

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the Ruspidge Lower Hall on the 13th October, 2020

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

Parish Councillors Present:
Mrs. B. Wood, Vice Chairman
Cllrs. Ms. H. Medcraft,
T. Matthews, C. Richardson.

County Councillor Present:
No representative present.

District Councillor Present:
No representative present.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Apologies:
Cllrs. Acland, Snell, Packer, Boyles, O'Neill.

Public:
No members of the public were present.

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.
2. Willow structure – Members unanimously **APPROVED** the offer to plant and maintain a willow structure in the park.

10. **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the 8th September, 2020 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

10.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the minutes.

VAS Maintenance Renewal – To allow for continual maintenance cover council **APPROVED**, by email, payment of a 1 year Gold Maintenance Cover. Payment has been made and the cover in place.

10.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

(N/P)

- Cabinet received 'end of year financial results' report.
- Five Acres Site meeting held in September.
- Local Plan – Difficulty in identifying potential sites to meet Central Government directive because of constraints such as AONB and flood areas.
 - New Housing Settlement proposal to full council on 15th October.

(B/O'N)

- Emergency Planning – Flooding Plans update.
 - Rapid Response Plan approved by cabinet.
- Covid19 – second wave – plan of action in place.
- Allotments – Parish and Town Councils will be approached for available sites.
- Economic Wellbeing of residents.
- Small grants programme established.

(R/B)

- Sheep in Soudley – St. Wardens to regularly inspect and liaise with shepherd.

10.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

(R/B)

- GCC Employment Programme – supporting trainees and clients.
- Highways – essential work to remove unsafe trees infected with ash dieback.
- Cabinet being asked to approve a wide-scale tree planting programme.
- Cabinet being asked to approve a new ‘Housing with care’ strategy for supported living within their local community.
- Libraries in Gloucestershire – more branches opening.

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 £4,743.89, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

10.6 Website Accessibility changes – Council received quotes for the new website and unanimously **APPROVED** the quote from TEEC Ltd. Cllr. Richardson will lead on the implementation of the new website, which will take 2 days to build. When the new clerk is in position council can then decide when to go live.

10.7 Play Areas sub-committee – Three quotes were requested; 2 received; 1 awaiting reply. It may be that each contractor will be given partial works within the project. The Clerk will get confirmation from the District Council that S.106 money can be used if more than one contractor is used.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

a. Local Plan Economic Viability Assessment (fwded).

All other relevant correspondence has been forwarded via email to all members.

10.9 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 10th November, 2020.**

The agenda deadline is **Monday, 2nd November, 2020.**

10.10 **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).

10.11 The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

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Planning Schedule for the October, 2020 meeting

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

P1411/20/FUL
62 Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Erection of a detached dwelling with associated works.

No obj. &
obs.

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.

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference
Site Address & Detail

Parish
Comment

District
Decision

Signed: Dated: