Minutes of the Rock Parish Council Meeting held in Callow Hill Methodist Hall on Monday 25th June 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors Christopher Price (Chairman) Richard Williams Ms Sue Morris Douglas Godwin Jim Lawson Sandra Woodhouse Pat Pain Chris Sankey Andrew Croot Alan Brooks Calne Edginton White

In attendance: Mr S Clee Clerk, County Cllr Rebecca Vale, District Cllr Nick Harris, Mrs Anita Bateman, Mr Richard Coen & Parish Lengthsman Colin Link.

Apologies: District Councillor Rod Wilson.

1972 Confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on 21st May 2018 as previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1973 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.

1974 Public Participation:

Mr Richard Coen was welcomed to the meeting and reported on the events at Heightington Village Hall planned for the 11th November 2018. He stated a service would commence in the Village Hall at 5pm followed by afternoon tea and then be ended with the lighting of the Beacon at approximately 7pm.

Tickets would cost £4.00 per person for the afternoon tea and the Parish Council would be supplied with tickets to sell in early August. The event would be limited to 160 people.

1975 County & District Councillor’s Report

County Councillor Rebecca Vale stated the County Councils Children Services Directorate was making significant improvement and Ofsted had recently given the Directorate positive feedback on their inspections.

She confirmed WCC cut grassed verges 6 times per year compared to WFDC who cut 8 times per year and we needed to report Japanese Knotweed for specialist treatment. An accident had recently damaged Bewdley Bridge and sandstone necessary for the repair was being sought. Finally she confirmed she had given Bliss Gates Playfields £500.00 from her divisional funds.

District Councillor Nick Harris reported a Speed Camera on Clows Top was being installed by West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership. The Clerk pointed out that the Camera was not within our Parish but Bayton Parish. Councillor Harris stated it was his intention to pursue the installation of further cameras in Callow Hill.
1976 Planning Matters:

002 18/0313 Application for: Construction of new farm track and formation of access at BARNS HILL FARM, ROCK CROSS, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RY.
RESOLVED to approve.

003 18/0316/Full Application for: Replacement of old nissen hut style barn and store with new garden building, garage and storeroom at SUMMERHILL HOUSE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149DR.
RESOLVED to approve provided the replacement dwelling is no larger than the current footprint of the nissan hut.

004 18/0341/Full Application for: Side and rear extensions to the existing bungalow at FAR HORIZON, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EH.
RESOLVED to support.

005 18/0368/Full Application for: Proposed side and rear extensions and replacement front porch at 4 POUND BANK, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149RE.
RESOLVED to support.

006 18/0375/Full Application for: Proposed extensions and alterations at FORGE HOUSE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YQ.
RESOLVED to support.

007 18/0383/FULL Application for: Demolition of existing dwelling with replacement new dwelling and garage at HILL TOP FARM, DARK LANE, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149YL.
RESOLVED to support.

008 18/0394/FULL Application for: Erection of a single storey 2 bay oak framed garage at WARD BUNGALOW, CLEOBURY ROAD, ROCK, KIDDERMINSTER, DY149EB.
RESOLVED to support.

009 18/0397/FULL Application for: Conversion of existing agricultural building currently used for storage into Micro Brewery at CHAPEL FARM, HEIGHTINGTON, BEWDLEY, DY12 2XY.
RESOLVED to support.
1977 Correspondence & Update Sheet

There was none.

1978 Parish Magazine

Councillor Chris Price is writing tonight’s report for the Parish Magazine and Councillor Douglas Godwin in July.

1979 Housing Needs Survey

The Clerk stated he had attended a meeting with Housing Officers at Wyre Forest DC relating to the desire to refresh our Housing Needs Survey. A discussion pursued and it was felt delivery of the New Survey would be better handled by each Councillor delivering to a section of the Parish and returning to collect the survey when completed so we can increase the reply response rate.


The Clerk introduced this item and the consultation letter from Wyre Forest District Council. It was noted a Parish Poll was being held on Thursday 12th July 2018 asking the residents of Wolverley & Cookley PC if they supported the separation of Wolverley & Cookley into two separate parishes for Local Government purposes. Rock Parish Council RESOLVED to support the outcome following the Parish Poll and the decision made by the electorate if they supported the separation.

1981 Accounts for Payment

a) Accounts amounting to £6,635.42 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 successfully recovered £661.46 from the Insurance Company following the Bollard accident last year in Far Forest.

d) Council noted the Notice for the Inspection of our Accounts for 2017-18 had been placed on the Parish Notice Board and Website.

1982 Date of the next Meeting

There being no other business the meeting ended at 20.04pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th July 2018.

Chairman...........................................
30th July 2018