

MINUTES of the MEETING of RUSPIDGE and SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Soudley Hall on the 14th July, 2015

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

Parish Councillors Present:

J. Stanford, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. B. Hedges,
C. Hawkins & Bob Rhodes.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington

District Councillor Present:

None.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Public:

8 members of the public were present and
6 applicants for the 4 casual vacancies.

Apologies:

Cllrs. S. Phelps, G. Morgan, B. O'Neill,
& D. Hawthorne.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Phelps.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins and Cllr. Stanford.
- (c) 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.

Public Participation

1. Leylandii Trees, Ruspidge Industrial Site - Concern was raised that the Leylandii are extensively overgrown, blocking out light and leaning towards the residential houses. The council confirmed it will contact the owner of the site to arrange a site visit and discuss how to rectify the problem.
2. Ruspidge Chip Shop, Parking - There was concern about the number of customers who are parking their cars along the length of road by the chip shop and the nearby area, causing congestion and access difficulties for other road users. The council noted the comments.

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7. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 9th June, 2015 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

7.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

Hedge Letters, Buckshaft Road - The clerk confirmed that the letters have been issued.

Japanese Knotweed - There had been no reply, to date, from the FODDC.

Notice Boards - The boards have been re-coated.

Buckshaft Pavement - Awaiting Highways approval.

Soudley and Blakeney Gateway - Cllr. Stanford attended the committee meeting but advised that there is a lack of officers and, at present, there is no management plan for the maintenance of the trail.

Woodland View Play Area - Cllr. Stanford and the clerk met with Chris Snell of Greenfields upon which it was agreed to go ahead with the works as per Greenfields report. The lead date for the works will be September. The clerk will also arrange for the play area equipment to be painted in bright colours once all works have been carried out.

Football Field - Cllrs. Stanford, Hawkins and Paul Gibson (groundsman) will meet with Sportfields tomorrow (15th July). An update will follow.

Code of Conduct - Cllr. Hedges attended the workshop and gave a brief report. A full report will be forwarded by email for circulation to members.

7.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ All councillors have been receiving training following the election.
- ◆ The first full meeting of the District Council is on the 16th July.
- ◆ Council to consider and determine the method of government to be adopted by the FODDC - Committee or Cabinet.

7.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ County Council is looking to have greater control.
- ◆ Lengthsman Scheme to commence in August.
(Footpath clearance, clearing of ditches, minor highway repairs.)
- ◆ Highways local allowance for small works in the parish.
- ◆ Inaugural FOD Road Safety Group - constituted committee.
- ◆ Soudley road markings should be completed by the end of August.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,825.55, this figure being inclusive of the expenditure recorded under confidential business.

7.6 Income and Expenditure Sheets - Members' received the entries for the first quarter.

7.7 FODDC Street Cleaning Service Level Agreement - Council **RESOLVED** to ACCEPT the Service Level Agreement which was duly signed by Cllr. Stanford and the clerk. A schedule of works will be requested from the parish street cleaner.

7.8 Dog Bin Request - Members' having considered the request for a dog bin at the gates from Coombe Drive to St. White's Road, determined to ask the St. Warden to investigate further before any decision would be made to provide a bin.

7.8 Soudley Village Field, Litter Bin - The clerk advised council that two redundant oval bins had been supplied free of charge by the FODDC.

7.9 Old Email Address - Council **RESOLVED** that the old address (rspc.aic.co.uk) can now be deactivated. The Clerk will notify the supplier.

7.10 Facebook - Council **RESOLVED** that local charity events can be advertised on the council facebook page but not regular groups/clubs/activities eg., Zumba, Tae Kwan Do, Bingo, etc.

7.11 Flood Action Group - The Parish Council is in the process of drawing up Emergency Action Plans for the parish and flooding will be one of the eventualities considered. Council, therefore, **RESOLVED** that there would be no need to have a specific rep to join the flood group. However, if any councillor had an interest in attending the group's meetings they could do so on a personal level.

CORRESPONDENCE

7.12 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a. Mr. S. Hardcaste - Report to Highways of Buckshaft pavement and hedge letters.
- b. Mr. D. Belassie - Speeding (Buckshaft Rd) meeting.
- c. Martin Surl (Police Commissioner) - 9th September meeting. (BH;JS to attend.)

7.13 The Council's intention was to invite the Police to attend the parish meeting in September but as the council will be represented at the Commissioner's meeting the invite, if it is still felt necessary, will be held over to a future meeting.

7.14 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 11th August, 2015.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 3rd August, 2015.

7.15 **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.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 14th July, 2015

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1001/15/FUL 67 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a two storey side extension (Demolition of existing garage and workshop). Renewal of Consent.	No obj.
P1018/15/FUL Foxes Old Row, Two Bridges, Blakeney, Gloucestershire. Proposed detached double garage.	No obj.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>	<u>District</u> <u>Decision</u>
P0439/15/FUL Hepworth Cottage, Bradley Hill, Blakeney, Lydney. Proposed two storey extension to South elevation of existing dwelling.	No obj.	PERMIT
P0511/15/FUL 57 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of 2 detached dwellings with associated garages and access drive. Demolition of dwelling (No. 57) and outbuildings.	No obj.	PERMIT
P0488/15/OUT Land at Bracken Close, Buckshaft, Cinderford. O/A for the erection of 3 dwellings with ancillary works. (Renewal of Consent.)	No obj.	PERMIT

Signed: Dated: