

RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council **on** **Wednesday 21st September 2011** **In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.**

PRESENT

Mr C Parsons (Chairman)	Mrs E Sismore	Ms R Miller
Mrs S Smith	Mr R Rushby	Mr S Fenn
Mr G Lloyd	Mr N Bellairs	

Seven members of the public were in attendance. Mr David Naylor Chairman of the School Governors was welcomed, representing Ryhall Primary School.

APOLOGIES – Mr P Huddleston, Mr B Gorman, Mrs B White and Mrs C Vernon, County Councillor.

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 Rushby – Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch

Mr Lloyd – Francis Court

Mrs Sismore- Ryhall School PTA

Mr Bellairs- Playing Fields, Parkfield Road resident & Jubilee Arrangements

Ms Miller – Fun Squad, NHW and Parish Plan

A Minutes Silence was observed in memory of Mrs Christine Finch, the wife of our former Parish Councillor and colleague - Mr Paul Finch.

Inspector Kam Mistry and PCSO Liam Bourne from the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary were intending to address the meeting but were called away on an incident occurring in the village and were not able to return to the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd seconded by Mrs Sismore and agreed to accept the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th July 2011 as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Lane Footpath

Following a further request to RCC to ascertain the ownership of the road to the school known as Vicarage Lane – now being the main access to the primary school, RCC Estates Surveyor had replied. RCC forwarded two plans that are in the land acquisition conveyance from 22nd September 1961. The land colored pink was acquired by the County Council and subsequently part [being the land in the northern half] transferred to the Diocese in 1968.

RCC asked us to note that only a small portion of the access road was acquired by the Council, and subsequently transferred to the Diocese. However, the vendor reserved rights of way over the hatched portion to get to the adjoining property to the east.

No rights of way appear to have been granted to the Council/ Diocese in respect of the access road to the west, but RCC have been unable to track down any deeds or records that suggest that this road was in the ownership of the Council. Mrs. Bayes, Estates Surveyor, representing RCC believes that the Diocese may understand that the access road could be within their ownership as it served the rectory premises and understands that the incumbent granted rights over the new footpath to RCC, so she states that it is clear that RCC did not own the land beneath the new footpath.

RCC asked if the Parish Council have contacted the Diocese to seek their views on the ownership and liability for the road. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Parish Council had copied in the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors of Ryhall Primary School but not the Diocesan office at the early stage. The Clerk is liaising with Rev McKee regarding the state of the wall and its subsequent repairs. It was agreed to forward copies of the above information to the school and Rev McKee/ the Diocesan Office for their comment.

Affordable Housing

The Parish Council had submitted suggestions in an email dated 3rd August following discussion at the July meeting and a brief consultation at Gala Day. Carter Homes had since emailed the Clerk as they were still keen to involve parish residents in street naming and asked about the best ways to communicate to residents. The Clerk had responded that the best medium was through the Village News delivered to every household but the tight timeframe of nine weeks meant this would not be an option. Mr Parsons further suggested Ivatt Way/Close after the local landowner. It was agreed to resubmit the names and Waterloo Homes could make the final decision from those or find an alternative/ independent route to consult residents.

St Eabba's Close (11 votes) Named after the cousin of St Tibba (currently a street name in Ryhall) - a saint of the parish

Jubilee Close (5 votes) as it is the Queens Jubilee in 2012

Queen Elizabeth Close

Hill Close

Field Crescent or Field Close

Ivatt Way/ Close

Bus Stops for the new homes. Mr Rushby offered to contact Delaine Buses to ascertain information on possible bus stops / lay-bys near the new homes. He is also contacting Kimes Buses about their routes.

Gritting routes 2011/12

Mr Parsons reported that a new gritting route through Little Casterton and Toll Bar has been agreed but Ryhall was not included in the new routes, though he and Mrs Vernon will continue to press for this when the proposals go to Cabinet. It was noted that if a significant number of residents phone up RCC in bad weather to press for gritting, it would help highlight the need for gritted routes. Clerk to include the phone number in the Village News article for information and the School will add a note to parents in their school bulletin.

Turnpike hedge cutting –A6121

The adjacent landowner and Rutland County Council claim that the hedge is not under their ownership. Now that it is fully grown, the Clerk receives complaints about the thorny branches, overhanging the footpath at eye level. Every year it requires a significant cut. As a duty of care to the frequent users of the path, the Parish Council have in the past few years, taken action and paid for the hedge cutting. A recent quotation to reduce the height of the hedge to approximately 1200 mm (hip height) and remove all waste for £400 plus VAT was received. The Parish Council agreed this should eliminate the need for costly annual cutting. This will go ahead on Monday 10th October.

AGENDA ITEMS

Allotments Update & request for funding

Mr Lloyd reported on the second allotment sub-committee meeting held on 1st September. Copies of the Minutes of the meeting have been sent out to attendees and allotment holders and to Parish Councillors* (Note: Minutes of allotment meeting as addendum at the conclusion of these Minutes) There is now a notice board at the allotment for the posting of minutes and notices.

It was noted that there are seven new plot holders and that the tenancy agreement has been amended to include a clause on untended plots and the need to make returned plots fit for purpose. On that issue, two plots have been returned for new tenants and need clearing with a mechanical digger to return to original state. It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs. Smith and agreed to fund £150 toward the costs.

There is to be working party on 8th October to clear and cut back hedgerows, clear boarders and generally tidy up the allotment site for winter. Clerk to check on the public liability.

Risk Assessment update

All Councillors had been issued with copied of the risk assessment register 1- 6. These include burial ground and headstones, use of allotments, use of the playing fields Work carried out by contractors, damage to village seat and lamp posts. Councillors were asked to highlight any areas that needed updating and amending. All agreed that they were satisfied with the level of cover for the risks. Clerk to update the paperwork for 2011.

Library consultation and opening hours

Discussion around the implementation of the savings for the culture and leisure area which includes library services is still ongoing and RCC are not able to give a confirmed position in advance of the meeting on 21st September. Mr Clayton, Team Manager of the Culture Leisure and Transport Operations, hopes to be able to write to the PC before the end of the month outlining the next steps and any effect this will have on Ryhall.

Cemetery Issues

The Clerk reported that Parish Council solicitors' will be working with the landowner's solicitors to request a contract and a copy of the deeds of the land. The price of the land was provisionally agreed at £ 4,500

Extract from the Minutes of 25th January 2011 - Burial Ground Extension is ongoing – at the present time January 2011 the land costs are estimated at approximately £4,500 for ¾ acre.

There will then be a transfer of deeds and the need to agree a grazing licence.

Community Emergency Response

In the absence of Mrs White, Mr Rushby reported on the following work of the sub-committee with particular thanks to the extensive work undertaken by Mrs. White who has led on this project.

A meeting with school highlighted the assistance available and a meeting with village hall committee indicate that there was only a small space for storage but the Village hall would be the ideal venue for Command Post/Community to gather.

All contacts made with local organizations & suppliers have been mostly successful and the committee have already established co-ordinating links with local voluntary groups, plus large scale maps have been obtained. The Committee have established possible

evacuation centres and there is ongoing work on info & enquiry points to be decided & put in place with decisions on manning and how to relay information to the community. The next step is to obtain information on all the vulnerable residents who may need help and put together a list of co-coordinators, contacts and phone numbers. The Parish Council urge everyone to complete the questionnaire distributed in the Village News. Extra copies and the collection boxes are in the Library and Village Shop. The Parish Council thanked the Village News team for kindly adding the Questionnaire to their publication for onward distribution. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Street Lighting Energy Savings.

E-on had written to parish councils to suggest retro fit control gear available which converts suitable orange lanterns to 24 watt low energy white light lanterns. It would cost £98 plus VAT per light which they claim would make a saving of 55% on existing energy costs. E-on also offered the suggestion that it was possible to replace 'all night' photocells with part night which go off around midnight and back on again at 5.30am, the costs for these would be £35.00 plus VAT per light. This would make a saving of 30% on existing energy costs. The Parish Council agreed in principle on a proposal made by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mrs Sismore to consider the part night photocells for alternative parish owned lights. As only 88 lights in the villages are under the Parish Council remit – the others being owned by Rutland County Council it was agreed to defer a final decision until full facts, figures, costings, time needed to recoup initial outlay and an report from RCC on their way forward regarding energy savings were obtained.

Mr S Fenn – joined the meeting.

The Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

Mrs Lofthouse reported on the well attended meeting she had chaired. It had been agreed to form a committee to look into fundraising activities and organise the main event next year. The Jubilee Committee was advised that any precept donation would need to be requested in the usual format in January 2012.

Request for funding for bulbs (Ryhall) and NHW (Belmesthorpe)

It was proposed by Mr Lloyd, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to the sum of £50 towards the purchase of bulbs for planting in the village by Ryhall Gardeners Club.

It was proposed by Mr Bellairs, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to the sum of £40 for the purchase of bulbs for Belmesthorpe by the Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

Neighbourhood Watch Signs

It was proposed by Mr Parsons, seconded by Mrs Smith and agreed to reimburse the Belmesthorpe Neighbourhood Watch Committee for their purchase of signage at £128.40. Any further requests for funding should be made in January on the precept forms.

OTHER MEETINGS

Parish Forum Minutes will be circulated in due course. Mr Rushby and Mrs White hope to attend the next forum to represent Ryhall Parish Council

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence to note:

High Sheriff Of Rutland – invitation to the new Warning Zone educational resource for year 6 children. Mr Naylor to circulate to the school.

East Midlands Council– Membership – Declined.

Lord Mayors Appeal - Declined

From RCC - copy of letter dated 3/08/11 from Mrs Garland Project Manager of BS4A at Rutland County Council to Mrs Hallam regarding the access roadway. This letter confirms that the gate to RMPF from Parkfield Road will remain closed and RCC seek the schools co-operation in ensuring that parents and visitors to the school do not try to gain access by this route. The use of the roadway by pedestrians will continue as before.

From RCC Notification of 30mph Speed limit

From Anglian Water- re Burial tap rebate for leakage. A rebate has not been approved.

From Spire Homes – Neighbourhood Walkabout – 22 August & Properties for Older people leaflet

RCC – seeks suggestions from Councillors for future training. Ryhall PC suggested training on planning changes, new Councillor training and a tree warden course.

RCC Review of Polling Districts - copy to all

NALC – Briefing – Bribery Act- Briefing Copy to all

LRAPLC – September Newsletter -copy to all

Fields In Trust – email to all, discussion on the preservation of green spaces in villages.

The Parish Council decided on no action at present with regard to this initiative.

Victim Support – Safe Again Appeal- declined.

Documents in circulation 26.07.11

Rural Retailer brochure

Parish Briefing

Rural Community Council Raffle

Voluntary Action info on Notice boards

RCC Digital Rutland – short survey

Long Hurst Group Information

1/08/11

Adoption of the Rutland Core Strategy

1/9/2011-

RHS Britain in Bloom Campaigns

Field in Trust email

Rutland CAB AGM and Brochure

Rural Community Council AGM, Trustee Nominations and Annual Report

Leics County Council Heritage Talks (also emailed)

From NALC planning process for wastewater transfer

From Link Leaflets to distribute

16.09.11

Local Development Plan - Site allocations and Policies – Document in circulation.

FINANCE

Clement Keys have confirmed an unqualified audit opinion has been given to Ryhall Parish Council for the audit of accounts year ending 31 March 2011. Dated 25th July 2011. The Notice of conclusion of Audit has been posted on the notice board and copy sent to Clement Keys.

Income received into Parish Account

From RCC 21/07/11 Street Lighting Grant	1,922.00
Allotment Rents to date	262.25

Payments made since last meeting

Mrs. C Adams August salary	408.37
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AON Insurance for Pavilion			188.10
Clement Keys Audit Fees	285.00	57.00	342.00
Eon Energy Quarterly Lighting	459.22	91.84	551.06
Eon installing new supply box	242.00	48.40	290.40
Veolia Grass cutting			43.20
T & S Fenn Notice board repairs			81.25
Veolia Grass cutting			43.20
EON Maintenance	283.02	56.60	339.62
Veolia Grass cutting			70.80

Payments approved: proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mr Bellairs and agreed to pay the following accounts. Mr Fenn abstained.

Expenditure:	Net	VAT	Total
Ryhall Methodist Hall			15.00
Speigl Press for Questionnaires			37.15

Payments made from Burial Accounts

18.07.11 Anglian water Burial tap			45.34
19.08.11 Veolia Grass cutting	24.00	4.80	28.80
09.09.11 Veolia Grass cutting	24.00	4.80	28.80

Payments to make from Burial Account - None
Income received into Burial Account - None

PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Mr A Burrill, 4 Foresters Cottages, Ryhall PE9 4HP for construction of single storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling house.

Mr & Mrs Van Geersdale, Hill Top Cottage, Essendine Hill, Ryhall for Erection of detached double garage and construction of single storey extension side (north) elevation of dwelling to replace existing garage.

Mr D Peachey, Purwell, New Road, Ryhall for Construction of single storey garage extension to the east elevation of dwelling.

Outline Planning Permission - None

Listed Building Consent-Alterations - None

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

Mr M Hindmarch, The Poplars, Foundry Road, Ryhall for Fell 8 No Leylandii.

Mr T Warmesley, Dormer Cottage, Foundry Road, Ryhall for Fell 1 No Sycamore tree

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

Mr S Alexander, Lilac Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe, Stamford, Lincs for Prior approval for erection of agricultural building for housing of livestock.

Land to the east of Newstead Road, Belmesthorpe.

Refusal of Full Planning Permission - None

Appeal Decisions- None

Withdrawal of planning application - None

Planning applications considered:

Erection of three storey dwelling and double garage and walls, Quarry Barn, Essendine Hill, Ryhall

Erection of detached two storey dwelling and associated works – land at Crown Street, Ryhall
Single storey extension to side of dwelling and porch to front – 8 Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe.

PUBLIC TIME

Trimming of overhanging hedges. To review in November.

New Road to Church Footpath- required weed spraying

New Cemetery- Hedge needs cutting – gravelled area requires weed spraying

Highway Survey – question on the outcome of the proposal to have village gates to define the boundary, the A6121 did not have wide enough verges for gates.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kissing gate RMPF to meadows – Mr Rushby informed that this does not conform to the standards and he is working with Mr Crooks at RCC to remedy this.

Essendine Hill to Ryhall across fields Footpath – gates need to allow access for buggies and could be a useful route for the new residents of the affordable housing to the village centre. Mr Rushby to press for an upgrade.

Old Cemetery – ivy on main wall needs attention. Rutland County Council is completing works to trees in the cemetery.

Litter Pick. Ms Miller to organise a litter pick next spring. On next agenda.

Footpath/cycleway to Essendine by the Uffington junction. Noted the neglected state of the cycleway with large weeds encroaching onto the footway and reducing the width. Clerk to inform RCC

Dog Fouling on the RMPF. Noted that this offence is on the increase again on the playing fields. Dog owners are failing to clear up after their pets. Clerk to ask the Dog Warden to patrol and RMPF Committee to ensure that adequate signage is still up.

RMPF - Fires at the dugout have been reported to police.

Crime Statistics – request for full update of the recent crime stats in the parish on the reduction of crime.

Frequency of Parish Council Meetings and Planning Sub Committee - On next agenda

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th November 2011

Ellie Buchanan and Peter Beaver from Rutland County Council will be making a presentation to all larger Parish Councils between the consultation period of 8th Sept and 30 November 2011 on **ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION ON SITE ALLOCATION SITES**. They will present to Ryhall Parish Council on Wednesday 9th November.