

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING
held in the Soudley Hall on the 11th September, 2018
(These minutes remain in draft form until approved at the next meeting of the Council)

Parish Councillors Present:

Cllr B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. S Phelps, B Rhodes, C. Richardson,
T. Matthews, J. Stanford, Mrs. B. Wood
N. Snell & Ms. N. Packer

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles

District Councillor Present:

No ward member present

Ms. N. Packer took the minutes in the absence of the Clerk.

Apologies:

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook,
Cllr. B. O'Neill

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 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.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
2. Football Field – When Ruardean FC inspected the field with intention to hire it, they discovered that it is not large enough to comply with their League requirements. It is only large enough for Junior League and possibly for clubs in lower leagues.
Cllr Phelps put a motion “Not to spend any more money on improving the Football Field but to cover grass cutting costs and investigate other uses”. This was carried UNANIMOUSLY. This decision to be publicised in the Viewpoint and notified to local radio. Cllr Boyles suggested asking the District Council to put in the ballot in May 2019 elections a vote on the Football Field, which was agreed.

3. **COMMUNITY WORKER** - The Community Worker's report had been circulated. Cllr Rhodes explained that the Sub Committee had met (Cllr Acland had been unable to attend) and decided to ask FVAF to make the grant applications on the Parish Council's behalf since the parish doesn't have a charitable organisation. He thanked Chris at FVAF for his hard work on this.

In response to the Community Worker's contract ending on 30th September, there was a discussion on how to proceed. The first grant decisions are expected by Christmas and Cllr Rhodes is confident that, if successful, the monies would be paid quickly. In the case of a grant application being successful, the Community Worker would become the liability of the funding organisation. Cllr Richardson stated a lack of definable benefits to date and questioned outsourcing responsibilities, but others supported the view that the parishes needed help to come together as a community. Cllr Rhodes put forward a proposal that the Community Worker's contract be extended by three months under current terms. This was seconded by Cllr Wood and carried by majority.

4. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 10th July, 2018 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting, with an adjustment as described for item 7.13 and were signed by the Chairman. Amended copies to be forwarded to all councillors.

- 4.1 **MATTERS ARISING** No matters arising from the Minutes.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** No report given.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- County resurfacing part of the 150 million county council scheme
- Crews fixing 200 road defects a day pot holes etc
- Resurfacing is going well post the poor winter we have had a good summer for road repairs. A48 Minsterworth; Over Roundabout; A48 Stroast; A48 Chaxhill. All just part of the work across the county.
- New college in Cinderford is open and all staff and pupils are really enjoying the new facilities.
- County recycling centres hours to change. After analysis of winter usage and the 30% drop in use in winter months the new hours will be Winter 1000 to 1600 hours; Summer 0900 to 1700 hours. Each site will also close one day a week. But never on a weekend.
- New hospital site is now believed to be Cinderford but further ratification by the CCG and the NHS trust will have to be done before any final decision is made.
- Lengthsman scheme the county council maintenance team for minor defects on the road network are working across the parish area cleaning road signs and cutting back overhanging vegetation.
- Gloucester county council discussed and voted to adopt the green proposal.

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

8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 8.1 August payments totalling £5664.94 had been approved by the Treasurer, (Cllr Snell) and the Chairman, as there was no August meeting. All payments have been cleared. Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the September accounts presented for payment totalling £4516.09, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 8.2 Freedom Leisure Grant application: **APPROVED.**
- 8.3 The absence of grants was discussed. It was agreed to advertise in the Viewpoint and on local radio and that giving examples of past grants awarded would be useful.
- 8.4 Dog bin, Cullimore Bridge: It was agreed that, rather than provide a bin, the public need to be educated not to bag dog waste if they have no intention of proper disposal. The Street Wardens have not responded yet to requests to help with this. Cllr Phelps agreed to contact the Forestry Commission Community Wardens for help. To be reviewed.
9. Soudley Village Hall: Following a year of lack of help from the community and extensive abuse from some individuals, the entire Hall Committee has resigned. An EGM has been called for the 1st October. If new people do not come forward to form a new committee then the existing committee will hand over responsibility for the Hall to the Parish Council. In that case, it was agreed that some of the committee would be permitted to open the premises to honour existing bookings, which they are willing to do.
10. Viewpoint: Grants; Soudley Hall, committee needed; Lengthsman scheme; Ruspidge Football Field.
11. To note correspondence received a) Forest Forum, SP/NP to attend. b) FoDDC – Biosphere Reserves 2nd October. c) PKF Littlejohn – Conclusion of Audit.
12. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held on **9th October 2018** in the **Ruspidge Memorial Hall**. The deadline date for the agenda is **Thursday 27th September 2018.**
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.
14. The meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

Planning Schedule for the meeting on 11th September, 2018

<u>Planning Reference</u>	<u>Parish</u>
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Comment</u>

P1067/18/APP Now withdrawn, see below. 2 Bells Place, Ruspidge. Approval of reserved matters of planning permission P0594/17/OUT.	No obj.
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P1058/18/FUL St Whites Farm, St Whites Road, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Conversion of barn to two storey residential dwelling.	No obj.
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P1085/18/FUL Greenview, Tramway Road, Soudley, Cinderford. Erection of a replacement garage with associated works and demolition of existing garage.	No obj.
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PP1144/18/FUL 118 St. White's Road, Cinderford. Conversion of existing garage to form kitchen, utility and store.	No obj.
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WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

FODDC advise no further action will be taken with these applications.

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 had no comment - leaving the decision to the FODDC planners.
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Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

<u>Planning Reference</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>District</u>
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Decision</u>

P1085/18/FUL Greenview, Tramway Road, Soudley, Cinderford. Erection of a replacement garage with associated works and demolition of existing garage.	No obj.	CONSENT
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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.	CONSENT
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Signed: Dated: