

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 10th January, 2017

(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,
J. Stanford, T. Matthews,
C. Richardson

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill & D. Hawthorne.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Cllrs. B. Rhodes & N. Bowes.

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. St. White's estate - concern remains regarding the continued use of the estate road to access the school. The parish council were thanked for its efforts in contacting and chasing the GCC to adopt the road at the earliest convenience.
2. 52 - 62 Ruspidge Road, planning application - Mr. Hardcastle's email had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and the comments therein would be considered when the council discussed the application later in the meeting. (See planning appendix.)

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Football Field - there was no update on the planning application for the football field.
2. The trust wishes to give the architect a fee for doing the plans and upon submission of the hours taken will determine an appropriate sum.
3. Recreation ground gates - awaiting the contractor's reply.

1. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th December, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

1.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

PCC Road Safety Scheme - Cllr. Richardson updated the council on the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) project. Further progress cannot be made until St. Lighting confirm the suitability of the lamp posts and also provide implementation costs. An agreement is to be reached on how to manage the VAS.

- 1.2 Parish Council Casual Vacancy - the council will inform the FODDC of the vacancy. Unless ten registered electors request an election the council will fill the vacancy by co-option. The parish council is under-represented by females and would welcome female applications.

1.3 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ♦ 19th January Full Council meeting - boundaries commission - putting forward the restructure of the council; recommending 39 councillors (present number 48) and single member wards.
- ♦ Budget process - meeting in February - increase in green bin fees.

1.4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ♦ Police and Crime Commissioner's meeting - Cllr. Leppington highlighted: burglaries; speeding etc. and the absence of a police presence in the Forest of Dean.
- ♦ Budget increase just under 2% - budget under huge strain.
- ♦ Lengthsmen Scheme likely to be axed.
- ♦ Boar - representation to DEFRA - additional pressure.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1.6 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £2889.68, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 1.7 Income/Expenditure Summary Sheets - Members' received the sheets for the third quarter.
- 1.8 Blue Rock Trail - Council considered and **APPROVED** the quotes for the ash trees and stone wall bank. The clerk will check when the works can be commenced.
- 1.9 Viewpoint - The February issue will be the last hard copy of the newsletter, except for the few copies which will be dropped for collection at local shops. The format of future issues will be enhanced by using the website and will allow for more greater scope of graphics and information.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.10 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
- a) GCC - Waterside living leaflet.
 - b) GCC - Adoption of estate road (fwded).
 - c) FODDC - Allocations Plan changes (fwded).
 - d) Mr. Olver - School parking (fwded).
- 1.11 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 14th February, 2017.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 6th February, 2017.
- 1.12 **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.
- 1.13 Following the signing of the confidential minutes of 16th December, 2016, the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 10th January, 2017

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1335/16/FUL Bridge Cottage, Lower Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a two storey side extension.	No obj.
P1644/16/FUL Rock House, Lower Road, Soudley. Erection of a two storey side extension including balcony to first floor. Demolition of existing single storey and two storey extension.	No obj and obs.
P1720/16/FUL 52 - 62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge. Erection of eight dwellings with access and improvements to existing highway. <i>* Council reiterated comments in S. Hardcastle's email dated 27.12.16 - published 4.1.17 on DC website.</i>	Observations & *

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>
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.	PERMIT

Signed: Dated: