
RUSPIDGE & SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING held on Tuesday 9th January, 2024

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

Parish Councillors Present:

Cllrs. Chairman Jo Smith, Norman Snell, Tony Matthews, Helen Medcraft, Denis Norman Bagwell-Johnston.

County Councillors Present:

None Present.

District Councillors Present:

None Present.

Parish Council Clerk – Roland Dowding

Apologies:

Cllrs. William Acland, Andy Moore, Richard Burton, Graham Morgan, Bernie O’Neill, Beki Hoyland.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- A) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. William Acland.
- B) St Whites School Board of Governors - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. William Acland.

Public Present:

Lori-Leah Griffiths.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST (RWT)

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

- 1.1 There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 1.2. No other business.

Public Participation:

- 1.1. **Apologies** received and recorded from absent members.
- 1.2. No declaration of prejudicial interest was declared by members present.
- 1.3. **Minutes** - The minutes of the council meeting held on the **12th of December, 2023** were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 1.4. **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 1.5. **District Councillor Reports**

Reports is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

1.6. County Councillor Reports

No County Councillor Report Submitted.

1.7. Planning – The completed schedule for **January** is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

1.8. Financial Matters - Following a report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for the **January** payment totalling **£7,050.40** this figure is inclusive of confidential expenditure.

1.9. Littering in the Parish and proposed signage – The Chair, Cllr. Jo Smith informed the members GCC Highways declined consent for the NO LITTERING signage proposed at the December 2023 Parish Council Meeting. Consultation is being undertaken with the District Council for street cleaning of the Ruspidge / Soudley Rd and for the placement of additional litter bins and NO LITTERING signage. Cllr. Tony Matthews expressed concern regarding what appears to be tree cuttings and shrubs making their way into the Linear Park area of Cinderford Brook, Cllr. Matthews was concerned that the detritus could make their way down stream into the Parish and cause blockages in areas of the brook. The Chair, Cllr. Jo Smith requested the Clerk, Mr Roland Dowding contact the Forestry Commission to query this issue.

1.10. Correspondence - The council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence: Cllr. Jo Smith informed the members she is awaiting a proposal from the Severn River Trust, regarding proposed works on Cinderford Brook, in the area of the Blue Rock Trail. Cllr. Smith also noted she has requested a risk assessment from the Severn River Trust for any proposed works in said area. The Parish Councillors accepted all relevant correspondence has been forwarded via email to all members.

1.11. Next Meeting - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Village Hall** at **7.00 p.m. Tuesday, 13th February 2024**. The agenda deadline is **Monday, 5th of February, 2024**.

1.12. 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).

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed:.....Chair.

Dated:.....

APPENDIX

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council Planning Schedules for January 2024.

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

Planning Schedule January, 2024

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

No Planning Consultation Requests Recieved This Month.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

No Planning Notifications Posted This Month.

District Councillor Reports.

Clrs Richard Burton, Andy Moore

District Councillor Report – 5th January 2024

Electric waste collection vehicle trial

The try-out of the RQ-E Kerb-Sort Romaquip could lead to even cleaner, greener household waste collections in the future. Transport linked to the waste, recycling and street cleansing services is by far the largest producer of emissions linked to the Council's operational activities. This vehicle could significantly reduce CO2 emissions and help achieve the Council's target of becoming net zero by 2030.

Garden waste collections restart

Forest of Dean District Council has announced it will again collect trees for all households when its popular garden waste service resumes on Monday 8 January, following a two-week suspension over Christmas and New Year. Trees put out by residents will go on to be composted at Rose Hill Farm in Dymock.

COUNCIL APPROVES ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Following approval of an Ethical Investment Policy, the Forest of Dean District Council will only invest in financial products that are aligned with its social and environmental goals; and avoid ones deemed unethical

Residents invited to have their say on Forest of Dean Council Budget

Forest of Dean District Council invites residents, businesses, and organisations across the district to give their views on the Council's spending plans, with a consultation for the budget for the next financial year beginning 22nd December 2023 and running until 19th January 2024.

I've attended full Council meetings, Scrutiny Committee, and Development Management Committees, Councillor briefings and site inspections.