

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Hall on the 8th December, 2020

(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.

County Councillor Present:

District Councillor Present:

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.
The New Clerk – Ms. Joanne Rawlings

Apologies:

Mrs. B. Wood, Ms. N. Packer, B. O'Neill,
R. Boyles & 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 10th November, 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)

- The proposed changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme were approved – the changes had been modified following the public consultation.
 - Publica report circulated.
- (BO'N)**
- St White's School, the problems still exist regarding parking on Buckshaft Road and these have been reported.
- A letter has been sent to the contractors reminding them of their obligation to undertake the junction improvement prior to starting building works.
 - Leisure Centres should now be opening.
 - Business Grants are now being administered, and hopefully these will help businesses in the Hospitality sector.
 - Licensing Policy has been updated.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
(R/B)

- All Libraries are open – customers can continue to use Off the Shelf, Reserve & Collect and Ring and Read services.
- Gloucestershire County Council has started to install bus lane cameras in Gloucester & Cheltenham to help keep the lanes clear for buses, taxis & cyclists, these will be switched on in Jan 2021.
- Covid cases update – Gloucestershire will be in Tier 2.
- Javelin Park - Court of Appeal dismissed challenge.
- Lydney farmer receives lifetime ban from keeping livestock.

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 £3548.33, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

12.5 Budget & Precept – Council discussed the draft budget and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the clerk be instructed to request £49,020.00 for the 2021/22 precept.

12.6 Play Areas – Three Quotes received and will proceed with project in the new year.

12.7 New Website – Website Host advised council that the new site should be live from 11th December 2020, as they are awaiting the new ‘gov.’ domain.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

- a) FODDC – Local Plan, consultation notice (fwd).
- b) P.Bedney – Memorial Bench Photo (fwd).
- c) Soudley Village Hall – Request for picket fencing around the memorial bench and verge,
- Council advised that Highways were notified but are unable, by law, to permit.

12.9 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 12th January, 2020.**
The agenda deadline is **Monday, 4th January, 2020.**

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 7.25p.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: