

## **MINUTES of the MEETING**

**held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 8th March, 2016**

*(These minutes remain in draft form until approved at the next meeting of the Council)*

### Parish Councillors Present:

J. Stanford, Chairman.  
S. Phelps, C. Hawkins, B. Rhodes,  
B. Acland, C. Richardson & T. Matthews.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

### Public:

Two members of the public were present.

### County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

### District Councillor Present:

D. Hawthorne.

### Apologies:

Cllrs. Mrs. B. Hedges, N. Bowes, G. Morgan &  
B. O'Neill.

### **Standing Declarations of Interest**

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Phelps.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Hawkins & Stanford.
- (c) Great Oaks Hospice - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins.
- (d) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Bowes.

### **Police Report by Inspector Stephen Chester**

Inspector Chester advised that he had visited individual members of the Buckshaft Community Speedwatch Group to discuss and address their questions. The Inspector gave the Council an update and answered further questions put forward by Councillors. In addition he confirmed -

- The Police have two new speed video recording guns, which will be especially useful in areas with no lay-bys for police vehicles to park in.
- There is a free standing interactive speed sign available for Parish Council use (must be attended at all times).
- The local force now has a 'motorcycle' policeman.
- Crime in the parish is down by 22%.

### **Public Participation**

1. The members of the public attended to hear the report by Inspector Chester.

### **RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST**

Council were mindful that these items were considered and determined as trustees to the RWT.

1. Greenhouse - on RWT land at the rear of Ruspidge Memorial Hall - There was no objection to the erection of the green house but the hall committee are to be advised that the depths of the sewers at the rear of the hall are very close to the surface. Council would ask the Hall Committee to establish where the sewers run before commencement of works.
2. Changing Facilities, Ruspidge Field - An update and proposals were put forward. These will be discussed by Council later in the meeting. See minute 3.13.
3. Use of Football Field - Members received the request from Cinderford Town Youth and the parish clerk will contact them directly.

3. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th February, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

- 3.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

Soudley/Blakeney Gateway - Two Rivers Housing confirmed the accounts were correct and the donation to Soudley School complied with the dissolution clause in the project constitution and all matters concerning the Big Lottery have been complied with.

Ruspidge Recreation Field, Side Gate - the gate will be repaired shortly.

3.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Speeding in the Forest - animal fatalities.
- ◆ Top Road, Soudley planning application refused.

3.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Devolution.
- ◆ Cotswold District Council is considering forming a new unitary authority with West Oxfordshire District Council, thereby not being classed as 'within Gloucestershire'.
- ◆ Budget approved - extra for roads, vulnerable children and cycling routes.
- ◆ Lydney Rail Station - extra 100 spaces - 2 car parks to be connected by pedestrian gate.
- ◆ Train, Park & Ride, Elton - Task Group recommendation to provide extra platform at Elton.

3.4 **PLANNING** – Completed Schedule attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

3.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £13,277.84 this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

3.6 GAPTC - Council approved renewal of membership.

3.7 Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment - Reviewed and **ADOPTED** by Council.

3.8 Standing Orders - Reviewed and **ADOPTED** by Council.

3.9 Emergency Plan - Council **ADOPTED** the minuted suggestion (2.9 February minutes).

3.10 Forest of Dean Health Forum - As no feedback had been received Council deferred consideration of a grant to the April meeting.

3.11 Footpath, Fir View to Buckshaft Road - Council **DETERMINED** a barrier be positioned to prevent motorbikes from using the pathway.

3.12 Football Field - Council were advised that Ruspidge United Football Club had folded. However, other clubs are interested in using the facility and the pitch surface continues to improve.

3.13 Changing Facilities - Council **RESOLVED** to let the existing planning consent expire and to submit a new application for site office cabins when internal layouts have been determined.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

3.14 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a. Cllr. G. Morgan - Coalbed Methane Recovery.
- b. GCC 2016/17 budget.
- c. 2RH - Response to anon letter re: S/B Gateway.
- d. RUFC - Withdrawn from league.
- e. SV Hall - AGM invite.
- f. GCC - new school parking - Clerk to write to school.
- g. Angling Club - Thank you for grant.
- h. Tower Mint - Queen's 90th birthday commemorative medals - Council declined.

3.15 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 12th April, 2016.**  
**The agenda deadline is Monday, 4th April, 2016.**

3.16 **Exclusion of the Press and the Public** - The Council **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the remaining business the press and the public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Standing Order (2013) No. 55.

Signed: ..... Chair. Dated: .....

**Planning Schedule** for the meeting on 8th March, 2016

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address &amp; Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P0170/16/FUL <b>1 The Clusters, Bradley Hill, Soudley, Cinderford.</b> Proposed two storey extension and alterations to existing dwelling and erection of a new double garage.	No obj.

**Cllr. Matthews declared an interest in the following two applications and withdrew from the meeting.**

P0163/16/OUT <b>Land At Bracken Close, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Gloucestershire.</b> Outline application for the erection of 3 dwellings with ancillary works (renewal of consent).	(Previous PC Response No obj.)	No obj.
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**TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (DFTPO213)**  
East of Buckshaft Road.

**WITHDRAWN APPLICATION**

P1794/15/FUL <b>Rosebank, Ayleford, Soudley, Cinderford.</b> Erection of a single storey timber outbuilding for use as garden room/store area.	No obj.
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**Decisions notified by the Planning Authority**

<u>Reference</u> <u>&amp; Address</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Decision</u>
P1836/15/APP <b>Land At Bracken Close, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Gloucestershire.</b> Approval of reserved matters for planning permission P0488/15/OUT for erection of 3 dwellings and ancillary works.		No obs.	PERMIT
P0018/16/FUL <b>The Trap, Lower Road, Soudley, Cinderford.</b> Extension to dwelling to provide double garage, ground floor veranda to rear.		No objs.	PERMIT

Signed: ..... Dated: .....