

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 14th January, 2020

(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. H. Medcraft,
T. Matthews, C. Richardson, N. Snell.

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles.

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neill & R. Boyles.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:

Ms. N. Packer & G. Morgan.

Public:

Two members of the public were present.

Standing Declarations of Interest

(a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Snell.

Public Participation

1. Skatepark, Ruspidge – A proposal has been put forward, by a parishioner, for the council to consider installing a skatepark in Ruspidge. The council resolved to research information before it determined the feasibility of the project.

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.

1. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 10th December, 2019 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

1.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes.

- BRT Conservation Site Visit – still awaiting date.
- New play equipment, Ruspidge – post installation report to go ahead, as contractor is hiring fencing. Contractor to replace roundabout new part when received.
- Play areas signage – A site visit concluded that signs will be erected on all entrances of the 3 play areas, and labels stating age restriction will be displayed on the new assault course unit in Ruspidge Field.

1.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- Planning Committee – Application for St. White’s old school, main site – passed.
- Budget – out to consultation.
Budget £10.5million; £5.4million to fund from council tax.
- DC council tax proportion = £5 per annum.
- Not reducing services at present but in future need to check statutory and discretionary services.
- Draft Budget to Full Council on 20th February.

1.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- GCC win national award for Apprenticeships.
- Budget out to consultation.
- New service launched to support domestic violence victims.
- Local Transport Plan review; promoting electric vehicle charging points.
- Lydney Harbour regeneration.
- Carbon emissions reduction. Supporting carbon neutral projects.
- All contract bids to have a carbon and environmental cost attached.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS

1.5 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £12,168.37, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

1.6 Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment, Health & Safety & Standing Orders – Council reviewed and **ADOPTED** the documents, being signed accordingly by the Chairman, Treasurer and Clerk.

1.7 Viewpoint – the February issue will be the current editor’s last publication. The council would like to thank Jeff Stanford who has been editor in chief since April 2014, for producing the bi-monthly newsletter and bringing useful information and local events to the community at large.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a. FODDC – Budget event and Gateways project.
- b. GCC – budget funding.

1.9 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 11th February, 2020.**
The agenda deadline is **Monday, 3rd February, 2019.**

1.10 **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).

1.11 The meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 14th January, 2020

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment District
Decision

P1603/19/FUL

No obj.

REFUSED

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.

P1480/19/FUL

Obj to 8.

CONSENT

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.

Obs. on
junction and
1 & 2 unit
entrances

Signed: Dated: