

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 14th March, 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, B. Rhodes,
J. Stanford, C. Richardson,
N. Bowes.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

No ward rep present.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

T. Matthews & B. O'Neill.

Public:

No public were present for public participation.

Casual Vacancy applicant 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.
- (e) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Phelps and Rhodes.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. The new cabin units are in place but not yet operational.
Members **APPROVED** the additional works eg., skirting, cladding, steps, handrail, platform, pathway, etc.
These works, together with the removal and disposal of the old units, came within the sum previously approved and allocated for any additional works not included in the quote.
2. The Recreation Field gates have all been re-aligned and new closers added.
3. Members **RESOLVED** that two signatories on the RWT Lloyds A/c is sufficient.

3. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14th February, 2017 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

St. White's School Governors - The council is unable to have a representative on the School's Board of Governors. The Chair of Governors advised there are no vacancies at present and none anticipated in the near future.

- 3.2 Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment & Standing Orders - Cllrs. Acland, Hawkins and the Clerk signed the review slip certifying adoption of the 2016 documents without amendment, as **DETERMINED** at the February meeting.

- 3.3 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Budget - 2% District Council increase.
- ◆ Scrutiny Meeting - Boar - Forestry Commission had a record cull but Deputy Commissioner confirmed numbers are still out of control.

3.4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ♦ Budget - 2% general; 2% social care - ACCEPTED.
 - Proposed amendment to retain the Lengthsmen Scheme was AGREED.
 - Secured £20,000 to each County Cllr., and £6 million to Highways - potholes.
- ♦ Social Care - Government added £2 million - majority will be used for rise in living wage.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.6 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £4551.35, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

3.7 Clerk's Annual Salary increase 2017/18 - **APPROVED** by Council.

3.8 Viewpoint - Input for next issue includes Viewpoint collection points; Proposed mast for mobile reception; New Changing Rooms; Community Development. Initially the online edition will be as the printed version. The vision is that gradually the online issues will be enhanced by greater scope of graphics and information.

3.9 Community Development Proposal - Council considered the proposal which is aimed to help stimulate people to come together within the community and to promote the Council's Small Grants Programme. Following discussion Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the scheme for one year only. A sub-committee of Cllrs. Rhodes, Hawkins and Bowes will put forward, at the May meeting, a plan of action to establish the programme.

Cllr. Rhodes will lead on this project and has declared no pecuniary interest.

3.10 Casual Vacancy - Council are pleased to confirm the vacancy will be filled by Nicola Packer who will be appointed to the office of Parish councillor by co-option.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a. Adrian Peacey - Weavings Lane - cleared gully and drain.
- b. St. W. School - Governor's, no vacancy.
- c. FODDC - Boundary Review.
- d. Police - Radar report Sneydwood Road.
- e. Mr. Olver - Radar comments.

3.12 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 11th April, 2017.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 3rd April, 2017.

3.13 **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 (2017) No. 55.

3.14 The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 14th March, 2017

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P0120/17/FUL Ponderosa, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge. Erection of a porch on side elevation of dwelling and alterations to fenestration.	No obj.
P1251/16/FUL Plot 33 Edmunds Way St Whites Road Cinderford Erection of a detached dwelling and associated works.	No obj.
P0211/17/FUL 166 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge. First floor rear extension. (Resubmission of application P0943/13/FUL - PC 'no comment').	No objection but would like work to start before consent expires.

Notification Advice:

Proposed Base Station - S.T.W.A. pumping station, Forest View, Buckshaft Road.
 - Applicant invited pre-submission comments from council.
The council deemed that the phone mast would be an asset to the local community in respect of the poor reception at the present time, therefore, no adverse comments were made to the applicant.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

<u>Reference</u> <u>& Address</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Decision</u>
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.	REFUSED
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.	PERMIT
P1419/16/OUT 9 Hewlett Way, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.	Outline application for the erection of two dwellings and associated works (all matters reserved).	No objs.	REFUSED

Signed: Dated: