

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 9th August, 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 & 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 reps present.

Apologies:

Cllrs. B. O'Neill & G. Morgan.

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.

CANDI (Cinderford Area Neighbourhood Development Initiative) - Sue Fellows gave a presentation on CANDI, a registered charity for young people aged 11 to 18 years. Established over 20 years ago it provides leisure activities for adolescents with sessions in Cinderford and Drybrook. The 'Drop In' youth café in Cinderford offers free Internet access, pool, music and cheap refreshments. The successful dance project based in Cinderford Artspace offers professional dance sessions and choreography with the opportunity of participants appearing in local performances. CANDI have bi-monthly management meetings and would welcome a representative from the council.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Co-op A/c - Members' **RESOLVED** that the account should be closed and the balance transferred to the RWT Lloyds Instant Access A/c.
2. Clearing of brambles on the football field - The quote had not been received.
3. Changing Rooms - Members' were updated.
4. Upon relevant information being available the September meeting will start at 6.00 p.m. to allow discussion, solely relating to the football field, prior to the parish meeting.

8. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th July, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

Village Green - 4 completed questionnaires have been received. The Clerk will check if this is sufficient to support the application.

Blue Rock Trail, Public Right of Way - The Forestry Commission must expressly dedicate that it's area of the path can be used as a public right of way before a PROW application can be made to the County Council. To date no response has been received from the F.C. Following further discussion and factual points raised Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that it would not be practical to apply for a PROW. The trail will continue to be a pathway linking the two villages and open to all but without the PROW status.

8.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Sheep, Soudley - positive attitude from Commoners Association with a letter to the offending shepherd.
- ◆ Building Developments - do not have 5 yr land supply - potential sites required for whole of Forest.
- ◆ Bus proposals to alleviate cuts to services.
- ◆ Blocked drains (Soudley) - report to Cllr. Leppington.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

8.4 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £25,886.76, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

8.5 The External Auditor's Report had not been received.

8.6 Financial Services Compensation Scheme 75k Protection - As funds have decreased Council **RESOLVED** not to open an account with an alternative bank but may consider again when relevant.

8.7 Grant Requests - Under Section 137 of the LGA 1972

As per Standing Declaration of Interests (b) Cllrs. Stanford and Hawkins withdrew from the meeting whilst Soudley Field was discussed.

Soudley Football Club/Soudley Village Field - The football club requested the annual grant towards grass cutting of the field. Council **APPROVED** a grant of £600 which will be paid directly to the Soudley Village Hall, who will then recompense the football club.

Forest Sensory Services - From the projects listed Council were interested in donating towards the special software and licences required for the 38 residents in the parish. Further consideration will be given upon receipt of figures.

8.8 Weavings Lane, motorbike barrier - The lane is not now being used by motorbike riders so the request was withdrawn but the complainant did suggest that repairs to the handrail were important. He was advised that the repair/replacement of the rail is in the hands of the GCC PROW section. The Clerk will request a timescale for the works.

8.9 Viewpoint - The editor, Cllr. Stanford, requested more involvement and contribution from all councillors. The item will be included on the agenda prior to each issue.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) Forest Sensory - 'Thank you' for the grant.
- b) Tim Gwilliam, West Dean P.C. - Affordable Housing (fwded).
- c) Commoners' Association - copy of letter sent to Rhys Hopkins.

8.11 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 13th September, 2016.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 5th September, 2016.

8.12 **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.

8.13 The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 9th August, 2016

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

THERE WERE NO APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

P0714/16/FUL
Hillside, Lower Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Removal of existing mono-pitch roof and replacement with duo-pitch roof.

No objs.

PERMIT

P0669/16/FUL
11 Abbots View, Buckshaft, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Two storey extension to dwelling.

No objs.

PERMIT

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: