

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 9th July, 2019

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. Mrs. B. Wood, Ms. N. Packer,
Ms. H. Medcraft, T. Matthews,
B. Rhodes, N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

None present

District Councillor Present:

Ms. N. Packer

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

B. O'Neill, G. Morgan & R. Boyles

Public:

Four members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews, Rhodes & Snell.
- (b) Forest Voluntary Action Forum - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Rhodes.
- (c) FODDC Planning Committee – Cllr. Packer will withdraw from the parish meeting whilst the planning applications are discussed.

Public Participation

1. Ruspidge S.106 – The Secretary of the Ruspidge Hall Committee advised it is not against possible refurbishment of the lower hall, but such a project needs proper costing and evaluation of its proposed use. She was advised there is no time limit on the proposal, and she confirmed that the committee will investigate further and provide this information. See Minute 7.6 below.
2. Soudley S.106 – Members from the hall committee attended stating their preferred choice would be a completely new kitchen and additional play equipment from any balance remaining. See Minute 7.7 below.
3. VAS – Steve and Bernie advised the lack of response to recorded data. See Minute 7.8 below. Council paid thanks to both Steve and Bernie for their efforts in collecting the VAS data.

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. Income/Expenditure Summary Sheets – members received the sheets for the first quarter and **RESOLVED** future sheets are only required annually, at the end of the financial year.
3. Ruspidge Recreation Field – Dog fouling – there has been no further complaints, therefore, members determined to continue allowing dogs in the field, for the time being.
4. Football Field – members were advised that Ruspidge AFC have reunited and been accepted in the North Glos. League. There is still water holding in the south east corner, a quote for the installation of a French drain has been received but members requested a requote for a shorter distance, ie., approx. 6 feet on each side. The PC will be asked to fund the necessary works.
5. Willow – a suggestion was put forward to plant willow on the southern bank of the football field, to aid drainage. The willow can be harvested by willow weavers. Cllr. Packer will investigate further.

7. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 11th June, 2019 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

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

7.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- Planning training.
- Portfolio Support Groups – PC Cllrs. welcome
 - Climate Change.
 - Planning Policy.
 - Housing.
- Corporate Strategy – draft by September.

7.3 **PLANNING** – completed schedule is 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 £3925.22, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

7.5 Income & Expenditure Summary Sheets – Council received the first quarter sheets and **RESOLVED** future sheets are only required annually, at the end of the financial year.

7.6 S.106, Ruspidge – A proportion of the available money is to be used by August 2020 and recognising the need for equipment to cover ages 6 years to 14 years old a site visit will be arranged with a play area contractor. Suggestions include Assault Course Multi-unit, wheelchair friendly roundabout and a ball wall.

There is no time limit on the remaining S.106 balance and any further approved proposals will be taken from this balance. Thus, allowing the hall committee time in which to submit a detailed evaluation of the proposed project.

7.7 S.106, Soudley – Councillors were in favour of a complete overall of the kitchen, the Clerk will contact District Council for its approval of the project.

7.8 VAS & Black box speed survey – The report found the mean speed at both sites fell within the appropriate range for the posted speed limit. Thus, Council **RESOLVED** the re-location of the VAS signs were not warranted. Council **DETERMINED**, at the present time, not to forward recorded data, due to lack of response.

7.9 Community-Led Housing – Council noted the report.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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| a) RMH & St. John's Church – Grant, thank you. | b) FODDC – Creative thinking, budget cuts. |
| c) GCC – 100 yrs. of Women in Engineering. | d) GCC – Youth Council & Rd safety skills. |
| e) Env Agency – Hinckley point consultation. | f) GCC – Children with high needs. |

7.11 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm Tuesday, **10th September, 2019.**

The agenda deadline is **Monday, 2nd September, 2019.**

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 10.xi (2018).

7.13 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the July, 2019 meeting

Planning Reference <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	Parish <u>Comment</u>
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P0731/19/FUL Davona, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Erection of a two storey extension with associated works.	No obj.
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Council requested clarification of outbuildings accommodation before commenting:

P0785/19/FUL
17 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Erection of porch and installation of dormer window including alterations to driveway entrance and improved parking.
Conversion of outbuildings to provide accommodation.

<i>The agent has clarified that the outbuilding is for ancillary accommodation (garden sitting room) and will not form an annexe or sleeping area.</i>	No obj.
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Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	Parish <u>Comment</u>	District <u>Decision</u>
P0666/19/TPO The Villas, Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge. Re-pollard x 4 Horse Chestnut trees covered by G2 of TPO162.	No objection (leave tidy)	CONSENT
P0597/19/FUL Bankside, Lower Road, Soudley, Cinderford. Erection of a single storey rear and single storey side extension, and modifications to driveway. Demolition of existing rear and side extensions and garage. (Revised scheme).	No objection.	CONSENT
P0410/19/FUL Site Compound, Edmunds Way, St Whites, Ruspidge. Erection of 4 No. One bed apartments with associated parking, landscaping and works. Alterations to existing vehicular access.	No obj.	REFUSED

Signed: Dated: