
RUSPIDGE & SOUDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING held on Tuesday 9th July, 2024

Parish Councillors Present:

Cllrs. William Acland Chairman, Norman Snell, Tony Matthews, .

County Councillors Present:

Cllr. Beki Hoyland

District Councillors Present:

None Present.

Parish Council Clerk – Roland Dowding

Apologies:

Cllrs. Jo Smith, Helen Medcraft, Lori-Leah Griffiths, Denis Bagwell-Johnston, Bernie O'Neill, Richard Burton, Graham Morgan.

Standing Declarations of Interest

- a) Ruspidge Memorial Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. William Acland.
- b) St Whites School - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. William Acland.
- c) Soudley Village Hall - Insignificant personal interest by Cllr. Norman Snell.

Public Present:

Minette Smith, Paul Firth, Lynn Teague.

R&SPC Public Participation:

No public participation for this month.

- 7.1. **Apologies** received and recorded from absent members.
- 7.2. No declaration of prejudicial interest was declared by members present.
- 7.3. **Minutes** - The minutes of the council meeting held on the **11th of June, 2024** were **ACCEPTED** as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- 7.4. **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 7.5. **District Councillor Reports**
No District Cllr's were present.
- 7.6. **County Councillor Reports**
Report is included as an Appendix to these Minutes.

- 7.7. **Planning** – The completed schedule for **July** is attached as an Appendix to these Minutes.
- 7.8. **Financial Matters** - Following a report by Cllr. Norman Snell acting as signatory to the RFO, the council **APPROVED** the accounts presented for the **July** payment totalling **£5,595.93** this figure is inclusive of confidential expenditure. A financial report is included in the appendix to these minutes.
The RFO Mr. Roland Dowding, provided a break down of the first financial quarter from the quarterly financial report and asked if any members had questions regarding the report. No questions were fielded. The first quarters financial report is available on the Parish Council website: [Reports and Audits - Ruspidge & soudley Parish Council \(ruspidgesoudley-pc.gov.uk\)](https://ruspidgesoudley-pc.gov.uk)
- 7.9. **Internal Audit Review** - After receipt of the audit undertaken by GAPTC in May 2024. The members present accepted the review and agreed to undertake the actions advised within the report.
- 7.10. **Round One Grant Applications 2024**
- Ruspidge Busy Rascals, £500.00 grant request for equipment and running costs approved.
 - St Johns Church, £250.00 grant request for grass cutting approved.
 - Brody Trust, £400.00 grant request for specialist play equipment, pledged pending the Brody Trust secure permanent premises.
- 7.11. **Soudley Village Hall, Lower Rd Bridge S.106 Monies** – Cllr. William Acland informed the members present that he, along with the chairman of Soudley Village Hall had jointly written to the Forest of Dean District Council to enquire/appeal for S.106 monies from planning reference P0711/00/FUL to be used to affect the repairs to the Lower Rd Bridge giving access to Soudley Village Hall. The request has been declined, as the S.106 agreement for P0711/00/FUL is NOT to be used for maintenance purposes.
- 7.12. **Community Speed Watch SNEYD WOOD** – Cllr. Tony Matthews, reported the camera is currently inoperative due to a tree sited adjacent to the camera which is obscuring the solar panel. We are currently waiting on a decision from GCC Highways to allow having the tree removed.
- 7.13. **Additional Community Speed Watch SNEYD WOOD** – The members present voted in favour of applying for a second camera for the NE carriageway, heading out of the Sneyd Wood estate. Cllr. William Acland stated that an additional camera would be beneficial to protect children returning home from St Whites School.
- 7.14. **Correspondence** - The council **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** the following correspondence:
The Parish Councillors accepted all relevant correspondence has been forwarded via email to all members.
- 7.15. **Next Meeting** - the next meeting of the council will be held in the **Ruspidge Memorial Hall** at **7.00 p.m. Tuesday, 10th September 2024**. The agenda deadline is **Monday, 2nd of September 2024**.

7.16. **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).

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Signed:.....Chair.

Dated:.....

APPENDIX

Financial Report.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the meeting in: July 2024					
1. Reconciliation of Account as at: end June 2024					
Ledger		£		Bank	£
Balance b/f		130,722.15		(Treasurers) Lloyds Current A/c.	688.32
Lloyds Interest		77.57		(Reserves) Lloyds Inst. Access A/c.	60,469.72
Unity Trust Interest		421.07		Unity Current A/c	906.00
				Unity Inst Access A/c	61,836.40
	Total	131,220.79			Total 123,900.44
Less Expenditure June		7,320.35			
Balance		123,900.44		Balance	123,900.44
				* excludes last month's previously presented payments and includes this month's payments already presented, see # below.	
2. Accounts for Payment # = presented payments					
Payee	No	Total £	VAT	Narrative	
# Solutions In Tech	DD	74.66	12.44	Telephone & Broadband	
# EE Ltd	DD	15.11		Mobile Phone	
Module IT	DD	81.53	13.59	IT Support	
# Post Office Ltd	1	6.80		2nd Class Stamps	
# Unity Bank	2	18.00		Service Charge	
Tim Harris	3	660.51		Street Cleaning, Safety Checks, Defibs, Grass Cutting, BRT Chippings & Laying	
Merlin Waste	4	224.00		Dog Waste Bins Empty	
Complete Landscapes	5	1,104.00	184.00	Parish Grass Cutting	
Soudley Village hall	6	21.00		Hall Hire	
Soudley Village hall	7	25.00		Soudley Play Area Grass Cutting May	
Soudley Village hall	8	25.00		Soudley Play Area Grass Cutting June	
SLCC	9	188.00		Membership Renewal	
Ruspidge Memorial Hall	10	22.50		Hall Hire	
Konica Minolta	11	117.07	19.51	Copier hire	
Konica Minolta	12	17.89	2.98	Copy & Print, Colour & B&W.	
Cinderford Town Council	13	530.64	88.44	Office Rental & Service Charge June-Sept	
Cinderford Town Council	14	530.64	88.44	Office Rental & Service Charge March-June	
Mr Maintenance 10000	15	461.95		MUGA, Tarmac, Waste Disposal.	
	TOTAL	4,124.30	409.40		

Planning Schedule

<u>Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council</u>			
<u>Planning Schedule July, 2024</u>			
<u>Planning Reference</u>	<u>Parish</u>		
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Comment</u>		
P0648/24/DEM	Withdrawn		
The Bungalow Railway Road Ruspidge Prior notification for demolition of 60s pre fabricated bungalow			
SUB P0693/24/FUL	No Obj		
Memorial Hall, Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford. Installation of a bike shelter on concrete base at the rear of Ruspidge Memorial Hall			
<u>Decisions notified by the Planning Authority</u>			
<u>Planning Reference</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>District</u>	
<u>Site Address & Detail</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Date</u>
P0503/24/FUL	No Obj	Approved	28/06/2024
Bona Vista , Buckshaft Road, Ruspidge, Gloucestershire. Conversion of Loft into Living Accommodation with velux balcony window			

County Report to Parish Councils in Blakeney and Bream division,

JULY 2024.

Please contact me if you would like to know more or have any queries.

Beki.hoyland@gloucestershire.gov.uk or 07815660013

ROADS

Here is a link to the interactive map that gives up to date road works. Below is a list of Road closures I could find in May, there are plenty of other road works happening on lane using traffic management.

<https://one.network/public>

Closed roads:

Whitecroft Road, Parkend. 22 Jul 08:30 - 26 Jul 15:30 for kerbing and carriage way repairs.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS)

THE STRATEGY WILL MAP OUT HOW AND WHERE NATURE RECOVERY COULD TAKE PLACE IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY COVERS 4 MAIN AREAS.

- A list of priority habitats
- A list of priority species
- A list of recommendations for how these can be protected
- A map of priority zones

You can [find out more about the local nature recovery strategy](#) on our website. This survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Your response will be used to inform the priorities and actions which will support the delivery of the LNRS. To take the survey, click the blue button below. 😊 Thank you for your feedback!

[Have your say](#)

CELEBRATING SHARED LIVES

Shared lives is a programme that supports those that need it to live in a family in the community.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2024/shared-lives-carers-inspiring-others-to-make-a-difference/>

Temporary work

Does anyone you know need a summer job?

<https://careers.gloucestershire.gov.uk/GloucestershireCounty/job/Gloucester-Temporary-Staff-Roles/754118555/>

HAF programme opening

Activity booking for the summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) opens on Monday 1 July.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2024/summer-haf-activity-booking-opens-next-week/>

School Governor needed

Blakeney, Pillowell and Walmore Hill Community Schools' Federation are looking for a new governor. Please get in touch with me or the school if you are interested.

GCC Cllr. Graham Morgan

My report for your meetings in July, we recently held a flood Forum at Cheltenham College where a number of Speakers from the Water Companies, and the Environment Agency attended.

Everyone agrees that a lot more money must be spent on our outdated Victorian Systems that see's untreated sewage entering our river system causing loss of wildlife and a dangerous health hazard to the human population.

We held a County Council meeting the other week which passed a motion to bring representatives of the Water Companies before our Environment Scrutiny Committee with regard the poor state of our rivers.

On Highways issues we have asked again for TROs Traffic Regulation Orders to be considered for Valley Road by the Co-op Store, at Church Road at its junction with Stockwell Green and Market Street where there are serious Parking issues.

I have already sent both Cinderford Town Council and Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council a plan that has just finished its consultation process regarding the entrance of the new Forest of Dean Community Hospital.

These proposals will include the extension of the 30mph speed limit down Steam Mills Road to the entrance of the Whimsey Industrial Estate, and six sets of speed cushions from that point up into Lower High Street to physically slow traffic down coming into and going out of Cinderford, which should help make this junction safer.

If these measures fail to achieve the desired objective, I will urge Cinderford Town Council to Write to the NHS and request the embankment on the Steam Mills side of the new Hospital Entrance be paired back to aid traffic visibility.

I have yet again asked Gloucestershire Highway's to consider a School Safety Zone at Sneyd Wood Road outside St Whites School, this has got to be the only new school without such a Safety Zone, and yet again because of residents' complaints maybe this is something the Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council should now officially be requesting.

Very Best Wishes Graham Morgan.