

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 11th April, 2017

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

Parish Councillors Present:

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

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

County Cllr. G. Morgan.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Packer & 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 Cllrs. Packer & Bowes.
- (e) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Phelps and Rhodes.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. There were no matters arising.
2. Income and Expenditure Summary Sheets were circulated to all members.

4. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 14th March, 2017 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

4.1 There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Governance on 20th April - Committee system/structures.
- ◆ Boundary Review - minded to accept reduction from 48 to 39 members.
- ◆ Council Tax increases.

4.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Forest of Dean Road Safety Committee - Education campaign/rural roads awareness.
- ◆ Serious road injuries/fatalities have increased in Gloucestershire.
- ◆ Boar - West Dean PC Group stalled but Mark Harper MP now on board.
- ◆ Northern Quarter - College no 'A' level provision.

Cllr. Leppington thanked the parish council for their welcome during his 4 years elected term and commended the council on their work for the community.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 4.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,334.44, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 4.6 Income and Expenditure Summary Sheets - Members received the end of year sheets.
- 4.7 Grant Requests - Under Section 137 of the LGA 1972 the Council **APPROVED** the following:
- a) St. John's Church - £200. b) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - £400.
- 4.8 Office Software - Council **AGREED** to purchasing the 2016 version of Microsoft Office. Module IT, will download and install the software remotely.
- 4.9 Insurance Renewal - The Clerk was asked to contact GAPTIC for information on which companies insure parish councils and who gives the best insurance.
- 4.10 Boar Meeting - Cllr. Richardson gave an update on the meeting organised by West Dean Parish Council:
- 16 councillors were present, representing 11 of 41 Forest of Dean parish councils.
 - A letter has been sent to Mark Harper, MP.
 - Political undertones were evident.
 - Minutes incorrectly recorded a BBC presence.
 - Cllr. Richardson suggested communication be sent to group individuals, not the Clerks.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.11 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
- a. FODDC - S.106 time limit (Bloor Homes).
b. FODDC - Electoral Boundary Review.
- 4.12 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 9th May, 2017.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 1st May, 2017.
- 4.13 **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 (2017) No. 55.
- 4.14 The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 11th April, 2017

Planning Reference:
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P0503/17/TE

No further comment.

Telecommunications equipment.

Land at Severn Trent Water Pumping Station Forest View, Ruspidge.

Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for further details.

Prior notification for the installation of a 12.5m T Range pole supporting 6 no. antenna,

2 no. dishes associated ground based equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto.

P0324/17/FUL

Objection and observations.

Land At 28 - 30 St Whites Road, Cinderford, Glos. GL14 3DG.

Residential development comprising of two detached dwellings and associated outbuildings and works.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish District
Comment Decision

P1251/16/FUL

No objection. CONSENT

Plot 33 Edmunds Way St Whites Road Cinderford

Erection of a detached dwelling and associated works.

P1335/16/FUL

No objection. CONSENT

Bridge Cottage, Lower Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Erection of a two storey side extension.

Wishing Well Top Road Upper Soudley

No objection. CONSENT

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension, erection of a porch on front elevation, conversion of existing garage into habitable space and external works including removal of front boundary to provide parking.

P0120/17/FUL

No objection. CONSENT

Ponderosa, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge.

Erection of a porch on side elevation of dwelling and alterations to fenestration.

P0137/17/FUL

No objection. CONSENT

Lower Halt, Lower Road, Soudley, Cinderford.

Erection of a single storey side extension and associated alterations.

Signed: Dated: