

# Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

## MINUTES of the MEETING

**held in the Soudley Hall on the 11th October, 2016**

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

### Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman  
Cllrs. S. Phelps, C. Hawkins,  
B. Rhodes, J. Stanford,  
C. Richardson.

### County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

### District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

### Apologies:

Cllr. T. Matthews, N. Bowes and B. Hedges.

### Public:

Three 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.

### **Public Participation**

1. Matthew Bishop, Chair of Governors for St. White's School and Richard Jones, Chair of the Finance & Premises committee gave an update on the progress of the school.  
The school has over 270 on its register and there are 25 additional dwellings to be built.  
They are keen to establish a working relationship with the parish council and apologised for the delay due to the school being in special measures and the education of the children being paramount. The recent OFSTED report states overall effectiveness as GOOD.  
Parking - The school have named and shamed regular offenders by printing the number plates in its newsletter. The school use its website and facebook page to request parents not to use the estate road and they have also sent texts and letters to individuals. The Police have advised that they cannot stop people from using the road. The GCC Head of Planning and Head of Education have visited the site and state there is no issue. As the site is designed for traffic calming further calming would not be supported by either the Police or the GCC.  
Travel Charter - GCC will not accept any variation/amendment to the charter.  
Rewards Scheme - Points are given to children who regularly take alternative safe travel to school, eg., cycling daily.
2. Boar preventative measures - Mr Ralph spoke of the boar accessing the Ruspidge Recreation Field and suggested self-closing gates which opened out rather than in. Then if the gate is closed but not latched it would still prevent the boar from entering.

### **RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST**

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

1. Members' considered the relationship between the RWT and PC noting that they are two different entities. In general the PC have paid for the maintenance of RWT property/land. The annual costs of which are to be determined and paid for from the RWT funds.
  2. Football Field - the request from PUMA FC to use the top bank for parking of 3 - 5 vehicles on match day was considered. Before giving consent the clerk will make investigations to check the grounds suitability.  
The goal areas are to be verti-drained and sanded.
  3. Boar, Recreation Ground - Members' **DETERMINED** to investigate the feasibility of Mr. Ralph's suggestion and will check with GCC/PROW for their consent to a gate opening out onto a public pavement.
10. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th September, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
  - 10.1 **MATTERS ARISING** There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

10.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Allocations Plan - 6 weeks consultation.

10.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Boar - R/L motioned calling the authority to meet with DEFRA.  
- Crisis point. DEFRA need to commit resources to help boar situation.
- ◆ Sheep - Do not want to stop Commoners Rights but need to protect settlements such as Bream.
- ◆ Education - 1½ schools too many in the Forest - restricted curriculum due to low numbers.
- ◆ Highways - potholes at Soudley white painted  
- Soudley Lengthsmen list forwarded.

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

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

10.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,723.44, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

10.6 Income & Expenditure Sheets - The half yearly sheets were tabled at the meeting.

10.7 Grant Policy - Council **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the grant review policy and documents.

10.8 S.137 - Council **APPROVED** a grant of £75 for the Royal British Legion (2 x wreaths).

10.9 PCC Bid - Cllr. Richardson updated members' and confirmed that he has liaised with Ken Pitt, GCC., St. Lighting. To date there is no timescale. Council officially **RESOLVED** to choose option 1.

10.10 The chairman requested that a record of thanks be given to Cllr. Richardson for his sterling work with this project.

10.11 The External Auditor's report was read by the Clerk and noted by members'. The Clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer, therefore, reported the successful conclusion to the external audit for the year ending 31st March, 2016. A public notice has been displayed confirming closure of the audit.

10.12 Draft Budget - Members' received the draft budget and following perusal any amendments will be discussed at the November meeting, for approval at the December meeting.

10.13 School Liaison Meeting - Cllr. Richardson had nothing further to report other than a future meeting is to be arranged.

10.14 BT Removal of phone boxes - Council were against the removal of any kiosks, especially the one located at Top Road, Soudley. Council **RESOLVED** it wished to retain the kiosk, as there is no reliable and dependable mobile service/network signal in the village. The council's comments will be sent accordingly.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a) Mrs. W. James - B. Shaft Rd., bollards.
- b) Matt Caldwell - Wild Boar (fwded).
- c) GAPTC - Capping Larger Councils (fwded).
- d) GCC - Bloor Estate - Adoption of road (fwded).

10.16 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th November, 2016.**  
**The agenda deadline is Monday, 31st October, 2016.**

10.17 **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.

10.18 The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

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

# Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

**Planning Schedule** for the meeting on 11th October, 2016.

Planning Reference  
Site Address & Detail

Parish  
Comment

P1288/16/FUL  
**6 Staple Edge View, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3EJ.**  
Erection of a first floor extension.

No objs.

P1383/16/FUL  
**18 Tramway Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

No objs.

## **Decisions notified by the Planning Authority**

Planning Reference  
Site Address & Detail

Parish                      District  
Comment                      Decision

P0941/16/FUL  
**West View, 46A Ruspidge Road.**  
Erection of a double garage.

No objs.                      PERMIT

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