

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 12th November, 2019

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Ms. N. Packer, T. Matthews,
N. Snell, C. Richardson.

County Councillor Present:

No representatives present.

District Councillor Present:

Ms. N. Packer.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Mrs. B. Wood, Ms. H. Medcraft & B. O'Neill.

Public:

There were no members of the public 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.

RUSPIDGE WELFARE TRUST

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

1. Matters arising from the minutes:

Nest Swing – all documents and statements have been submitted.

Football Field – the FODDC confirmed the French drain can be funded from S.106.

11. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 8th October, 2019 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

11.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes.

Conservation work, BRT – awaiting date for site visit in late November/early December.

Play Equipment, Ruspidge – the equipment is installed, awaiting re-turfing of surface.

11.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT (NP)**

- Forest Community Lottery – launches 14th December.
- Foxglove Gardens – Old Lansdown House – seeking business tenants.
- Home shares – bringing together people who have spare rooms with persons needing affordable accommodation.
- Forest Forum
 - Our Shared Forest – modified in line with public consultation.
 - Now 6 land management plans. One rolled out each year.
 - New mantra 'right tree in the right place'.
 - Areas left to natural regeneration, leaving seed trees.
 - Non-planted areas to include restoring mires.
- Local Plan – Strategic Land Assessment Register (SLAR) will show sites put forward for development.

- Foresters' Forest
 - 38 projects ongoing – legacy plan for when funding ceases.
 - Walking with Wheels – tramper based at Speech House and Forest Holidays.
- Glos. Joint Waste Partnership – dissolved.
 - FODDC will continue with Cotswold DC, GCC, Tewkesbury BC and FODDC staff will remain at Coleford.
- Five Acres Site – Government has given go ahead to purchase for £1.
 - Legal negotiations taking place.
 - Viability plan required.

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

- Budget – assessing issues including fees and charges.
- Investment opportunity dropped due to 1% interest rate increase on borrowing.
- Visiting local businesses
 - Asking what DC can do to help give support.
 - Hoping to encourage new businesses.
- St. White's Old School main site
 - Planning application to Planning committee on 17th December.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,860.48, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

11.6 Draft Budget – Members received the 2020/21 budget for consideration at the next meeting.

11.7 Grants – The Council discussed the application from CANDI for help towards the replacement boiler but **RESOLVED**, on this occasion, to **REFUSE** the request.

11.8 Blue Rock Trail – picnic area – Council **RESOLVED** to remove the two picnic benches.

11.9 **VIEWPOINT** – Cllr. Richardson will forward council information to the editor.

11.10 Forest of Dean Youth Association – Cllr. Snell has resigned as parish representative from this committee and there will be no replacement.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) FODDC – Cyber Security Presentation; Stagecoach briefing; Solar Streets Presentation; Climate Emergency Presentation; Local Plan.
- b) C. Snook – Ground maintenance.
- c) GCC – Wyedean Rally closures.
- d) FOD Youth Assoc. mtg.
- e) NP - Foresters Forest Survey.
- f) G. Morgan – Steam Mills Brook, flooding.
- g) FVAF - AGM 15th Nov.
- h) FODDC – Gateways signage.

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

The agenda deadline is Monday, 2nd December, 2019.

11.13 **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 10.xi (2018).

11.14 The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 12th November, 2019

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
P1603/19/FUL 8A Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Variation of conditions 02 (approved plans) and condition 07 (parking) of planning permission P0100/18/FUL to allow for revisions to approved parking.	No obj.
P1562/19/FUL 2 Archway Close, Soudley, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Erection of single storey rear and side extensions with associated works.	No obj.
P1683/19/FUL Land Adjacent Sunnyville, Tramway Road, Ruspidge, Gloucestershire. Erection of a dwelling with improved access, parking and associated 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>
P1401/19/FUL 1 Archway Close, Upper Soudley. Erection of a single storey rear extension (part retrospective).	No obj.	CONSENT
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	REFUSED

Signed: Dated: