

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 13th September, 2016

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

Parish Councillors Present:

S. Phelps, Chairman
Cllrs. C. Hawkins, J. Stanford,
C. Richardson, T. Matthews & N. Bowes.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

No ward member present.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

B. Acland, B. Hedges, B. Rhodes,
G. Morgan.

Public:

6 members of the public were present.

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.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Football Field & Facilities - Spreadsheets were circulated showing:

Total figure spent to date.
S.106 remaining balance.
Comparison costs - other PC's with similar facilities.
Projected income figure 5 - 10 years.
Projected maintenance costs 5 - 10 years.
Cost of leaving land as an open space field.

2. Members' discussed possible users of the site but until the facilities are in place and available it is impossible to gauge it's potential usage.

3. A proposal was tabled and after lengthy discussion and consideration the committee **RESOLVED** to accept **'The RWT to request the Parish Council to pay the enhanced maintenance costs for 3 years, starting from the 2016/17 season, with a formal review in 2 years. At the end of the 3 years a decision will be made on the feasibility of the facility.'**
Cllr. Phelps abstained from voting.

4. The RWT will apply to the PC for an annual grant for the maintenance of the pitch and payments for the use of the facility will be made to the RWT.

5. When in place the facility will be advertised in the local paper and bookings invited.

6. A suggestion for publicity was to hold an opening tournament for local teams, to be organised by the RWT.

7. Boar, Ruspidge Recreation Field - A site visit will be made to determine what measures can be taken to prevent the boar from accessing the field.

8. Co-op A/c - will be closed on maturity, at the end of October.

Public Participation

1. St. White's School Drop-off/Pick-ups - Mr. S. Olver, a resident of Sneydwood Road, advised that parents are still driving through the estate to collect children with journeys allegedly totalling 300 a week. The road has not been adopted, there are no speed warning signs and safety is a major concern. Residents have formed the St. Whites Farm Estate Residents Committee (SWFRC) with some members considering taking a legal injunction against the school.

Council **RESOLVED** to request the GCC to adopt the road as a matter of urgency and to ask the local PCSO to monitor the drop-off/pick-up times.

2. Commoners' Association - Mr. M. Holder and Calvin Jones attended. The association supports, promotes and preserves the right of commoners. Prior to the 2001 Foot and Mouth cull there were 800 sheep in the Soudley Valley, since which there have been none until 20 were introduced recently. There are rules and regulations that all badgers should adhere to and a Sheep Liaison Group which meets quarterly to deal with any problems. A 24/7 telephone number is also available. The Responsible Shepherding Agreement and Grazing Area Map were circulated and members noted that Soudley village is not a grazing area. Mr. Holder advised that residents can move sheep on if they are grazing on the resident's land, however, if grazing on grass verges Mr. Holder should be notified and the Commoners' will take the necessary action. A Public Space Protection Order has been submitted for Bream.

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

9.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.
External Auditor Report not yet received.
CANDI - Cllr. Bowes to be council representative.
Weavings Lane - no timescale received.

9.2 **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Forestry Commission state thermal images show 1,500 boar on Forestry land with additional on private land.
 - FC have extra marksmen to increase the cull.
 - Urge DEFRA to reduce to sustainable numbers of 500.
- ◆ District Council do not have a 5 yr land supply - developers go to appeal for green field sites, these being cheaper than clearing brown field sites.
- ◆ Highways.
- ◆ Task Group for Secondary Education.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.4 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,533.84, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

9.5 Grant Policy - deferred to October meeting.

9.6 Grants

Forest Sensory - deferred to November meeting.
CANDI - deferred for Cllr. Bowes to attend CANDI meetings and report back.

9.7 Football Field - The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the enhanced maintenance costs for 3 years, starting from the 2016/17 season.

9.8 Viewpoint - Items for inclusion - sheep badgering; boar; football field; Cllr. Richardson, parish meeting notes and School meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) GAPTC Devolution letter (fwded) & survey local planning.
- b) B. Probert - Disabled parking.
- c) G. Andrews - Boar (fwded).
- d) R. Leppington - works for Lengthsmen (fwded).

9.10 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 11th October, 2016.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 3rd October, 2016.

9.11 **Exclusion of the Press and the Public** - The Council **RESOLVED** that for any remaining business of a confidential nature the press and the public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Standing Order (2016) No. 55.

9.12 The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 13th September, 2016

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P0877/16/FUL 43 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Two storey extension to existing property and creation of a new access.	No obj.
P1117/16/FUL Rosebank, Ayleford, Soudley, Cinderford. Erection of a single storey timber outbuilding for use as garden room/store area.	No obj.
P1251/16/FUL Plot 33 Edmunds Way, St Whites Road , Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a detached dwelling and associated works.	No obj.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Decision</u>
P0941/16/FUL West View, 46A Ruspidge Road. Erection of a double garage.	No objs.	PERMIT

Signed: Dated: