

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING **held remotely on the 9th June, 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:

R. Boyles.

District Councillor Present:

Ms. N. Packer, B. O'Neill & R. Boyles.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Public:

No members of the public attended the meeting.

Standing Declarations of Interest

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

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. Art on the Railings – members were advised of the proposed event which will run from the 20th June to the 30th June. The event will be the sole responsibility of the organisers.

6. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 12th May, 2020 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman at the next full council meeting.

6.1 Council confirmed **ACCEPTANCE** of the minutes of the council meeting held on the 14th April, 2020, which council previously gave by email.

6.2 There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

6.3 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (N/P)**

- Online Planning meeting has successfully taken place.
- Cabinet is scheduled for Thursday 11th June.
- Nominations required for 'Make a Difference Awards' – volunteers who have helped others during lockdown.
- Draft Local Plan preferred options paper has been circulated.

(B/O'N)

- Re-opening of businesses guidance and posters issued.
- Making town centres safer for pedestrians – temporarily widening pavements.
- Assessing bids for second round of Discretionary Grants aimed at small and micro businesses eg., market traders, charity shops, shared office space.

6.4 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (R/B)**

- Oak Quarry re-opened, online booking required, 2 weeks in advance.
- New Health Service for community needs during COVID lockdown.
 - Anyone over 18 can access free support from a qualified councillor, no referrals, no waiting lists no criteria to meet.

- Top schemes for Green Travel to be submitted in June.
- PPE – 2 million items delivered, now six months' worth of stock in the county.
- COVID19 permanent testing site at Hempstead Meadow from June.
- Construction due to start on the transport improvement scheme on A40 between the M5 Junction 11 and Cheltenham.
- 140 homeless people being accommodated in hotels.
- Traffic volume monitors show traffic flow at 60% of pre COVID traffic numbers.
- County recovery plan reviewing how to restart economy and support business.
- The usual 28 days' notice for roadside works has reduced to 10 days.

(G/M)

- Oak Quarry re-opened, online booking required.
- Posts erected ready for VAS at Cinderford Bridge.
- Funding, with Richard Boyles, Soudley Village Hall's suspended ceiling.
- Online County Planning Meeting has taken place.
- FOD Road Safety Committee also looking to meet remotely.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.6 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £4,236.22, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

6.7 Ex Parish Community Worker website – Cllr. Richardson proposed the removal of the ex-community worker's *Ruspidge and Soudley Community Events* site, *Facebook* page and use of rspc community worker email address, stating that it is not sanctioned by or represents the parish and conflicts with the PC sites. Council **AGREED** and a letter will be sent to the ex-community worker requesting removal.

6.8 Soudley Village Hall, Suspended ceiling – Cllrs. Boyles and Morgan agreed to support the project equally from their Growing our Communities Fund. To enable the works to commence the Parish Council paid on the proviso that when funding is received from GCC the hall will refund the council. No application has yet been received by the County. The hall committee will be chased to apply.

6.9 Ruspidge Memorial Hall, Broadband – it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the bills during the initial two-year contract and thereafter the hall would take on responsibility. The hall committee will be reminded that the original contract is nearing its end.

CORRESPONDENCE

6.10 All relevant correspondence whether specifically dealt with under agenda items, or not, has been forwarded via email to all Councillors.

6.11 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is scheduled for Tuesday, **14th July, 2020**. The agenda deadline is Monday, **6th July, 2020**.

The agenda will confirm where and how the meeting will take place.

6.12 **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 10.xi (2020).

6.13 The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

Planning Schedule for the June, 2020 meeting

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0592/20/FUL

No obj.

Plots 25 26 27 & 28, Edmunds Way, St Whites Road, Cinderford.

Variation of conditions 01 (approved plans) 04 (landscaping and boundary treatments), 07 (car parking) and 10 (play area boundary) of planning permission P0543/18/FUL to improve layout and residential amenity.

APPEAL:

District
Decision

An appeal has been lodged under the **Householder Appeals Service (HAS)** - no further representations can be made with this type of appeal.

Householder Appeals Service (HAS)

Support REFUSED
Refusal.

PARISH COMMENT AMENDED - originally No obj., amended to support refusal*

P1878/19/FUL

62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge.

Erection of a rear extension and associated works. (Resubmission.)

*this was following the PC rep attending the site inspection panel meeting where it became obvious that the extension would have a serious impact.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish District
Comment Decision

P0450/20/FUL

No obj. CONSENT

5 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Erection of a first floor side extension and replacement front porch with associated work. Demolition of porch.

P0426/20/FUL

Former St Whites Primary School, St Whites Road, Cinderford.

Variation of conditions 06 (highway improvement works), Condition 08 (vehicular access) and condition 19 (fenestration details) of planning permission P1480/19/FUL to allow for the revised wording of each condition.

Original PC comment (No obj.) retracted.

Revised comment - **Obj.**

REFUSED

Noted that condition 6 includes removal of requirement for junction improvement before works can start.

P0038/20/DISCON

No obj. CONSENT

Former St Whites Primary School, St Whites Road, Cinderford.

Discharge of conditions 07 (Construction method statement) and 12 (fire hydrants) of planning permission P1480/19/FUL.

APPEAL DECISION:

Appeal
Decision

P1132/19/FUL

Obs/
concerns.

43 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

DISMISSED

Erection of a detached bungalow with associated parking and ancillary works. Demolition of existing garage and store. (Revised Scheme).

Signed: Dated: