

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Soudley Hall on the 8th October, 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

County Councillor Present:

G. Morgan

District Councillor Present:

Ms. N. Packer, B. O'Neill

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook

Apologies:

R. Boyles

Public:

PCSO Nick Jones attended and one member of the public was present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

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

Police Report – PCSO Nick Jones advised of 35 incidents in the Parish, September to October. 6 crimes: 2 assaults; 2 malicious; 1 stalking; 1 drugs. There were 2 road traffic collisions, no injuries.

Public Participation

1. Concern was raised regarding the St. White's old school site, and the lack of progress. Council explained that the site owners', Gloucestershire County Council, had put the site up for sale for residential development. The Parish Council being very concerned about the junction lobbied GCC to make the junction wider and that these works be carried out prior to any development. Consequently, GCC made it a condition that the prospective developer covers the costs of widening the junction. This was actioned and GCC awaited a developer who was willing to purchase with this condition. Council advised that this is the one and only chance for the junction to be improved and it is imperative that all options are considered to get the best possible improvement. The current application will be discussed under agenda item 10.4.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Matters arising from the minutes – Members were advised that a site visit with the claim investigator will take place on 10th October.
2. Willow – the quote was more than expected and legal implications will need to be considered. At the present time members **DETERMINED** not to proceed.
3. French Drain – members **AGREED** the quote and **DETERMINED** it be taken from RWT funds if not permitted from S.106.

10. **MINUTES** – Following amendment as below, the minutes of the council meeting held on the 10th September, 2019 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

September Minute 9.5 to include: August payments totalling £4,067.12 had been approved by the Treasurer (Cllr. Snell) and the Chairman, as there was no August meeting. All payments have been cleared.

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

Conservation work – BRT site visit – still awaiting reply.

Play equipment, Ruspidge – due to be installed w/s 28th October.

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

- £1.2m savings required – actively looking at investing or will lose services and jobs.
- Encouraging employers to come to Cinderford.
- Cabinet meeting – Peer to Peer lending scheme for start-up businesses
 - Folk to Folk, based in Bristol.
- Car parking fees/charges
 - Deficit, losing money
 - Budget process February
 - Increasing from 20p to 50p for 2 hours
- Cemetery/Crematoriums – green waste bins in deficit.
- St. White's old school site - planning application to be called to committee.

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

- Concern St. White's School and junction.
- Motion put forward November, for GCC tenant farmers to plant trees.
 - FODDC 72% performance climate change
 - 26% woodland
 - 14% of commuters use public transport
- Minerals Local Plan – Scrutiny
- VAR signs St. White's Road

10.4 **PLANNING** – completed schedule is 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 £4,579.64, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

10.6 Grants – The Council **RESOLVED** in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to **APPROVE** the following expenditure.

- a) Golden Oldies - £200 Christmas event.
- b) Soudley Village Hall - £400 Bonfire event; £150 Tree felling.

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 2019. A public notice has been displayed confirming closure of the audit.

10.8 Viewpoint – Council **AGREED** to the inclusion of Neighbourhood Watch reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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| a) Forestry – Packhorse Bridge and BRT | b) Youth Assoc. – Membership |
| c) Stagecoach – response, revised bus network | d) Climate Forum event |
| e) FODDC – Local plan consultation | f) B. Rhodes – Thank you, voucher |
| g) C. Richardson – vacancy application | h) Highways – YTB no slow signs |
| i) Cinderford T.C. – Lollipop lady S.W.School | |

10.10 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 12th November, 2019.**

The agenda deadline is **Monday, 4th November, 2019.**

10.11 **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).

10.12 The meeting closed at 8.32 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

Planning Schedule for the meeting on 8th October, 2019

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1376/19/FUL Land south of Edmunds Way, Cinderford Erection of x 2 semi detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and works.	Obs. & No obj if alternative access found
P1480/19/FUL Former St Whites Primary School, St Whites Road, Cinderford. Conversion and extension of former primary school into No. 8 dwellings with associated access, parking, private amenity/storage facilities including new access and junction works. Demolition of part of existing school.	Obj to 8. Obs. on junction and 1 & 2 unit entrances
P1393/19/FUL Apple Tree Cottage, Bradley Hill, Blakeney. Conversion of existing outbuilding to holiday let together with the erection of a single storey extension, replacement pitched roof to provide first floor level and associated landscaping and works.	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>
P1152/19/APP Land At Bracken Close, Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance) for outline planning permission P0488/15/OUT for the erection of 3 dwellings with ancillary works.	No obj.	CONSENT
P0686/19/FUL 62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Erection of a rear extension and associated works.	No obj.	REFUSED
P1132/19/FUL 43 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of a detached bungalow with associated parking and ancillary works. Demolition of existing garage and store. (Revised Scheme).	Obs/concerns.	REFUSED

Signed: Dated: