

MINUTES of the MEETING of RUSPIDGE and SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Soudley Hall on the 9th February, 2016

(These Minutes are subject to approval at the next Council Meeting)

Parish Councillors Present:

J. Stanford, Chairman
S. Phelps, B. Rhodes, B. Acland,
C. Richardson, T. Matthews & N. Bowes.

The Clerk - Mrs. Helen Hook.

Public:

No members of the public were present.

County Councillor Present:

R. Leppington.

District Councillor Present:

Ms. D. Martin.

Apologies:

Cllrs. Mrs. B. Hedges, C. Hawkins,
B. O'Neill & G. Morgan.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- (a) Dean Heritage Museum Trust - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Phelps.
- (b) Soudley Village Hall Committee - Insignificant personal interest by Cllrs. Hawkins & Stanford.
- (c) Great Oaks Hospice - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Hawkins.
- (d) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Bowes.

2. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 12th January, 2016 were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

2.1 **MATTERS ARISING** from the Minutes.

Nest Swing - The Post Installation Inspection has been completed and passed.

Soudley/Blakeney Gateway - An anonymous letter received by council stating concerns about the legality of spending on this project is to be forwarded to Two Rivers Housing (Co-ordinators of the project); Awre/Blakeney Parish Council and The People's Millions, Lottery Fund for further investigation.

Lightmoor Ponds - Following further information council reconsidered the original grant approval and determined to approve a grant of £500, in line with other councils.

Vernon Smith - GCC Cabinet Minister for Highways and Flood has agreed to attend the April meeting.

2.2 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Budget - to be put to cabinet then full council on 25th February.
 - 1.99% increase District Council element.
 - new homes bonus to stop.
 - reliant on business rates - rural council's will be hit harder than large town areas.
- ◆ Allocation Plan beginning February.
- ◆ Devolution bid update - how will impact on Town and Parish Councils.
- ◆ Grants - Warmwell - for central heating and to replace storage heating.
- ◆ Food Waste - sticker campaign a success - less being sent to landfill.
- ◆ Health/Social Care Forest of Dean - consultation.
- ◆ Sheep Scrutiny - working with Forestry and commoners for responsible shepherding.
- ◆ Forest of Dean Health Forum - open day April.
- ◆ Housing presentation.
- ◆ Foresters Forest - raise awareness in built, natural and cultural heritage.

2.3 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

- ◆ Devolution process stalled.
- ◆ Budget - cuts to revenue; 2016/17 cuts to Highways.
- ◆ Council Tax 4% increase of which 2% allocated to Adult/Social Care.

2.4 **PLANNING** – Completed Schedule attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2.5 Following report by the Treasurer the Council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for payment totalling £2,198.86, this figure being inclusive of confidential expenditure.

2.6 Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment - Members' reviewed and amended as necessary. Revised documents will be adopted at the March meeting.

2.7 Grant Request, Forest of Dean Health Forum - Cllrs. Bowes and Rhodes to attend a FODHF meeting. Consideration will be given following feedback.

Cllr. Jeff Stanford withdrew from the meeting for the next item and the Vice Chairman, Cllr. Phelps presided.

2.8 Soudley S.106 - A proposal was put for new showers/changing rooms. Council **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** to fund £15,000 towards the project. Detailed drawings will be discussed at a future meeting. Council **AGREED** to go to tender, as per Standing Orders, when detailed drawings received.

2.9 Emergency Plans - Council **ADOPTED** the Ruspidge and Buckshaft Plan, tabled by Cllr. Phelps. At the meeting it was agreed to review the plan annually. Subsequently the chairman and compiler of the plan propose that minor details will be amended as appropriate/necessary, with a content check (contact details etc.) carried out annually by the individual leading the plan document with a complete review bi-annually. This proposal to be ratified by full council at the March meeting.

2.10 Flood Group - Cllr. Phelps updated the council on the Cinderford & Soudley Valley Flood Action Group and will continue to attend its meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE

2.11 The Council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:

- a) Mike Morgan - Speeding, Ruspidge Road.
- b) Matt Caldwell - Ruspidge Road drains.
- c) Sally Gibson - Weavings Lane & Highways (fwded).
- d) John Annis - parking Buckshaft Road - Clerk to update council.
- e) Anon - Soudley/Blakeney Gateway (fwded).
- f) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - work starts 29th March.
- g) Angling Club - grants from other parish council's.

2.12 **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Council is to be held in the **Ruspidge Hall** at 7.00pm **Tuesday, 8th March, 2016.**
The agenda deadline is Monday, 29th February, 2016.

2.13 **Exclusion of the Press and the Public** - The Council **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the remaining business the press and the public should be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Standing Order (2013) No. 55.

Signed: Chair. Dated:

Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council

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Planning Schedule for the meeting on 9th February, 2016

<u>Planning Reference</u> <u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Parish</u> <u>Comment</u>
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P1372/15/FUL 17 Railway Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Conversion of attic space with six dormer windows, single storey extension to kitchen and driveway to the rear of dwelling to create two parking spaces.	No objs.
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Enforcement - Council noted the patio doors and windows on the existing garage at the above site and requested that FODDC Enforcement Section investigate.

P0018/16/FUL The Trap, Lower Road, Soudley, Cinderford. Extension to dwelling to provide double garage, ground floor veranda to rear.	No objs.
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P0067/16/FUL 5 Bells Place, Ruspidge, Cinderford, Gloucestershire. Single storey and first floor side extensions.	No objs.
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WITHDRAWN APPLICATION

P1552/15/FUL 1 The Clusters Bradley Hill Soudley Proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling and erection of a new double garage.	No obj.
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Decisions notified by the Planning Authority

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Signed: Dated: