

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 14th June, 2016

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. B. Hedges, S. Phelps,
C. Hawkins, B. Rhodes, J. Stanford,
C. Richardson, T. Matthews & N. Bowes.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

No ward cllr present.

Apologies:

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.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Members received the summary of accounts for 2015/16.
2. Members received the Internal Auditor's Report and invoice.
3. Members noted the submission of the Charity Commission Annual Return.
4. Ruspidge Changing Rooms - Members **APPROVED** the quote from Insite Portable Accommodation with Cllr. Phelps abstaining because of concerns about the ongoing financing of the scheme.
5. Co-op A/c - Members **PASSED** the resolutions as required for the Co-op A/c.
6. Upon confirmation of the Co-op investment and following clarification of how the RWT funds can be spent members will consider how to use the RWT money.
7. Football Field - Members were advised that council tax rates for previous years had been applied because the Charity Discretionary Rate Relief Form sent to the previous committee had not been returned.
A form has now been completed for FODDC's consideration.

6. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 10th May, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

- 6.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

Fir View DRP/8 footpath - motorbike barriers have been installed.

Woodland View Play Area - Quote **APPROVED** for painting of play equipment.

- 6.2 **DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORT**

- ◆ Local schools' OFSTED results - matter of concern.
- ◆ Northern Quarter - Gloscol to relocate September, 2018 - funding still required.
- ◆ Solar Farm refund Awre - reported as corporate error.
- ◆ Cinderford Swimming Pool - negotiations ongoing with Stroud college (SGS).
- ◆ Sheep, Soudley - markings noted as CV.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 6.4 Defibrillators - Council officially **APPROVED** the quote for installing 2 x defibrillators. Local Responsible Scheme Contact: Ruspidge - Helen Hook; Soudley - Chris Hawkins. Tim Harris will carry out and report directly the weekly checks for both defibrillators.
- 6.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £25,805.04, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 6.6 Internal Audit - Members' received a signed statement from Mrs. Fowler, reporting her considerations of the Council's accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2016. Mrs. Fowler confirmed that no irregularities had been found and thereby confirming the correctness of the accounts had duly signed the Annual Audit Return.
- 6.7 Lloyds protection £75k - Members' considered whether some reserves should be moved to another bank. Cllr. Hawkins will investigate further.
- 6.8 PCC Bid - Safe and Social Driving in Gloucestershire - Cllr. Richardson tabled the draft bid and advised the preferred option, which following consideration was unanimously **APPROVED** by Council.
- 6.9 Cinderford Bridge Junction - Cllr. Phelps reminded council of the shared cycle/pedestrian route and bridge suggestions that have been put to Highways for consideration when the junction is improved. These works being subject to the Northern United regeneration scheme.
- 6.10 Leylandii - Industrial Estate - Council were advised that the owners were finding it hard to fund the removal of the trees. They will be asked to consider, as a community spirited gesture, to remove the broken trees which are precariously close to a resident's property at the end of the breeding season for nesting birds.
- 6.11 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following information:
GCC - Re: St. White's old school
- Operational use for GCC no longer an option.
 - Architects appointed and level survey being taken for Buckshaft Road site, for limited residential development.
 - The original school building is surplus to requirements to be sold possibly for residential conversion, keeping the external character of the building.
- 6.12 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 12th July, 2016.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 4th July, 2016.
- 6.13 **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 (2016) No. 55.
- 6.14 The minutes of the confidential business transacted on the 10th May, 2016 were accepted as a true record of the meeting, and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 6.15 The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 14th June, 2016

| <u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u> | <u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u> |
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| P0637/16/TPO 13 Abbots View, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. 25% crown reduction of Beech tree T3 of TPO51 at 13 Abbots View. | No objs. |
| P0633/16/FUL 3 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Two storey side extension to dwelling. | No objs. |
| P0625/16/FUL Conifers, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Single storey extension to front elevation. | No objs. |
| P0669/16/FUL 11 Abbots View, Buckshaft, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Two storey extension to dwelling. | No objs. |

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

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| P0637/16/TPO 13 Abbots View, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. 25% crown reduction of Beech tree T3 of TPO51 at 13 Abbots View. | No objs. | PERMIT |
| P0067/16/FUL 5 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Single storey and first floor side extensions. | No objs. | PERMIT |
| P0351/16/FUL Winter Cottage, 15 Peacock Lane, Ruspidge, Cinderford. First floor extension to existing dwelling. | No objs. | PERMIT |

Signed: Dated: