

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 11th December, 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,
T. Matthews, B. Rhodes & N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles & G. Morgan.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

S. Phelps & J. Stanford

Public:

Two members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

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

Public Participation

1. Mr. S. Hardcastle gave a brief synopsis for downloading data from the Vehicle Activated Signs. He kindly agreed to continue collecting data from the Buckshaft VAS and council will organise the downloads from the Ruspidge and Soudley signs.

Mr. Hardcastle will forward information regarding the Houston Radar App for the attention of respective councillors.

He reported that at the recent Forest Road Safety liaison meeting it was advised that Buckshaft Road has been accepted as a 'community concern' area for speeding. Buckshaft Road is now one of more than 20 sites in the Forest of Dean that will be visited by the enforcement camera team. How frequent the visits will be is unknown?

Council thanked him for his efforts and his continued support in this venture.

- The Community Worker gave her report. The contract ends at the end of December and council recognising her achievements throughout the community, thanked her for all her efforts.

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.

12. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 13th November, 2018 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

- 12.1 **MATTERS ARISING** – there were no matters arising from the minutes.

12.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- October saw successful motion re: modern slavery – 4 car washes in the district.
- Motion put forward re: terminal illness – following 2 staff members being given their notice.
- Child Poverty. District has less than £15,000 income. The district is 2nd worst area in the county.
- Climate change motion.
- 2019/20 Budget postponed.
 - previously received 100% from non-domestic council tax rates – next year drops to 75%.
 - with other Government cuts there will be a £200,000 downfall.

12.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**
(RB)

- New bus stop at Littledean.
- Increase in induced childhood illnesses – doctors advising Social Services.
- GCC website to show all school snow days.
- Beggars – do not give the money. Instead forward to a homeless charity or buy a sandwich and coffee.
- On-street parking price increase – all profits to road improvements and subsidised bus fares.
- Budget
 - £11million to children’s services.
 - £80,000 costs per year for a child in care.
 - 4.99% in council tax.

(GM)

- Sneydwood Road and estate – GCC advise the school is to implement a new travel plan.
 - new school head coming soon.
- Flooding drains – GM will chase for action.
- Requesting Highways Local to supply VAS signs for both sides of the bridge junction.

12.4 **PLANNING** – completed schedule is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £6,453.74, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

Declaration of Interests -

Cllrs. Rhodes & Matthews withdrew from the meeting while the following item was discussed.

12.6 Grant Request – Council **APPROVED** a grant of £250 towards the shortfall of funding received from Glos. Env. Trust, for the new central heating.

CORRESPONDENCE

12.7 The council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a. PCC Fire governance, 18th Dec. (fwded)
- b. GCC – Snow warden and plough operator information. (No warden for Soudley).

12.8 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th January, 2018.**

The agenda deadline is Monday, 31st December, 2018.

12.9 **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 10.xi (2018).

12.10 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 11th December, 2018

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1818/18/FUL Conifers, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Erection of a detached carport.	No obj.
P1512/18/FUL (<i>Revised plans</i>) 18B Tramway Road, Ruspidge. Erection of a single storey side extension to main dwelling and erection of self-contained annexe accommodation in rear garden with associated works. <i>Previously No obj. & access clarification received.</i>	No obj.

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>
P1419/18/FUL Church of St. Michael, Soudley Conversion of church to form a dwelling with ancillary works.	No obj. but Highway concerns.	CONSENT
P1467/18/FUL Rock House, Lower Soudley. Conversion of existing outbuilding to Annexe accommodation for dependant relative.	Concerns - of access and other observations.	CONSENT
P1553/18/FUL 43 Buckshaft Road, Cinderford. Erection of a detached bungalow with associated parking and ancillary works. Demolition of existing garage and store.	Concerns - parking spaces.	REFUSED
P1574/18/FUL Yonder, St Whites Road, Cinderford. Addition of dormer window to front elevation.	No obj.	CONSENT
P1688/18/FUL 6 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Proposed new dropped kerb access and parking area.	Concerns - reversing onto main road.	CONSENT
P1705/18/FUL Apple Tree Cottage, Bradley Hill, Blakeney. Erection of a two storey front extension, porch extension, single storey rear oak frame extension and single storey extension to provide utility room with associated works. Demolition of existing dilapidated outbuilding and previous extension.	Condition for & enforcement of demolition.	CONSENT

Signed: Dated: