

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 12th January, 2021

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

Parish Councillors Present:

B. Acland, Chairman
Cllrs. , Ms. H. Medcraft,
T. Matthews, C. Richardson, N. Snell.

The Clerk - Ms. Joanne Rawlings

County Councillor Present:

R. Boyles

District Councillor Present:

B. O'Neil, N. Packer

Apologies:

G Morgan

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Matthews & Snell.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall – Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Wood.

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 8th December, 2020 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**

(N/P)

- New settlement location still being explored.
- Motion to ban the release of helium balloons from Forest of Dean District Council owned land and discourage their use was successful.
- It was decided to write to the Health authority to seek an urgent meeting revisit the future of Forest Hospitals and Primary Care facilities needs in light of the Covid emergency.

(BO'N)

- St White's School, the problems still exist regarding parking on Buckshaft Road and these have been reported.
- Over Christmas the flooding was a problem and Officers have been working hard to help the situation.
- Leisure Centres and other such facilities have been closed once more due to another Lockdown.
- FODDC is anxious that vulnerable people are looked after.
- Leisure facilities are being offered for vaccinations centres.
- Council Tax to increase.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

(R/B)

- Highways teams have been out and maintaining road network.
- Adult social care has been working closely with care homes in the county.
- Children's social care has been managing the full range of family issues over the Christmas and new year break and making sure support was given.
- Covid cases update – new strain of the virus is causing us the greatest concern and we have had to re visit all services to make sure are procedures and protocols are safe and effective.

- A fund was set up to support the extra costs Fire and Rescue Services around the country have incurred by taking on additional activities to help with Covid – GFRS applied and have been granted monies.

(G/M)

- Flooding issues over Christmas.
- The VAS signs have been installed at both sides of Cinderford Bridge and are awaiting commissioning by County Highways.
- I have also been working with Cllr Bernie O'Neill with regard to parking issues at Buckshaft Road with building work going on at both sides of the road near the School Entrance, and with people parking on the zig zag markings causing major congestion for residents there.

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

12.4 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £4077.54, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

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

12.6 **Disabled Access Ruspidge Hall** – Council to consider & determine.

12.6 **Play Areas** – The SC reviewed the report and established what remedial work was required to bring the areas up to a high degree of safety – as recommended by the inspector. Having reviewed the quotations, the SC consider that Greenfields should be our preferred supplier. There were three factors that determined this; (a) Cost, (b) a local firm and (c) quality of work previously performed for RSPC. Update February meeting. Outstanding signs to be installed by beginning February.

12.7 **New Website** – Website now live.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) GCC Highways – Ash Dieback Project: Replanting scheme (fwd).
- b) GCC – Electric vans now part of fleet to fix streets (fwd).

12.9 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 9th February, 2021.**
The agenda deadline is **Monday, 1st February, 2021.**

12.10 **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 (2020).

12.11 The meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the December, 2020 meeting

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P1840/20/FUL
62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Extension to rear of dwelling.

No obj.

P1876/20/FUL
Land Adjacent To, St Whites Farm, St Whites Road, Cinderford.
Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian and retention of stable building, hay barn and container unit and associated equipment /works.

No obj.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

P1434/20/FUL
Wildwood, Bradley Hill, Blakeney, Gloucestershire.
Raising of roof, installation of dormers and erection of a new porch with associated works. (Part retrospective).

No obj.

CONSENT

Signed: Dated: