

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 11th July, 2017

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

Parish Councillors Present:

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

County Councillor Present:

None.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

R. Boyles.

Public:

One member of the public was present & Mr. N. Snell prospective co-option applicant.

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 Cllr. Packer.
- (e) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Phelps and Rhodes.

S.106 Clarification - Mr. Stephen Colgate, FODDC S.106 Officer, attended to answer pre-notified questions and explain queries raised.

In brief, the purpose of S.106 is:

- to offset harm caused by a development and where there is a need for a S.106 facility.
- these can be provisions under Highways, Education, Libraries and Offsite Recreation.
- the parish council can ask for a contribution without supporting the application.
- only capital schemes are allowed.

Public Participation - Adam Taylor attended to hear the discussion of the old school redevelopment.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Upon completion of the additional works, the Chairman and Clerk will clean the cabins.
2. Income/Expenditure Summary Sheet - members received the sheet for the first quarter.

7. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th June, 2017 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

7.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

Nest Swing - Greenfields have agreed to make a six monthly inspection, free of charge.

VAS Project - Council were updated on the lack of progress and additional demands. After lengthy discussion Members' unanimously **RESOLVED**, with regret, to withdraw from the scheme, as unreasonable demands and conditions had been imposed and financial implications were unacceptable. Members' **AGREED** the statement to be placed on the council website, *Facebook* page and in the August issue of *Viewpoint*. After further discussion Members' **CONCLUDED** that a press release be made outlining the reasons for withdrawal.

Council thanked Cllr. Richardson for his resolve and commitment to this project.

Sneydwood Road Estate - Members' received the results of the radar survey carried out by the Police at the council's request.

7.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ♦ Boundaries Commission - last minute change resulted in there being no time for DC to forward submission.
- ♦ Motion of 'no confidence' in leader of council to be put forward following the above.
- ♦ Northern Quarter - affordable housing.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.4 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3468.20 this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

7.5 Income & Expenditure Summary Sheets - were distributed to members'.

7.6 Soudley Shower Project - Cllr. Stanford advised that Phase 1, rebuilding of the shower blocks and altering the ground floor layout of the hall, will cost in the region of £52,000. The village hall committee will apply to the national lottery for funding and is likely to approach the council for a grant should it be necessary. Phase 2, utilising the space upstairs is estimated at £30,000.

7.7 Footpaths - The parish has several footpaths which Highways are responsible for maintaining. A proposal was put that the council consider undertaking the maintenance. Members' **RESOLVED** to leave the responsibility with Highways at present but will discuss it further at the September meeting.

7.8 St. White's School redevelopment - Council viewed the indicative layout plan for the site, noting there was no designated drop-off area. A more detailed plan outlining the development site in relation to nearby properties will be requested from GCC. A meeting with Mr. Richard Pitts, GCC Property Services, will be arranged prior to the August parish meeting.

7.9 St. White's Road/Valley Road junction - Council will request to be included in discussions and email loops. Wendy Jackson, Regeneration Officer will also be contacted.

7.10 Viewpoint - Input to include the Play Rangers Scheme for the school summer holiday.

7.11 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th August, 2017.**
The agenda deadline is **Monday, 31st July, 2017.**

7.12 **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 (2017) No. 55.

7.13 The meeting continued under confidential business, closing at 9.10pm.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 11th July, 2017

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P1010/17/FUL

43 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Two storey extension to property, new retaining wall to create level parking area and garden.

No objection.

Cllr. Acland declared an interest as it is a neighbouring property.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

P0758/17/FUL

5 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.

Single storey front extension (retrospective) and single storey rear extension.

Out of character
with surrounding
properties.

CONSENT

Signed: Dated: