

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 10th March, 2020

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wood, Ms. H. Medcraft,
T. Matthews, C. Richardson, N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

District Councillor Present:
Ms. N. Packer.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:
R. Boyles, G. Morgan & B. O'Neill.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

(a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Snell.

The Chairman paid tribute to ex. Cllr. and Chairman Jeff Stanford, who had recently passed away. Three members of the council and the clerk attended the funeral which was held earlier today.

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. Skatepark – The information collated has been passed to the proposer, but no response has yet been received.

3. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 11th February, 2020 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Play area signs – Still awaiting response.

Soudley Village Hall, suspended ceiling – the contractor required a deposit of £3k, which was duly paid under the authorisation of the Chairman and Treasurer. The payment is shown in the accounts presented at this meeting.

- 3.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (N.P.)**

- Biodiversity Emergency declared at Full Council.
- Budget passed by Full Council
 - includes modest increase in costs.
- District Cllrs. allowances raised by 5%.
 - same workload but reduced members (48 to 38).
- Northern Quarter Scrutiny task group
 - Chair is Nicky Packer
 - background information being given to new task group members.
- Corporate Plan now available.
- Local Plan – strategic options, policies, Local Transport Plan and new housing.

(B.O’N. – report received in absence)

- Cabinet Portfolio now changed to ‘Economy’.
- Also sitting on the Cinderford Regeneration Board and Lydney Coastal Community Board.

3.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- Secondary School Places – 87% offered first choice.
- Western Gateway website launched.
- £200,000 Life changing digital project fund launched.
- 2020/21 Budget approved – net increase of £31m.
 - tackling effects of climate change, delivery of new and improved facilities for children and family and boosting funds to protect the vulnerable in the county.
- COVID19 – updates on GCC and Health websites.
- Hop Skip and Jump to close – staff salaries and running costs for Feb and March to be met by GCC to enable alternative supportive centres to be found.
- Flooding – support for families in the Lydbrook area.
- New Road, Blakeney, road closed due to land slip – lengthy closure.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £42,990.07, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

3.6 Viewpoint – Due to the sad loss of the editor, Jeff Stanford, there was no February issue. Jeff was editor from April 2014 to his passing, bringing useful information and local events to the community.

3.7 Chris Richardson has taken over the role of editor and any future information for inclusion in the Viewpoint should be addressed to: theeditor.viewpoint@gmail.com

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Cllr. Morgan – Env. Agency flood alerts – Cinderford brook.
- b) GCC – Budget approval.
- c) GCC – Glos. Digital Innovation Fund.
- d) FRED – Forest Read Easy Deal.
- e) FODDC – SCRAP fly-tipping; Finance forecast improvement; VE Day Street Party Guidance.
- f) FODDC – Art Installation & Litter Picking Stations.
- g) Soudley Village Hall – Thank you, ceiling grant.
- h) Forest Youth Association – local update.

3.9 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council **was** scheduled to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 14th April, 2020.** The agenda deadline is **Monday, 6th April, 2020.**

BREAKING NEWS: Due to the COVID19 virus and Government advice all meetings are suspended until further notice. Cllr’s will be briefed on any immediate business via email.

3.10 **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 (2020).

3.11 The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the March, 2020 meeting

<u>Planning Reference</u>		<u>Parish</u>
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>		<u>Comment</u>
P0085/20/FUL	Previous No obj.	No obj.
Rivendell, Lower Road, Soudley, Cinderford.		
Erection of two single storey extensions with associated works. <i>(Revised.)</i>		
AMENDED DESCRIPTION		
Rivendell Lower Road Soudley		
Erection of a single storey extension to the front elevation, a single storey side extension, a pitched roof replacement garage and raising of height of the existing front gable extension with associated works.		

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

<u>Planning Reference</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>District</u>
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Decision</u>
P0010/20/DISCON	No obj.	CONSENT
Land At 28 - 30 St Whites Road, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3DG.		
Discharge of Condition 07 (CEMP) relating to planning permission P0324/17/FUL.		

Signed: Dated: