

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 11th June, 2019

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

Parish Councillors Present:

T. Matthews, Chairman
Cllrs. Ms. H. Medcraft,
Ms. N. Packer, B. Rhodes,
N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

R. Boyles.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wood,
W. Acland, B. O'Neill.

Public:

One member of the public was present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews, Rhodes & Snell.
- (b) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Rhodes.
- (c) FODDC Planning Committee – Cllr. Packer will withdraw from the parish meeting whilst the planning applications are discussed.

Public Participation

1. Ruspidge Memorial Hall's proposal for refurbishment of the lower hall was received by Council.

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. Ruspidge Recreation Field – Dog fouling to be discussed at the July meeting.

6. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 14th May, 2019 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

- 6.1 **MATTERS ARISING** – there were no matters arising from the minutes.

6.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (NP)**

- Training programme for Councillors.
- Climate Change talk – air quality and health – worse for children than previously expected.
- Forest Enterprise Partnership – challenges to industry.
- Inspiring Forest.
- Digital Connectivity.
- Economic case – Forest Biosphere.
- Minerals Plan.

6.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (RB)**

- Social Worker Academy – improve standards.
- Ofsted Report – steady progress – more work required to improve.
- Crown Court upgrade and Children's Family Court.
- Carers week.
- Fire Prevention – educating children.
- Smoke Alarms.
- St. White's Road, lower end, resurfacing September.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (GM)

- Cabinet meeting.
- Forest High School – new teacher – buildings in need of attention.
Emails: -
- Fire Prevention
- Climate action
- Mobile Library
- Keeping children safe
- Regaining independence and remaining in own home
- Older people have their say on future care home provision
- Composting and rewarding food waste recycling

6.4 **PLANNING** – completed schedule is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £4,181.69, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

6.6 Grants – The Council **RESOLVED** in accordance with its powers under Section 133 and 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to approve the following expenditure.

- a) St. John's Church £250 – grass cutting. b) Ruspidge Memorial Hall £250 – new chairs.

6.7 Soudley S.106 – held over for discussion at the July meeting.

6.8 Play Area Annual Reports – members were advised of comments, there were no high risks that needed urgent attention.

6.9 Blue Rock Trail – saplings – members were updated, the planters contact details are on file.

6.10 Representatives of the Council – held over from May's meeting.

- a) Forest Enterprise Advisory Panel (NP)
b) FoD Youth Association Steering Group (NS)
c) CANDI and Parish Highways DELETED.

CORRESPONDENCE

6.11 The council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a. FODDC – Five Acres site (fwd).

6.12 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 9th July, 2019.**

The agenda deadline is **Monday, 1st July, 2019.**

6.13 **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 10.xi (2018).

6.14 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the June, 2019 meeting

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0686/19/FUL
62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford.
Erection of a rear extension and associated works.

No obj.

P0785/19/FUL
17 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Erection of porch and installation of dormer window including alterations to driveway entrance and improved parking.
Conversion of outbuildings to provide accommodation.

Clarification
requested
- outbuilding
purpose.

Appeal - DISMISSED

P1446/17/OUT

Land off Top Road, Soudley for 20 houses.

The Secretary of state dismissed the appeal and refused to award costs.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish District
Comment Decision

P0378/19/FUL (*Amended Description*) - now FULL APPLICATION
Grass Verge, Top Road, Upper Soudley.
Proposed installation of a replacement 10.6m telecommunications pole with antenna and ground based apparatus including cabinet.

No obj. CONSENT

P0471/19/FUL
6 Limekilns Close, (Sneydwood Estate)
Erection of a two storey side extension with associated works.

No obj. CONSENT

Signed: Dated: