

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

MINUTES of the MEETING

held in the on the Tuesday 14th September, 2021

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

Parish Councillors Present:

Mr. W. Acland Chairman.
Cllrs. Ms. H. Medcraft,
Mr. T. Matthews, Mr. M Ogden,
Mr. N. Snell, Mrs. J. Smith.

County Councillor Present:

Cllrs. Graham Morgan, Nicky Packer.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Richard Boyles, Bernie O'Neill,
Beki Hoyland.

The Clerk – Mr. Roland Dowding.

Public:

Mrs Helen Hunt.

Standing Declarations of Interest

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

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.

9.1 **APOLOGIES** received and recorded from absent members.

9.2 All Cllrs '**no change of interests**' forms is up to date.

9.3 No declaration of personal or prejudicial interest declared.

9.4 **MINUTES** - the minutes of the council meeting held on the **13th July, 2021** were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

9.5 **MATTERS ARISING** - there were no matters arising from the minutes.

9.6 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Cllr. Nicky Packer.

Soudley residents being affected by flooding. The flooding has been caused by storm drains being blocked, that the Highways commission need to be held accountable for.

Details of a Soudley residents' issues and contact details to be forwarded to the Clerk and action to be taken, to aid in a resolution for the residents of Soudley.

9.7 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Graham Morgan.

There were five motions for debate at last Wednesdays County Council and these were:

- Motion 880 Asking the Government to Scrap the Planning White Paper, a compromise was reached on this motion.
- Motion 881 Tackling Poverty & Deprivation in Gloucestershire this was amended by the Leading Conservative group.
- Motion 882 Keeping the Lifeline this was expressing concern at the £20 cut in Universal Credit again this was amended.
- Motion 883 Action on Climate Change again amended.
- Motion 884 Afghan Refugees this could not be heard because time for motions had run out.

On local issues I have been bombarded by requests under the County Councils Build Back Better Scheme, requests so far have been from the CANDI Youth Cafe, Cinderford Town Youth Football, & Cinderford Town Senior Football, & The Sensory Centre on Valley Road Cinderford.

The big issue for me as County Councillor is here in Ruspidge with Severe Flooding last Thursday's heavy rainstorm, causing flooding in Hewlett's Way threatening some five properties and also effecting properties in Ruspidge Road itself, the seriousness of this is that raw sewage was running down through the area, I would like some backing if possible from the Parish Council on this with maybe an email.

The Clerk will support Cllr Morgan with an email to Highways commission and Severn Trent water reinforcing the issues faced by Ruspidge residents.

- 9.8 **PLANNING** – completed schedule is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.
No objections recorded.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 9.9 Following report by the Treasurer the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £3,784.80, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.
- 9.10 The August payments totalling £2,138.90 had been **APPROVED** by the Treasurer (Cllr. Snell) and the Chairman, as there was no August meeting. All payments have been cleared.
- 9.11 Council received and duly noted **ACCEPTANCE** of the **INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**.
- 9.12 **AGAR REVISION**. Amendments had to be made due to reconciliation errors from January to April 2021. Cash ledgers and financial reports have been corrected and reprinted from January to April inclusive. The AGAR is now prepared and Section 1 and Section 2 are awaiting the approval by resolution of Council.
- 9.13 Approved by resolution, the Audit Annual Return, Section 1 Annual Governance Statement, 2020/21. Signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- 9.14 Approved by resolution, Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21, signed and dated by the Clerk (Roland Dowding) **before** submitting to council for approval (as per audit regulations). Signed by the Chairman (William Acland).
- 9.15 **VAS MAINTENANCE**. Council authorised renewal of the maintenance agreement.
- 9.16 **VIEWPOINT Newsletter**. Council is looking into using an **Android app** for circulation of the Viewpoint newsletter and any liability that could arise from installation of said application on a member of the public's device.
Paper copies of the Viewpoint are to remain available to the public.

- 9.17 **S106 funds for Soudley.** It has been noted that Soudley S106 funds have been spent, proof of expenditure will be sent to Cllr. Mark Ogden.
Repairs to the roof and the boiler are required for Soudley village hall.
It was recommended that Soudley Village hall committee look into applying for a grant.
- 9.18 **FIREWORKS NIGHT** contribution to cost. It was discussed that the Clerk should look into what previous grants were given and report back to council.
- 9.19 **CORRESPONDENCE** The council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
- a) Welcome Back Fund – Call for Projects. (fwded)
 - b) FODDC - Consultation Climate Emergency Strategy. (fwded)
 - c) FODDC – Local Plan Engagement Forums. (fwded)
 - d) District & County Councillors reports. (fwded)
- All other relevant correspondence has been forwarded via email to all members.
- 9.20 **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council is to be held in the **Soudley Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 12th October, 2021.**
The agenda deadline is **Monday, 4th October, 2021.**
- 9.21 **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).
- 9.22 The Chairman Cllr William Acland resigned in the role of Chairman, but intends to remain as a Councillor.
- 9.23 The meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

APPENDIX

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Planning Schedule for the September, 2021 meeting

Planning Reference Site Address & Detail

Parish Comment

P1409/21/FUL

3 Dean View, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3EE.
Demolition of the existing garage and building of a new side extension to incorporate a utility room, shower room and snug.

No Obj

P0451/21/FUL

58 Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire.
Erection of one two bedroomed detached dwelling and two one bedroomed semi-detached dwellings with dedicated parking and separate plant room and associated works.

No Obj

P0451/21/FUL AMENDED

58 Buckshaft Road Ruspidge Cinderford
Erection of one two bedroomed detached dwelling and two one bedroomed semi-detached dwellings with dedicated parking and separate plant room and associated works.

No Obj

Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

Planning Reference Site Address & Detail

Parish Comment

District Decision

Date

P0738/21/FUL

38 Sneyd Wood Road, Cinderford, Glos, GL14 3GD.
Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

No Obj

Consent

10/08/21

P0780/21/FUL

3 Linegar Wood Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Glos
Erection of a two storey side extension.

No Obj

Consent

15/07/21

P0871/21/FUL

Land Adjacent Sunnyville, Tramway Rd, Ruspidge, GL14 3AY.
Variation of condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission P1683/19/FUL to allow for amendments to the design of the dwelling.

No Obj

Consent

02/07/21

P2059/20/FUL

Forest Lodge, St Whites Road, Cinderford, Glos
Erection of 7 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and works. Construction of a new access.

Obj & Obs

Refused

18/06/21

Signed: Chair.

Dated: