

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 10th October, 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 & N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill & D. Hawthorne.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

R. Boyles

Public:

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

Public Participation

1. Proposed development, Top Road, Soudley - Parishioners voiced their concern at both the 5 dwelling and 20 dwelling applications stating that the site is outside the defined Settlement Boundary, as was listed as a reason for refusal on the previous application P.1344/15/OUT. They stated there has been no policy change therefore this reason, together with the development being contrary to the Core Strategy (CSP.1;4;5), still applies. There is also insufficient service infrastructure and a real concern of flooding of the homes on Top Road.

The council agreed with their concerns and further discussed the applications under the Planning agenda item.

2. Tramway Road - Weeds need clearing and a salt bin requested.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Matters Arising - 3 x cradle swings have been replaced.
2. Income and Expenditure Summary Sheets were circulated.

10. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th September, 2017 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

VAS - Council were advised that the signs have been installed but were built without bluetooth and data recording. This will be rectified by the end of the week.

Council **AGREED** to fund the purchase of a ladder for necessary maintenance.

Viewpoint - Due to extenuating circumstances there will be no October issue. The Village Agent's final report will be uploaded to the parish council website.

10.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** (B. O'N)

- ♦ Consultation re: hospitals - request to attend at Soudley Hall.
- ♦ Boundary's commission Report - no District Council view put forward.
 - Boundary Commission suggest 1,2,and 3 member wards.
 - Ruspidge to be a stand alone, 1 member ward.
 - Soudley to be with Awre, 2 member ward.
- ♦ Publica - FODDC, Cheltenham, Cotswold and West Oxfordshire employees will transfer to Publica in November 2017.

Creating one company with staff from each Council will reduce the cost of management and administration. The aim is to deliver a better more cost effective service.

- Current staff contracts remain the same.
- New staff will receive stakeholder pensions.

10.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** (G.M)

- ♦ St. White's School planning applications - requested both be called to FODDC planning committee - no response from FODDC to date.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3540.54, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

10.6 Income and Expenditure Sheets - the half yearly sheets were circulated to council.

10.7 Audit - The External Auditor's report was read by the Clerk and noted by members'. The Clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer, reported the successful conclusion to the external audit for the year ending 31st March, 2017. A public notice has been displayed confirming closure of the audit.

10.8 The half yearly internal audit report for 2017/18 was received and noted.

10.9 SSD Drive - Cllrs. Acland and Richardson will investigate further.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) GCC - PROW maintenance updates.
- b) PCSO Nicholas Jones - now assigned to this area.
- c) FODDC - Boundary Review, invite to comment. (fwded).
- d) GP Surgeries. (fwded).
- e) Soudley Archaeological Investigations. (fwded).

10.11 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 14th November, 2017.**

The agenda deadline is Monday, 6th November, 2017.

10.12 **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.

10.13 The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 10th October, 2017.

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1446/17/OUT Land Off, Top Road, Upper Soudley, Cinderford. Outline application for 20 dwelling places with up to 50% affordable homes, with all matters reserved apart from access, appearance and siting.	Obj & obs.
P1500/17/FUL 7A Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Loft conversion and ground floor alterations to existing bungalow. Erection of balcony to the rear of property.	No obj.
P1225/17/FUL Plot 33 Peacock Lane Ruspidge Variation of condition (02) (approved plans) revised table of approved drawings - amendment to position of dwelling, (04) approval of details of foul and storm water discharge, (07) amendment to parking and turning, (08) amendment to fencing along adjacent path of planning permission P1251/16/FUL.	No obj.
P1566/17/FUL Land Off, Top Road, Upper Soudley, Cinderford. Erection of 5 new residential dwellings.	Obj & obs.

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>
P0594/17/OUT 2 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Outline application for the erection of a single, split level property with associated garage and parking facilities.	No objection.	CONSENT
P1248/17/TPO 21 Abbots View, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Works to x 3 Beech trees and x 2 Oak trees covered by G2 of TPO51 to crown reduce by 3m in height and 2m in spread and crown lift to 6m above ground level (not removing large limbs).	No obj.	CONSENT

Signed: Dated: