightington prior to the Beacon being lit. Mr Coen would be invited to attend our March Meeting where he could expand on the community events.

1929 Oak Leaf Rise – Far Forest Play
The Council noted the transfer of the Play area had finally taken place between ourselves and WFDC. The transfer of funds had now been paid into our bank account from the balance of the Section 106 Monies held by WFDC. It was noted the administration of the site falls on Rock Parish Council for perpetuity. The Clerk informed Council Insurance was now provided by Rock PC and a ROSPA Site Inspection was planned for late March/April this year. A new sign had also been installed with Rock PC Logo and sponsorship on display.

1930 Accounts for Payment
   a) Accounts amounting to £558.00 were approved for payment as recorded on the payments spreadsheet.
   b) Council noted the income & expenditure sheets to date.

1931 Date of the next Meeting
There being no other business the meeting ended at 19.53pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th March 2018.