

# Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

## MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 10th July, 2018

*(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, Mrs. B. Wood,  
C. Richardson, S. Phelps, T. Matthews,  
& N. Snell.

### County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles & G. Morgan.

### District Councillor Present:

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

### Apologies:

J. Stanford, B. Rhodes & Bernie O'Neill

### Public:

No members of the public were present.

### Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Packer.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Stanford.
- (c) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Rhodes.
- (d) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Phelps and Rhodes.
- (e) Cllr. Phelps being a member of the District Council Planning Committee will withdraw from the parish council discussions on planning applications.

## RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Matters arising from the minutes.  
Football Field – STRI's comments were circulated.  
A letter will be sent to Sportfields stating the council's dismay at the lack of improvement and its consideration of contacting the ombudsman.
2. Income/Expenditure – Members received the summary sheets for the first financial quarter.
3. Priory Group Care Home – There was no proof of how the tiles had been broken, or when. Members **DETERMINED** that no action would be taken.

7. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th June, 2018 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.
- 7.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.
  - a) Grant application from Earlybirds – no response to questions raised.
  - b) Blue Rock Trail – site inspection arranged. FODDC confirmed, in principle, use of S.106.
  - c) Wi-fi Ruspidge Memorial Hall – ordered and awaiting installation.
- 7.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (Cllr. O'Neill via email)**
  - Pest Control cut – no equalities impact study undertaken – evidence requested for reason of cut.
  - Planning Enforcement – motion put to Full Council – poor service.
  - Speed Limits in the Forest – motion put to Full Council.
  - Publica – performance – questions to be asked.
- 7.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT (Cllr. Boyles)**
  - Fire Service – head resigned.
  - Raise awareness to extinguish open BBQ's and cigarettes thoroughly due to arid ground.
  - Townsend House, Mitcheldean – Proposing closure. Old premises, no en suite, all shared and doorways width too small.
  - Full council – biodiversity Glos. Highways, fields diverse, wild flower and animal wildlife.
  - Freedom Leisure – walking rugby.

**Cllr. Morgan**

- Townsend House – moving residents is detrimental and can be life threatening. Will suggest to modernise existing building rather than closure.
- Lengthsmen Scheme, Ruspidge area, 16th July.

7.4 **PLANNING** – Completed Schedule is 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 £4964.23, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

7.6 Income/Expenditure – Members received the summary sheets for the first financial quarter.

7.7 IT Support – Cllr. Richardson advised that the alternative organisation approached to provide support were unable to do so. Further communication will take place with Module IT for support. Council considered the present back-up (hard drive and in future icloud), was sufficient.

7.8 Council **APPROVED** the proposal for a new pc up to £800, to be supplied by Module IT.

7.9 Woodland View Play Area Lease – Council **APPROVED** the renewal of the lease. The Forestry Commission will be asked if the renewal period can be extended.

7.10 Standing Orders – Council received and **ADOPTED** the amended orders, in line with NALC.

7.11 Retention & Disposal Policy/Retention List – Council received and **ADOPTED** the policy and list.

7.12 Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy – Council received and **ADOPTED** the policy.

7.13 Gloucestershire 2050 consultation – 3rd Severn crossing - Cllr. Packer advised some of the ideas within the vision:

- Super city – between Gloucester and Cheltenham (possibly across green belt).
- Lydney Sharpness crossing on the site of the old rail bridge. Cllr Packer also mentioned the proposal for a ‘garden city’ on both banks of the Severn, to be connected by the proposed bridge, which is implied by the Gloucestershire 2050 bridge ‘single destination’ idea and had been discussed at Forest Economic Partnership (FEP) as a possible means to help fund bridge construction costs.
- Highways England do not support the proposed project.
- FEP’s draft statement supports the concept of a bridge and requested comments from the members representing parish council’s. The parish council determined that its members would respond directly to the consultation as individuals.
- It was noted that the FEP has no structure, agenda or minutes, only notes.

7.14 Viewpoint – Include ‘due to arid conditions ensure fires, BBQ’s and cigarette butts are extinguished completely with water before disposing of.’

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- a. FODDC – Allocation Plan adoption statement (fwded).
- b. Forest Heritage Lottery Fund – Free mini bus tour (fwded).

7.16 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 11th September, 2018.**  
**The agenda deadline is Monday, 3rd September, 2018.**

7.17 **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 (2018) No. 10.xi.

7.18 The meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

Signed: ..... Chair. Dated: .....

# Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

**Planning Schedule** for the meeting on 10th July, 2018

Planning Reference  
Site Address & Detail

Parish  
Comment

P1012/18/TPO

**51B Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford.**

Removal of branches from Oak tree T1 of TPO120 overhanging the shed at 51C Buckshaft Road, up to 2 m. above the roof of the shed.

No obj.

P0958/18/LD1

**Ayleford Cottage, Rolls Green, Blakeney**

Application under Section 191 to determine whether the use of a non-residential building as an independent dwelling is lawful.

PC have no comment and leave the decision to the FODDC planners.

P0543/18/FUL

**Plots 24 26 27 & 28 Edmunds Way St Whites Road**

Variation of Condition 02 (Approved Plans) and Condition 09 (Car Parking Arrangements) of planning permission P0678/13/FUL.

No obj.

## **FODDC Allocations Plan Adoption Statement**

The above document has been forwarded by email to members.

## **Decisions notified by the Planning Authority**

Planning Reference  
Site Address & Detail

Parish  
Comment

District  
Decision

P0440/18/FUL

**Wildwood, Bradley Hill, Blakeney, Gloucestershire.**

Erection of first floor extension over existing garage with associated works.

No obj.

WITHDRAWN

P1446/17/OUT

**Land Off Top Road Upper Soudley**

Outline application for 20 dwelling units with up to 50% affordable homes (all matters other than access and scale are reserved)

Obj. & Obs.

REFUSED

P1566/17/FUL

**Land Off Top Road Upper Soudley**

Erection of 5 new residential dwellings.

Obj. & Obs.

REFUSED

Signed: ..... Dated: .....