

MINUTES of the MEETING of RUSPIDGE and SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 14th April, 2015

(These Minutes are subject to approval at the next Council Meeting)

Parish Councillors Present:

J. Stanford, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. H. Dalziel, Mrs. B. Hedges,
S. Phelps, G. Doggett,
A. Warwick & C. Hawkins.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) CANDI - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Warwick and Cllr. Mrs. Dalziel.
- (b) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Mrs. Dalziel.
- (c) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Phelps.
- (d) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins and Cllr. Stanford.
- (e) Great Oaks Hospice - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins.

Dispensation granted to Cllr. Hawkins for matters relating to Soudley Village Hall - for use only if Cllr. Hawkins is required to make up the quorum numbers.

The dispensation expires 4th September, 2015.

Note: FODDC Standards Committee is unable to grant dispensations to councillors who are also members of the Ruspidge Memorial Hall as the number of members concerned would not be more than 50% of the members entitled to vote at a meeting.

4. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 10th March, 2015 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

4.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

RWT - Re: Football Field - the meeting with all interested persons/clubs is to be arranged.

HIGHWAYS:

Grit Bin, Buckshaft Road - Highways have cleared the area and, as **APPROVED** by council, Rob Griffiths will lay a suitable base before installing the bin.

Buckshaft Road Footpath - Brian Watkins is happy in principle with the parish council contracting the work and Graham Morgan funding it from his County Council allowance. Brian will confirm after checking with the Highways legal team.

Soudley road markings - Highways have agreed to move the 30 mph sign on the Blakeney Road into Soudley, nearer to Soudley village; paint a red strip with and 30 mph roundels to accompany the 30 mph sign, refurbish the road markings in general and refurbish the red strip and roundels at the end of Sutton Road. They will also post a No Through Road sign at the start of Tramway Road.

Football Field - if the groundsman considers a cut is necessary the clerk will get confirmation from Sportfields first. If a cut is necessary but not possible Sportfields will be requested to attend a site visit.

Website - via the *Viewpoint* parishioners were asked to comment on the prototype web site. No public comments had been received. Council discussed and considered the two quotes and **RESOLVED** that Vision ICT be invited to set up the council's website, on the proviso that it is easy to edit and update.

Photocopier - the contract ceases at the end of July and the termination of contract notice has been acknowledged by Konica Minolta. Council unanimously **AGREED** to a budget of £700 for a suitable replacement. The clerk will investigate further.

St. John Ambulance First Aid Course - Members' were advised that 16 persons were interested in the course. The SJA were happy to accept the additional numbers.

4.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Potholes, Buckshaft - Highways (Brian Watkins) advised.
- ◆ Mobile CCTV - Cllr. O'Neill had been advised of the type that climbs lamp posts - Head of Street Wardens is investigating further.
- ◆ Forest Fighting Fit to be launched shortly (previously known as the Friday Night Project). Miners Hall, Cinderford is the base for the whole of the Forest of Dean, with £40,000 being funded by the Police Commissioner. (Children; Teenagers; Adults.)

4.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Sutton Road refurbishment of markings to be completed shortly.
- ◆ Blackpool Bridge Road, numerous potholes - Highways have been notified.
- ◆ Lengthsman Trial Scheme - Two crews of 2 have been assigned to Cllr. Leppington's division, to start in May. Relevant areas of concern to be notified to Cllr. Leppington.
- ◆ The 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta - events to be arranged.

4.4 **PLANNING** – Completed Schedule attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

4.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,860.60, this figure being inclusive of the expenditure recorded under confidential business.

4.6 Members' received the end of year Expenditure and Income Summary Sheets.

4.7 Litter - Grange Lane, Littledean - Council considered the request to erect 'thank you for not leaving litter' signs in this and other areas of the parish. Whilst recognising the fact that there is a litter problem Members' determined to **DECLINE** the request determining that signs would make no difference.

4.8 Emergency Plans - Ruspidge and Soudley are to have separate plans. Retiring councillor Heather Dalziel volunteered to continue with the Ruspidge plan with Cllr. Phelps. Cllr. Hawkins has completed a draft plan for Soudley. Possible emergency sites: Upper Soudley - Soudley Village Hall or the White Horse Inn; Lower Soudley - Dean Heritage.

4.9 Flood Resilience - Cllr. Phelps advised that he is meeting with the Environment Agency regarding their concern for the flooding of Cinderford Brook and the installation of a gauge. Cllr. Phelps will report at the next parish meeting.

4.10 **CORRESPONDENCE** - Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a. FODDC - Allocations Plan available for viewing (fwded).
- b. GCC - PROW - Weavings Lane, options.
- c. GCC - PROW - Training Day - Cllr. Phelps to attend.
- d. Anon - Cullimore Vw/Railway Rd - Pet ambulances blocking the junction and pavements.

4.11 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm on **Tuesday, 12th May, 2015. The agenda deadline is Monday, 4th May, 2015.**

4.12 **Exclusion of the Press and the Public** - The Council **RESOLVED** that, in view of the confidential nature of the remaining business, the press and the public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Standing Order (2013) No. 55.

4.13 The Council wishes to record its gratitude to retiring cllrs. Dalziel, Doggett and Warwick. Each were presented with a hand crafted pen in recognition of their long service to the parish council. We wish them well in their retirement and any future ventures they undertake.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Planning Schedule for the meeting on 14th April, 2015

Planning Reference:
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0488/15/OUT

No obj.

Land at Bracken Close, Buckshaft, Cinderford.

O/A for the erection of 3 dwellings with ancillary works.
(Renewal of Consent.)

P0511/15/FUL

No obj.

57 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Erection of 2 detached dwellings with associated garages and access drive.
Demolition of dwelling (No. 57) and outbuildings.

P0517/15/FUL

No obj.

4 Fir View Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Proposed extension to first floor (rear) balcony.

Withdrawn Application

P0248/15/OUT

Obj. & Obs.

Land Off Top Road, Upper Soudley, Soudley, Gloucestershire.

Outline application for the erection of 5 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish District
Comment Decision

P0129/15/FUL

No obj & Obs. PERMIT

West View, 46A Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford.

Proposed construction of a dormer window to existing roof of bungalow.

Signed: Dated: