

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 12th July, 2016

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

Parish Councillors Present:

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

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Public:

Two members of the public were present.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Mrs. B. Hedges & N. Bowes.

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.

Public Participation

1. Sheep, Soudley - Mr. A. Blake advised council that he is a member of the Commoners Executive Committee but that he was attending and speaking at this meeting as a member of the parish. He suggested that communication is often fractured and that protocol is not always followed by some sheep badgers. He felt that Commoners should not lose the ancient rights, as once gone they would never return. Both parties should engage, open up, think the big picture and a balance found with the shepherds.

Cllr. Leppington advised that the District Council did not want to remove Commoners Rights but that the Commoners should deal with individual rebelling.

The general consensus from the Parish Council was that sheep should be hefted and in a fenced area. Residents dislike having sheep droppings outside their dwellings and won't tolerate a particular shepherd's attitude.

Council noted that sheep clear verges/bracken and a balanced needs to be found with the shepherds.

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7. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14th June, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Financial Services Compensation Scheme 75k Protection - upon investigation Council were advised that bank charges would apply when opening an account with an alternative bank. Further investigation will be undertaken to determine if the protection is adequate or whether a new account is necessary.

Leylandii - Mr. Beddis confirmed receipt of a quote which totalled £2,000 and advised that further consideration will be given once the birds have flown.

- 7.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Cinderford Swimming Pool - briefing in Sept/Oct.
- at present the pool is closed as 12k required for repairs.
- ◆ SGS have carried out a survey for a new school on the Causeway site.

7.3 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

- ♦ Transport Plan - Approved.
- ♦ Highways.
- ♦ Registration Service - improved.
- ♦ Draft Minerals Local Plan - Fracking subject to conditions.
(Cllr. Morgan believes the F.O.D should be classed a Groundwater Protection Zone.)
- ♦ Bus service cuts - RL to request cabinet member to cease present procedure and organise a task group to consider an alternative approach. It must be realised that Sunday's are now a working day.

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 £3757.53, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 7.6 Members received the Expenditure Summary Sheet for the first financial quarter.
- 7.7 Grant Request - Under Section 137 of the LGA 1972 the Council **APPROVED**:
Forest Sensory Services, Cinderford - £250.
(Upon further information council may consider a further grant.)
- 7.8 Weavings Lane, motorbike barrier - Cllr. Phelps will speak to the complainant and report accordingly.
- 7.9 Ruspidge Early Learners - following the substantial financial help given by the council it was very disappointed that the group's plan had not come to fruition and that its requests to receive interim reports were not met. Council **RESOLVED** that no further financial aid will be given to the group and requested the Hall Treasurer be advised accordingly.
- 7.10 Play Area Annual Inspection Reports - the next swing comments were noted and actioned. There were no other urgent matters to be actioned.
- 7.11 Blue Rock Trail, public right of way - the Clerk will contact GCC for the relevant PROW forms.
- 7.12 GCC Bus Service cuts - members will speak to local residents and urge the completion of the online survey. A letter will be sent to GCC stating the concerns of the parish council.
- 7.13 Village Green Application - council **AGREED** to pursue this further.
- 7.14 Hedges - council unanimously **RESOLVED** to allow discussion of this item and **DETERMINED** that occupiers refusing to act on the council's request to cut their hedges/under and overgrowth will be advised that the parish council will enforce such works and the occupiers will be invoiced directly either by the council or its agents.
- 7.15 CORRESPONDENCE - The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
- a. GCC - Cinderford Bridge Junction (fwded).
 - b. FODDC - Planning Application, Changing facilities - JS to assist.
 - c. Peter Bazeley - wild boar issues.
- 7.16 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 9th August, 2016. The agenda deadline is Monday, 1st August, 2016.**
- 7.17 The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 12th July, 2016

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P0821/16/FUL 1 The Clusters, Bradley Hill, Soudley, Cinderford. Alterations and extension to dwelling and erection of a detached garage with store over (revised scheme).	No objs/obs.
P0714/16/FUL Hillside, Lower Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Removal of existing mono-pitch roof and replacement with duo-pitch roof.	No objs.
P0941/16/FUL West View, 46A Ruspidge Road. Erection of a double garage.	No objs.

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>
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER (DFTPO213) East of Buckshaft Road.		Unopposed Order
P0633/16/FUL 3 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Two storey side extension to dwelling.	No objs.	PERMIT
P0625/16/FUL Conifers, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Single storey extension to front elevation.	No objs.	PERMIT

Signed: Dated: