

RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 16th July 2014
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Mr R Rushby
Mr D Wilby	Mr A Gombault	Mr S Fenn
Mrs S Smith	Mr J Whowell	Mr D Patience, Acting Clerk

Seven members of the public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Mr. N Bellairs, Mr. C Parsons, Mrs. C Adams (Clerk)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the regulations, Councillors were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have and the nature of those interests in relation to the one item on the agenda. They completed the Declaration of Interest Book.

Mr Huddleston - Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter, Parkfield Road resident
Mr A Gombault - Belmesthorpe NHW
Mr S Fenn - Allotments, Ryhall United Football Club
Mr J Whowell - CAMRA, Change Agents
Mr R Rushby - Neighbourhood Watch
Mr. D Wilby - 4 year plan

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Mr B Rushby, seconded by Mrs S Smith and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21st. May 2014 were a true record.

4. PUBLIC TIME

Deferred to the end of the meeting

5. MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Wall and access to school: The Diocese have now confirmed that work to the wall will commence in the school holiday period.

Flagpole: The paperwork for the licence has now been completed and the flagpole can now be purchased. The Jubilee Committee will take this forward.

RCC projects - Bike racks: details confirmed to RCC, and will be installed soon.

Cycle path: PH reported that the route will be completed right round the village to Essendine Hill

Community Orchard: Nothing to report

Parking Review: The PC's objection to the proposal for Coppice Road has been registered with RCC. It will be discussed by the Scrutiny panel later this month, and a decision by Cabinet will be made on 19th. August.

Defibrillator: The box is now in place, and the defibrillator is due to be delivered this week. NB will install.

6. RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELD

- (1) Portacabin: This structure is now hazardous, and the recent site meeting agreed that it should be removed a.s.a.p. It also agreed that as a temporary

measure changing could take place in the kitchen & lounge area. The Football club were responsible for the costs for its removal - cost of skip approx. £500 + plus demolition costs. ES proposed and it was agreed that PC should pay for the skip and get it dismantled and removed immediately. DW proposed that Riddles of Bourne should be approached and, if their quote was less than £1k, it should be accepted. JW seconded this motion and asked that the Football Club should be asked to make a sizeable contribution towards the cost. The motion was passed unanimously/ SF suggested that should Riddles not be able to do it or it proved too expensive, then Mr Hinch should be approached to do it.

- (2) Gravelling: Quotes were being sought, not all had been received yet.
- (3) Drainage: RCC have said that they are not prepared to do any more, having tarmacked the surface. The soakaways from the school run on to the playing fields. SF observed that the gully at the top of the lane was blocked, and needed cleaning out

7. ALLOTMENTS

Self-Management Proposals: Mr Pearce presented detailed proposals for the Allotment Association to run its own affairs in future. A competent committee is already in place, and minutes taken, published and displayed in the communal area. Fund raising events have already been held and more planned. The proposal envisages the Association collecting rents, managing the waiting list, dealing with non-cultivated sites, maintaining and improving the site.

JW commended the proposal and intimated that he was quite prepared to take on the role of PC allotments co-ordinator when SF retires next year. SS declared the proposal to be exemplary, AG welcomed the suggestion that the Association would be financially independent. He called for regular reviews by the PC.

JW proposed, seconded SS, that the proposal should be approved, for review after one year, all agreed.

St. Tibba's hedge: This is to be trimmed in the near future.

8. FOUR YEAR PLAN & VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE

AG reported that, of 730 questionnaires distributed, just over 200 had replied, a 27% response, with a very full response in particular from the over 61s group (129 out of the total responses).

DW had spent some time analysing the responses, and declared that almost without exception people felt the village was a pleasant, safe environment in which to live, and were reasonably happy with their life-style. Very few thought it was a cheap place to live. The Library featured heavily in the responses, with 91% in favour of it being retained - 34 people had indicated a willingness to help on a voluntary basis. Most were critical of the broadband facilities in the library, which are currently being addressed. The large majority were very satisfied with the village hall, and happy with most amenities in the village. It was apparent that communication within the village needed improvement, in spite of the work of the Village News, and the website should be set up as soon as is practical to help improve this. DW said that a general meeting would be held in the village hall towards the end of August, after the Village Plan sub-committee had met, to present the findings to residents.

A suggestion was made that the findings on the library should be submitted to RCC Library Services, and AG urged that a fully documented presentation on the overall findings should be sent to RCC.

9. BELMESTHORPE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

AG's request for funding of £100 for this group was agreed, on the proposal of PH, seconded SS, all agreed.

10. NOTICEBOARDS

AG noted that random postering around the village seemed to be increasing, and suggested that further noticeboards were required in the village, in order to reduce this. JW observed that new boards were unlikely to reduce the problem, even if suitable sites could be found. It was agreed to monitor the situation for the time being.

11. STREETLIGHTING

- (1) Belmesthorpe: it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting, as documentation was not available.
- (2) Vicarage Lane Ryhall: A quotation had been received from E.on for the installation of a new unit in Vicarage Lane, totalling £1489. SS re-iterated her view that the light was not necessary, there being adequate lighting at either end of the lane. It was agreed to hold the quote on file for the time being.

12. CEMETERY

PH reported that all matters outstanding had now been dealt with - the soil pile removed, weed killing undertaken, and hedging trimmed.

13. GRASSCUTTING & HEDGETRIMMING QUOTES

A detailed quotation for various works received from Glendale Grounds Management was approved on the proposal of PH, seconded SS, all in favour. AG queried item 4.3 of the quote, viz. weedkilling of the roadway, which seemed to be catered for in item 3 of the quote. The Clerk was asked to raise this with the contractors.

14. BROADBAND

Robert Clayton's reply on the broadband provision to the library had been circulated to councillors. He was doing all he could to remedy the situation, the delay was down to prevarication on the part of BT.

15. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

AG reported that the speedwatch had been undertaken over a four week period from 18th. May to 8th. June. 118 vehicles had been registered at 36mph or above. He will send the report round to councillors. Covert data collected by Leics. Police will follow in due course.

16. NETWORK RAIL

AG reported on the recent presentation by Network Rail on the closure of the level crossings at Tallington and Greatford, the latter in particular being of concern to residents. There had been no communication with the Parish Council on these proposals. PH felt that Network Rail should be requested to bring the PC in on future developments. It was agreed to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

17. OTHER MEETINGS

DW had attended the recent Parish Council Forum meeting and agreed to attend the forthcoming one.

PH reported that a grant of £2,000 had been received from the National Grid for lighting improvements in the village hall

18. CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

From RCC public footpath E173 over Rover Gwash: quotes are being sought, with work to commence soon. SS noted that the boards were very slippery in wet conditions
 Resident re Ryhall old Churchyard - overgrown bushes
 RCC call connect travel promotion
 Ryhall Tennis Club - request for donation £29.00: The Parish Council pointed out that the date for the precept applications 2014-2015 has passed and this request could not be considered. Future precept applications for projects benefiting the community would be accepted in December for consideration at the January Parish Council meeting.

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account- None

Requests submitted for payment - HM Revenue & customs VAT Return 2013/14 3024.49

Street lighting and cemetery costs Return - Routine running costs per year 3,065. Cemetery Surplus 134

Payments made since last meeting	Nett	VAT	Total
Mrs C Adams Nov - March expenses (see explanatory note)			
152.58			
Mrs C Adams March to May expenses			101.70
Rutland County Council Ryhall Library precept			2500
Mrs C Adams June salary			
292.52			
HMRC Tax			73.00
Anglian Water allotment tap			36.11
Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Pavilion Insurance			
888.61			
BJ Printers Questionnaire			
349.50			
Lamin & White Admin Fee		30.00	6.00
36.00			
Eon Street Lighting	467.24	93.45	560.69
Payments to be made at meeting:	Nett	VAT	Total
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall			15.00
Cory Environmental dog bin emptying	260.00	52.00	312.00
Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting			
Rutland County Council Rates			66.88
Mr D Lee Fence painting			
126.00			
Anglian Water			16.62
Payments to make from Burial Account- None			
Income received into Burial Account			
Mr Flint Grazing Licence for 2013/14			10.00
Mr Flint Grazing Licence for 2014/15			10.00

Explanation of clerk's salary

15.05.14 April salary of 576.67 tax of £163.75

May - No payment due to illness

June - Half payment of £292.52 Tax of £73.00

Expenses Nov- March 2014 included £50 vouchers for T Elsigood (audit) and £30 vouchers for Mr Richards (for

Xmas Lights) and travel to Empingham for audit

Expenses May 2014 included Printer cartridges (£55) and travel to Oakham for audit

PH proposed, seconded JW that all finance matters as set out above be agreed *en bloc*.
 All in favour

19. PLANNING

Planning applications outlined in the Agenda were reviewed. There were no comments.

Full Planning Permission granted

Mrs A Glover, 47 Parkfield Road Ryhall Stamford PE9 4ER

Construction of a two storey extension to the side elevation of the dwelling house following demolition of existing detached garage.

Listed Building Consent- None

Notification of decision in respect of a section 211 Notice proposing works to a tree or trees in a conservation area

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required {Agricultural and Forestry development)

Refusal of Full Planning Permission & Refusal of Conservation area consent - None Appeals

Withdrawal of planning application - None

Planning applications under consideration

New access from Stamford Road 46121 into new parking area. Owl Cottage, Stamford Road, Ryhall
Relocation of existing garage forward by approx 12 meters ; Shield Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe
PE9 4JQ

Conversion of existing garage to bedroom and ensuite bathroom. Construction of new garage and conservatory. 25 Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe.

Amendment to APP/2012/0219 for removal of condition 8 (pedestrian visibility splays) removal of Condition 11 (set back of vehicular gates) and amendment to condition 2 via amended plans indicating a

new log store to rear of garage, provision of new vehicular gates, and loss of the onsite turning area. Land

adjacent to 1, Back Lane, Ryhall.

20. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

National Grid Grant: SF asked how the Village Hall had obtained the grant of £2,000. PH explained that they had prepared and submitted a bid which had been successful. SF suggested that the Playing Fields, not the Football Club, need to get together to submit a bid also. He will progress it.

St. John's Close: BR reported that the gutters in the close were becoming overgrown with weeds and councillors reported similar situations on the other village roads. The Clerk was asked to request Highways to spray them off.

21. PUBLIC TIME

Grass cutting: It was commented that the recent grass cutting undertaken had been a lot better.

National Grid Bid: Mr Capper commented that the Playing Fields bid to National Grid would be for funding for the Community Orchard. AG commented on the good work done in installing the gate.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3rd. September 7.00pm at the Methodist Church , Ryhall.

The Chairman closed the Public Meeting at 9.05pm

The following item was discussed by the Council *in camera*:

23. FOOTBALL CLUB PRECEPT

Following a short discussion it was agreed that a letter explaining the parish Council's position on precept money will be sent to the Football Club.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm