

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 10th April, 2018

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. Ms. N. Packer, C. Richardson,
T. Matthews, J. Stanford,
B. Rhodes & N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles

District Councillor Present:

No ward member present

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Cllrs. S. Phelps, B. O'Neill & G. Morgan.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Packer & Phelps.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Stanford.
- (c) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Rhodes.
- (d) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Phelps and Rhodes.

The Community Worker presented her report.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. There were no Matters arising from the minutes.
2. The Income and Expenditure Summary Sheets were circulated.
3. Football Field – Members' discussed the report, **UNANIMOUSLY** voting, **NOT** to put any more money into the project. See minute 4.7 in parish council section below.
4. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th March, 2018 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
- 4.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.
Cllr. Matthews stated that the use of the hall will not necessarily be drastically improved by the installation of w-fi.
- 4.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**
 - ♦ The FODDC solicitor is still investigating the Maple Trust.
- 4.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**
 - ♦ £150million extra available for roads of Gloucestershire over 3-4 years.
 - ♦ Potholes repaired in low temperatures are done for safety and will need to be re-repaired when the weather allows.
 - ♦ A417 missing link – progressing.
 - ♦ Public Rights of Way now under GCC, not Amey.
 - ♦ Forest of Dean County Cllrs., have £30,000 each over 3 years to spend on suitable projects within their wards. With 9 County Cllrs., in the Forest of Dean this equates to £270, 000, that can be spend within the area.
 - ♦ GCC are holding a photographic competition of landscapes.
The winning photographs will be displayed in the Archives office.
 - ♦ The Lengthsman scheme starts in May.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

4.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £5,135.22, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

4.6 Council received the end of year Income and Expenditure Summary Sheets.

4.7 Football Field – Council to seek advice from ombudsman and small claims court.

4.8 Grant Bidding Process – Revision **APPROVED** by Council.

4.9 Grant Requests - Under Section 137 of the LGA 1972 the Council **APPROVED** a grant of £200 towards grass cutting of St. John's Church, Cinderford.

4.10 Defibrillators - The existing sets/pads have expired, the Council **APPROVED** the purchase of replacement sets.

4.11 Grit Bin, Soudley - Council noted the need to replace the bin. The Clerk to investigate the price of a wooden bin. The contact for the grit bin will be determined at the May meeting.

4.12 Viewpoint - delivery of the parish newsletter remains a concern. Mailchimp is in progress. Other considerations:

- Post Office door to door delivery.
- Quarterly insert in local free paper.
- Delivered with the Review paper.
- Publishing and delivering by external company.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Helping Hands 2RH (fwded pc's.)
- b) Glos. Police - Neighbourhood Policing (fwded pc's.)
- c) Tramway Road, Soudley - request for replacement grit bin (BW to action).
- d) Forest Enterprise - Entreprise Fair 18th April (fwded pc's.)

4.14 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th May, 2018.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 30th April, 2018.

4.15 **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.

4.16 Casual Vacancy - Members' unanimously agreed to co-opt Mrs. Bernadette Wood.

4.17 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 10th April, 2018

Planning Reference:
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0353/18/FUL
55 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford
Erection of first floor side extension and porch to front elevation.

No obj.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish **District**
Comment **Decision**

P0165/18/COU
49A Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge.
Change of use from study/sitting room into a hairdressing salon.

No obj. CONSENT

Signed: Dated: