

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 13th December, 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, B. Rhodes,
C. Hawkins, J. Stanford,
C. Richardson & N. Bowes.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Cllr. Matthews.

Public:

Two 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. St. White's School - parking - Rory Gallop and Toni Stanton, residents of the estate, voiced their concern at the problems arising from the transporting of children to and from the school, which has now increased due to the school's extra curriculum activities. The delay in the adoption of the road is not helping the situation, as hands are tied until this is completed. Council will chase the GCC for an update on the adoption of the road and it was suggested to Cllr. Morgan that a round table should be organised with county cllrs, planners and planning enforcement.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. The minutes of the confidential business transacted on the 8th November, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman, at the end of the parish meeting.
2. Matters Arising - there is no update on the Recreation Ground gates. Clerk to chase.
3. The confidential business update was conducted after the parish meeting.

12. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8th November, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

- 12.1 **MATTERS ARISING** - there were no matters arising from the Minutes.

12.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (RL)**

- ◆ Cabinet - voted to revert to committee system.
- ◆ Adult Social Care - budget under pressure.
 - further cuts to funding. The 2% levy increase will be inadequate.
- ◆ Police - appeared to have abandoned policing in this area.
 - Police and Crime Commissioner to be invited to speak with all Forest County Cllrs.

12.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (GM)**

- ◆ Local Transport Plan - Over Roundabout (3rd lane).
- ◆ Budget - £30m to find; £40m blackhole.
 - Probable cuts - Lengthsmen Scheme and Highways Local.

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

12.5 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 12.6 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,202.34, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

- 12.7 Grant request - Under Section 137 of the LGA 1972 the Council **APPROVED** the following:
CANDI - £584
Boar Solutions - £30 - see Minute 12.9.
- 12.8 Precept 2017/18 - Members' were advised of the tax base for 2017/18 and the withdrawal of the Local Council Tax Support Grant. Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that the clerk be instructed to request £46,114 for the precept.
- 12.9 Boar Solutions Group - Members' discussed the trial use of Nemasys Chafer Grub Killer on the green at Tramway Road/Weavings Lane. Council **DETERMINED** a grant of £30 be made towards the trial, payable in Spring 2017.
- 12.10 Blue Rock Trail & Hod Boy - Members' received an update including the clearing of the stone wall banks near the culvert, which requires expert scaling. A site visit will be arranged with a tree surgeon and individual quotes requested for the stone wall; Ash trees at the top; annual maintenance.

Quotes for other work were received and **ACCEPTED** by council for: Annual Inspection and report; fence repair; relocation of Hod Boy; maintenance of Hod Boy. Council **RESOLVED** not to proceed with the resurfacing of the trail path.

- 12.11 Viewpoint - In view of the loss of deliverers and difficulty in finding replacements the February issue will be the final paper copy. The newsletter will be available to download/view from the parish council website at www.rspc.org.uk. For those who do not have internet access, council is hoping to liaise with local businesses for small bundles to be left at their establishments for individual collection. Readers who are unable to use either of these options will be asked to contact the Clerk.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.14 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
- a. Forest Sensory - 'Thank you' for the grant.
- 12.15 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 10th January, 2017.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 2nd January, 2017.
- 12.16 **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.
- 12.18 Following discussion of RWT confidential business the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 13th December, 2016.

| <u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u> | <u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u> |
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| P0085/16/DISCON 1 The Clusters, Bradley Hill, Soudley, Cinderford. Discharge of conditions (03) foul and surface water drainage and (04) biodiversity enhancements of planning permission P0821/16/FUL. | No obs. |
| P1537/16/FUL Stapledge Lodge, Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Extension to existing bungalow. | No obj. |
| P1603/16/FUL Development At Plots 29, 30, 31, 32, Edmunds Way, Ruspidge. Variation of conditions (02) approved plans and (09) parking to reflect the revised layout for phase 4 of planning permission P0678/13/FUL. | No obs. |
| P1637/16/FUL Ruspidge Football Field, Ruspidge Road, Cinderford. Siting of 3 temporary cabins. Removal of existing cabin. | Council application - unable to comment. |
| P1713/16/FUL 12 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Proposed new dropped kerb access and parking area. | No objs. & obs. |

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> |
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| P1383/16/FUL 18 Tramway Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a single storey rear extension. | No objs. | PERMIT |
| P1210/13/FUL - Ref to permission P2139/09/FUL Cullimore View, Ruspidge. Erection of a sustainable dwelling with access, parking and provision of amenity land. | | PERMIT |

Signed: Dated: