

MINUTES of the MEETING of RUSPIDGE and SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Soudley Hall on the 10th November, 2015

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

Parish Councillors Present:

J. Stanford, Chairman
S. Phelps, C. Hawkins, B. Rhodes,
C. Richardson & T. Matthews

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

D. Hawthorne.

Public:

6 members of the public were present.

Apologies:

B. Acland, N. Bowes, B. O'Neill

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Phelps.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Hawkins & Stanford.
- (c) Great Oaks Hospice - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins.
- (d) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Bowes.

- Village Agent, Mike Morgan - issued leaflets showing details of the scheme and partnership agencies. Main points raised include:
 - Looking after over 50's
 - Power cut priority register (Western Power)
 - Smoke alarms
 - Specialist Agents, Macmillan, for 18+ years old
 - Dementia link agents.
 - Scams (working with Social Services/Police)
- Ruspidge Snow Warden/Plough Operator, Adrian Reed - introduced himself to council and explained the procedure with Highways. Council will discuss management of the grit bins later in the meeting and advise Adrian of the proposals.

Public Participation

1. Ruspidge Early Learners - Cllr. Rhodes agreed to be the contact between the council and the playgroup and will liaise with them to produce a business plan.
2. Ruspidge Memorial Hall - The survey is being carried out on the 11th November and the report should be available by the end of November.
11. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th October, 2015 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
- 11.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.
 - Highways - payment of the outstanding invoices have now been received.
 - Defibrillators - the two defibs have been delivered.
 - Wheelie 30mph Stickers - received and ready for circulation.
 - Leylandii - The contact details for the contractor will be forwarded to Mr. Beddis.
- 11.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**
 - ◆ Sheep Scrutiny Committee (free roaming sheep)
- 11.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** - Cllrs. Leppington and Morgan
 - ◆ Northern Quarter - clearance work for spine road Jan/Feb.
 - College - further education necessary for the Forest.
 - ◆ Devolution - governance (RL) concern - needs to be democratically elected.
 - Implications for Parish Councils.
 - ◆ Fracking - motion opposing licences - motion referred to Scrutiny Committee.
 - ◆ Lengthsman Scheme - any small jobs in Soudley to be notified to RL.
 - ◆ LED contractor - 4 Year period.
 - ◆ Lydney Station - lease of land for additional parking.
 - ◆ Joint Waste Update - GM to forward to Clerk.

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

- 11.4 Campaign to Protect Rural England - Council considered the CPRE's request and **AGREED** it would alert them to any significant emerging or actual planning applications in the parish, where the site may be in a protected area (AONB, SLA, Green Belt, Conservation Area); the development will affect the character of the settlement etc.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 11.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £7,322.01, this figure being inclusive of the expenditure recorded under confidential business.

Cllrs. Stanford & Hawkins withdrew from the meeting whilst the next item was discussed.

- 11.6 Soudley Village Hall Grant request - Council **APPROVED** a grant for £300 towards the bonfire and firework event.
- 11.7 Internal Audit - Council noted the auditor's half yearly report stating all records were accurate.
- 11.8 Draft Budget - Council received the draft budget. The precept to be determined at Dec/Jan meeting.
- 11.9 Football Field/Changing Rooms - Council were advised that the football club had marked the pitch with a mixture of diesel which has burnt the grass roots and these burnt lines then act as trenches and will hold water. Following concerns of the safety of the electric within the existing changing rooms council **RESOLVED** that the club be informed not to use the pitch until they provide to RWT a certificate of conformity of safety and confirm the electricity and water sources. Payment of outstanding fees due to RWT will also be requested.
- 11.10 Ruspidge Field New Changing Rooms - Council noted that the planning application expires in March, 2016. The new building will belong to the Ruspidge Welfare Trust and is intended to be an asset for use by the community. The RWT will consider the maintenance and management of the field which will be put to full council for finalisation as its trustee. A RWT meeting will be arranged shortly to solely discuss the field/changing rooms.
- 11.11 Emergency Plans - deferred until the February, 2016 meeting.
- 11.12 Grit Bins - The bins are in situ and stocked. Laminated notices will be placed on the bins showing contact numbers.
- 11.13 Speed Gun - Council **AGREED** to gift a speed gun to Ruspidge/Buckshaft Speeding Group and will purchase an additional speed gun for use elsewhere as considered appropriate by council.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.14 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a) Assistance for Refugees (fwded). b) GCC Public Transport Consultation Events (fwded).
c) PROW - works programme. d) Matt Caldwell - Blocked drains.
e) GAPTC training courses (fwded). f) Philip Bolton - churned up verge.
g) Pauline Fosbery - F.Field - cars blocking lane (fwded).

- 11.15 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th December, 2015.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 30th November, 2015.

- 11.16 **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:

Planning Schedule for the meeting on 10th November, 2015

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P1552/15/FUL

No obj.

1 The Clusters, Bradley Hill, Soudley, Cinderford.

Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling and erection of a new double garage.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish District
Comment Decision

P1143/15/FUL

No response. PERMIT

Buckshaft Pumping Station (Water), Forest View, Ruspidge, Cinderford.

Erection of a UV kiosk and above ground pipework.

Signed: Dated: