

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 20th MARCH 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL**

PRESENT Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH), Mr P Harris (PKH), Mrs D Rolfe (DR)
_Mrs S Smith (SS), Mr N Bellairs (NB) Mr C Parsons (CP) Mr D Wilby (DW)
Mr R Rushby (RR) Mrs E Sismore (ES) Mr D Amies (DA)

01/17 APOLOGIES from Mr Adrian Gombault (AG)

02/17 DECLARATIONS OF UNREGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A REGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST – None

03/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

It was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 16th January 2017 were correct, and be approved and signed. NB abstained

04/17 PUBLIC TIME - Seven members of the public attended

Footpaths - Rutland Way past Francis Court/ Library corner. Request for another highways inspection as a matter of priority to re evaluate Rutland County Council's decision on this stretch of footpath(originally stated it did not merit repairs) Local residents are concerned and have been emailing Rutland County Council for action. This area was noted in the Rutland Access Group report. DR offered to accompany Rutland County Council on a walk.

Highway Matters - Road surface at the end of St John's Close to be included for inspection

Broken tile cover on the junction of Coppice Road and A6121 – needs to be replaced

05/17 MATTERS ARISING

White Bridge The Bridge has undergone a permanent repair. It was noted that the 3T weight limit sign is no longer in place and there was concern that if heavy lorries were to use it , this could cause a repeat of the damage. Clerk to check why this sign was not replaced and also if a speed limit sign should be required.

Grass cutting Contracts The Parish Council awaits the confirmation of the formal contract with Rutland County Council. This will clarify the verbal/ emailed agreement between the Environment Department and the Parish Clerk including reimbursement agreed for various areas of grass. The Parish Council have now commenced cutting the grass in the old cemetery and churchyard as per the agreement

Gritting Routes – the Parish Council is pressing for Ryhall to be included in the gritting schedule for next winter. This would take in New Road, The Square, Church Street and Rutland Way.

AGENDA ITEMS

06/17 PARISH PLAN – Clerk to inform interested parties to arrange an initial meeting, scheduled for April .

07/17 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY STORE SCHEME

Following a meeting with the Senior Resilience Officer who covers Rutland, the Parish Council registered their participation in the scheme on 8/2/17. The Emergency Action Plan running draft has been circulated to Councillors 'for comment to DW. The Parish Council will then host a 'table top event' , ideally in June on a Saturday morning inviting key people to work through various emergency scenarios and demonstrate our competence in planning for an emergency. This will enable the Parish Council to qualify for the £600 of equipment from the Resilience Partnership.

CP left the meeting

08/17 ALLOTMENTS

Gate St Tibba Entrance

The insurance requires that the allotment gardens are secure and for that reason the 4 ft gate needs to be upgraded. The plan is to increase the height and clad the gate in wood to create an attractive rustic arch shaped gate. PH circulated a photograph of the proposed gate design. This work needs to be completed as soon as possible as concern had been expressed by members of the public over the temporary metal spikes. It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS to fund the £270 estimated quote for the purchase and installation of a wooden gate.

A counter proposal of funding 50% of the costs with the Allotment Committee repaying 50% was proposed by DW, seconded by DA . At the vote 5 in favour , 2 against, therefore carried. It was agreed to fund this to expedite swift works to the gate with the proviso of the tempering of the spikes.

Signage A photograph of a proposed sign for St Tibba gate had been circulated with a request to support/ fund . It was decided to leave the decision to the Allotment Committee to consult with allotment holders and neighbours and the Allotment Committee to fund this idea if all agreed to proceed.

Inspection of trees on boundary-The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and safety of the trees on the boundary. The previous inspection and resulting tree works took place in July 2013. It was agreed that the Clerk would gather quotes for consideration at the next meeting.

Quote for reduction in hedge height The Allotment Committee had suggested reducing the hedge height on the St Tibba hedge to enable the hedge to thicken up and once a manageable height the Committee could then maintain it. The quote from Glendale for £ 182.88 plus VAT was in principle acceptable. However hedges cannot be cut until after the nesting season in July and there was some debate about the height desirability. The Parish Council anticipate that the Allotment Committee might want to consult with their allotment holders and St Tibba neighbours about the height of the hedge and suggest it is on the next Allotment Committee Meeting agenda which is on Tuesday 28th March

09/17 DEFIBRILATOR FOR BELMESTHORPE

The Parish Council application for listed building consent to place the defibrillator on the Blue Bell public house outer wall has been validated on 27 February 2017. The application will be determined by either Delegated Powers or the Development and Licensing Committee and the target date for determination is 24th April 2017.

10/17 STREET LIGHTING

Street Light bollard behind St John's Close –Deferred to the next meeting.

School Light update – The Parish Council funded the inspection by E-on of the light outside the school , as it was informed the fault was probably a blown fuse which could be replaced. However it transpired that this is no power supply to the light which is fed from the school. The matter rests.

New Column - The old wooden pole on Foundry Road – opposite Manor Close was not eligible for an upgrade by RCC in the current financial year. After inspection the 35w SOX item could be changed, the Parish Council endorsed the unit being upgraded in the next tranche of improvements.

11/17 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS

Gravel – it is acknowledged that the gravel will need replenishing at some point. In the meantime parents using the gravel roadway are requested to drive slowly and with consideration and traffic will be reduced at the end of the football season.

The RMPF Committee will be renewing the signage in the next couple of months.

12/17 CEMETERY

Rates update –Noted that the rateable value has increased from £68.73 to 73.00 per annum

Collections -Noted that the green waste collection invoice will be £247.00 per annum and £257.40 per annum for black bin refuse. This is payable for the 2017/18 financial year to Rutland County Council and has been a long standing arrangement. However it was agreed to consider alternative contractors for 2018/19, although given the sensitivity of this site the Parish Council must be convinced of the merits of changing contractors

Annual Hedge cutting – Proposed by ES, seconded by DA and agreed to the quote for £89.49 plus VAT per occasion for hedge cutting at the new cemetery.

Water Butt – It was agreed to fund a water butt @ £30 for next winter. This would allow the Parish Council to turn off the tap to prevent frost damage and associated costs and still offer water at the site for visitor's flowers. DW offered to supply a length of hose.

Various repairs & fence posts – the fence posts in the purchased extension area of grazing behind the cemetery site need resetting and the bench needs slight repair. It was proposed by DW, seconded by ES and agreed to Mr K Altham being offered the role of handyman. This would enable him to undertake smaller but vital village repairs jobs on behalf of the Parish Council. This would be on the same basis as he undertakes for the Playing Fields Committee, operating as a contractor with the relevant insurance. It was suggested that jobs/ hours would be agreed in advance and would not exceed £100 per eight weeks for smaller repairs. Larger projects would be approved in advance at the bi monthly Parish Council meetings.

13/17 CCTV

Following a request to consider CCTV, a report based on information from the RCC Community Safety Officer had been circulated in advance to parish councillors

The Parish Council considered the information on legislation, the security of information held , the privacy aspect and merits / costs / logistics of the proposal and various options. It was noted that no other Rutland Village had CCTV and the estimate cost of suggested 6 cameras in Ryhall would be 30K Despite the recent crime stats it was agreed that a permanent fully functioning CCTV system for the whole village would be costly a project for a rural location and therefore one that the parish council could not adequately instigate, manage or fund. However should a specific need arise in the future there was an option of a short-term hire of the Rutland County Council 3G remote deployable camera, which costs about £40 per month.

14/17 OTHER MEETINGS –Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. Finding and Bidding for Funding attended by Clerk on 8 /2/ 17. Information to be passed onto the parish plan committee

15/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

19.01.17 PCC Funding Commissioning Framework Consultation

23.01.17 STP Consultations Events reminder

23.01.17 Draft Minutes

30.01.17 Great British Spring Clean

03.01.17 LRALC Round Robin

02.02.17 North Beat January report

12.02.17 Village News report

20.02.17 Parish Forum Minutes

13.03.17 North Beat Feb report

15.03.17 The Peoples Response to the LLR Draft STP

15.03.17 Road Works in Church Street (three days 20th March – 23 March for gas works)

15.03.17 Community Emergency Action Plan (DW) for Agenda item 7

Other Correspondence

RCC Nominations for Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) by March 24th – to the planning committee
From Rutland County Council – further information on the CIL scheme relative to the small sites such as the Trout farm / Belmesthorpe Lane proposed development of 7 dwellings- no start date yet indicated

RCC Parish Briefing – news of new Leader Cllr Tony Mathias

RCC Response to Barrowden PC request regarding the Conservation Officer role

From Ryhall Village Hall – thanks for the donation to the refurbishment project

From EON – price increase

From EACH – East Anglia Children’s Hospices – request for support

From Ryhall Academy – the Academy thanks the Parish Council for their ongoing support and wishes to initiate discussions about projects to benefit the school and the wider community, including ideas about the development of the playing fields space. It was agreed that the parish plan committee/ RMPF would liaise with the Ryhall Academy.

The Parish Council is asked to suggest any community ventures ideas for the Year 6 Life Skills programme. Two projects to date include litter picking and visiting Francis Court.

From the Parish Council Working Group – suggesting that a complete Parish Forum might be dedicated to Development Control Matters and this will take place on 24th April .

SS and AG represent Ryhall Parish Council at the regular Parish Forums, however all the planning committee is invited to attend and any questions to be submitted by 30th March.

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

01/02/17 From Rutland County Council – additional grass cutting Grant 2,500.38

Payments made since last meeting	Nett	VAT	Total
30/01/17 Eon (to remove Xmas Lights)	240.00	48.00	288.00
30/01/17 Mrs C Adams Salary for January			846.77
30/01/17 HM Revenue & Customs Tax for January			292.77
14/02/17 Rutweb for Quarterly report			40.00
14/02/16 Rutweb for additional services on NHP page			43.33
14/02/17 BIFFA for emptying dog bins	312.00	62.40	374.40
16/02/17 LRALC for course fee			35.00
23/02/17 Mrs C Adams salary for February			841.99
23/02/17 HM Revenue & Customs Tax for February			292.77
14/03/17 Biffa Waste for emptying dog bins	260.00	52.00	312.00

Payments to be made at meeting:	Nett	VAT	TOTAL
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			13.00
Mrs C Adams Expenses January – March 2017 (Including vouchers for Xmas lights/ Travel to Anstey for course/ purchase of maps for planning application for defibrillator)			123.97

Payment of the expenditure as detailed above was proposed by ES, seconded by DA and agreed.

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting - None

Payments to make from the Burial Account – None

Income received into Burial Account

20/02/17 J Flint – rent for grazing licence £10.00

24/02/17 B Houlden Memorial Headstone 69.00

15/03/17 A Nebel – purchase of two plots 311.00

Accounts as at 20 /3/17

Current Account	5,161.92
High Interest	24,028.13
Burial Current	609.76

Audit of Accounts

The Parish Council thanked Mr J Saunders for kindly undertaking the annual internal inspection of accounts. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure there is a sound system of internal control including proper arrangements have been made and adhered. The accounts are audited by Lamin & White of Oakham and the external audit will be undertaken by Grant Thornton.

16 /17 PLANNING**Full Planning Permission granted**

Single storey extension with part full height dual aspect glazed walls, flat roof and lantern plus openings to form an open plan kitchen diner, 1 Beech Drive, Ryhall PE9 4EW **2017/0010/FUL**

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**

4 No Cypress trees (G2) to remove to ground level. The Cedars, New Road, Ryhall **2017/0062/CAT**

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)- None**Appeals & Refusal of Conservation area consent-**

Erection of extension- Cromwell Cottage, 2 The Square, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HJ
2016/0726/FUL

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- & Refusal of Non Material Amendment

Demolition of existing property and construction of new residential property. Elderflower Cottage, Belmesthorpe Lane, Ryhall PE9 4JF **2016/1196/FUL**

Planning applications observations:

Removal of asbestos roof at rear and replace with tile roof. Internal alterations . Erection of single storey extension to rear and porch to the front of property - 29 Coppice Road, Ryhall PE9 4HY
2017/0002/FUL

1 No Acer 'pseudoplatanus brilliantissimum' causing overshadowing of owners and neighbours gardens Fell to ground. Melbourn House, Foundry Road PE9 **4JA 2016/1074/CAT**

Development of 7 detached dwellings – Land off Belmesthorpe Lane Ryhall **2016/1143/FUL**

Proposed rear extension and replacement of ancillary garage/ storage. Bridge House, Mill Street, Ryhall PE9 4HF **2017/0132/LBA**

17/17 Other Business

Noted that St John's Church have offered the Parish Council the use of the church rooms for meetings

The Parish Council extends best wishes for a speedy recovery to two long standing supporters of the parish council.

18/17 Next meeting - Annual Council Meeting – will be held on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall

