

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING **held remotely on the 10th November, 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 & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

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

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Replacement Clerk – Ms. Joanne Rawlings

Apologies:

Public:

There were no members of the public present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Snell.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall – Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Wood.

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.

11. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 13th October, 2020 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman at the next full council meeting.

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

11.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

(N/P)

- Local Plan - New settlement location to be explored.
- Public consultation closes 29th January, 2021.
- New hospital – consultation overview of services ends 17th December.
- Covid19 – St. wardens will promote, support, and encourage good secure practices in their day to day work across the district.
- Grants available for businesses required to close during latest restrictions.
- Support available for clinically extremely vulnerable.
- Emergency Planning – DC Emergency plans to be updated.

(B/O'N)

- Lockdown - Community Hub operating.
- Leisure Centres – openings put on hold.
- St. White's School – ongoing problem with parking. Will also contact FODDC Planners to ensure junction works are completed prior to any site works.
- National Planning White Paper – The cabinet has put forward its view.

(R/B)

- Soudley sheep – St. Wardens have contacted the shepherd and sheep badgers to seek a solution. Regular inspections are taking place.

11.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

(R/B)

- Free school meals total was 5,600 for October Half Term.
- No child to go hungry in Gloucestershire, similar plans in place for Christmas.
- Libraries – collection services available.
- Council assessing which services can continue during present lockdown.
- Covid - positive cases increased within the county but lower than the South West and England.
- M5 junction consultation (ends 25th November) – includes plans to enable road users to join and leave the M5 in all directions.
- GCC received funding for support to care providers, day services and carers' support services within the county.

(G/M)

- Working on more co-ordination between District and County Council.
- Rooney Rule – this is being implemented to consider more ethnic minority candidates for posts in middle/senior management.
- Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS), Cinderford Bridge/St. White's Road – posts in place but chasing Highways for signs to be erected.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £4,024.81, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

11.6 Draft Budget – Council received the draft budget for 2021/22, for consideration prior to approval at the December meeting.

11.7 New Website – Domain name to be ruspidgesoudley-pc.gov.uk. When live will publish in *Viewpoint* and on *Facebook*. Council to check potential to commercialise website.

11.8 Play Areas – Council advised that three quotes have been received and the sub-committee will meet to determine the way forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Local Plan Preferred Option consultation. (fwded.)
- b) GCC – no child to go hungry in Glos. (fwded.)
- c) GCC – open letter to care homes. (fwded.)
- d) West Dean Clerk – Climate Action Event. (fwded.)
- e) P. Bedney - Soudley Memorial Bench. (fwded.)

11.10 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th December, 2020.**

The agenda deadline is **Monday, 1st December, 2020.**

11.11 **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).

11.12 The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the November, 2020 meeting

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0110/20/DISCON
Land South Of (Site Compound), Edmunds Way, Cinderford, Glos.
Discharge of condition 03 (Bat and Bird boxes) of planning appeal
APP/P1615/W/20/3251097.

No obj.

Withdrawn Application

P1299/20/FUL

43 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Erection of a detached bungalow with associated parking and works.
Demolition of existing garage.

Obj.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

P1311/20/FUL

28 Cullimore View, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Construction of a high quality pre-fabricated 10 m2 pre-treated Scandinavian pine cabin with central BBQ with chimney, 3 double glazed windows and 3 lift up sleeping platforms for occasional use.

No obj.

CONSENT

Signed: Dated: