

**RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2014**  
**In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.**

**PRESENT**

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH)	Mrs E Sismore (ES)	Mr R Rushby (RR)
Mr A Gombault(AG)	Mr C Parsons ( CP)	Mr D Wilby (DW)
Mrs S Smith (SS)	Mr N Bellairs (NB)	Mr S Fenn ( SF)

One member of the public in attendance

**1.APOLOGIES**

Mr. J Whowell (JW)

**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.

PH - Village Hall, Playing Fields, PC Newsletter  
AG - Rutland NHW  
RR - Neighbourhood Watch  
DW - Four year plan  
NB - Playing Fields, Village Hall  
SF- Football Club, Allotments

**3.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by CP seconded by AG and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September were a true record subject to the amendment under item15 (2 )Coppice Road- cars parked on footpath not verges. SF abstained.

**4.PUBLIC TIME - No items raised**

**5.MATTERS ARISING**

1. Vicarage Lane - the Parish Council is still in discussion with the Diocesan Office regarding the kerbing and tarmac.
- 5.2 Flagpole Update - A well supported event to commission the flagpole was held after Remembrance Service on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014. The Jubilee Committee will be responsible for the raising of flags and the maintenance of the garden. The Parish Council may be requested to assist with the funding of the plaque.
- 5.3 Defibrillator- There will be an event to commission the new defibrillator on Thursday 11 December 2014 at 7.15 pm at the Village hall. All residents invited to a demonstration on the use of the equipment.
- 5.4 Weeds in gutters - appear to be resolved
- 5.5 Bridge on footpath E173- Rutland County Council reported that they are awaiting the delivery of the fabricated bridge
- 5.6 Cyclepath - under construction
- 5.7 Bike Rack Installation- due end of November
8. Street Lighting in Belmesthorpe Update. CP reported that Rutland County Council will be reviewing county lighting at the next Cabinet meeting in January 2015. AG asked if the PC might have a legal obligation to supply lighting. It was agreed to ask Rutland County Council Highways to a site visit to assess the village lighting requirements.
9. Belmesthorpe Speed Review. AG to produce results of the speed watch for discussion at the next meeting.

**Agenda Items**

**6. Standing Orders.** All Councillors were issued with a revised copy of the Council Standing Orders to include an amendment to Clause 71. It was proposed by CP, seconded by NB and agreed unanimously to accept the revision.

### **7. Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields**

7.1 Portacabin removal- Under the agreed terms of the lease , the removal of the portacabin was under the remit of Ryhall United Football Club ( planning permission expired in 2016) but due to its poor state the structure had to be removed as a matter of urgency prior to the school summer holidays. To expedite and assist the removal, the Parish Council offered to fund costs initially with the expectation (following a site meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> July) that the footballers were still responsible for the removal costs. A request for half of the costs, which the Parish Council felt was a fair compromise, has not yet been met. An email from a football club committee member has been received that stated the request for half the costs was ‘ unfair’ as the footballers had carried out the demolition and removal with the understanding, he said, that this work would be their only commitment. Councillors present at the site meeting disagree. It was proposed by DW, seconded by CP and agreed that the Parish Council reiterate that the Football Club honour their obligations and pay half the invoices (£ 204.67) as recorded at the September Parish Council meeting.

7.2 Pavilion Issues. The Clerk has met with the Playing Fields Association ( Rural Community Council ) to review the facilities at the pavilion and complete a comprehensive Community Building Access check. Some recommendations and improvements have been suggested which the Parish Council and RMPF Committee aim to achieve and the improvements could include toilet facilities. There is not an obligation to provide toilets facilities other than to those who have a contract. Overall the building was deemed satisfactory with no serious or significant issues.

7.3 Hire of Pitches and Sports Pavilion Contract. The Terms & Conditions of the hire of Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields Association Football Pitches and Sports Pavilion had been circulated to all Councillors for ratification. It was proposed by PH, seconded by CP and agreed to endorse the contract.

7.4 RCC Sports / Facilities and Green Spaces Review - The Clerk has undertaken a review with Rutland County Council Sports Development Manager. This included a review of the Playing Fields (Mr A Capper in attendance) allotment site, green spaces including Coppice Road and Parkfield Road.

7.5 Litter bin by the dug out. To resolve the litter problems, it was proposed to site a bin near to the dugout, RMPF Committee to organise.

### **8. Four Year Plan**

8.1 & 8.2 Public Meeting and Village Questionnaire Update - DW reported on progress. The public meeting yet to be finalised after the steering group have met to discuss the results of the questionnaires distilled by AG. AG was thanked for producing a comprehensive analysis on the Library and Neighbourhood Watch. The steering group will need to elect a project chair for the Library and a lead person for the Neighbourhood Watch. Volunteers who had offered assistance will be contacted again and a way forward will be composed. Funding advice will be sought from Rutland County Council. Based on the responses from the Questionnaire, the steering group are working on a website, teenage facilities and village activities and a framework document will be presented to the Parish Council at the January Meeting.

8.3 Report on Library - AG’s report has been circulated to the Parish Council. The observations will be put to the Steering Committee for further forward planning and will be discussed at the January meeting. CP congratulated AG on this comprehensive report - the results of which indicate how much villagers value the Library.

8.4 Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch - As Director of Rutland NHW, AG is keen to promote the Ryhall NHW and offered to mentor the group once established. AG sought the Parish Council endorsement to release data/ statistics from the Questionnaire to other bodies including the police/ steering group to the Rutland NHW in order to seek a way forward. This was endorsed by DW, seconded by RR and agreed.

**9 Allotments** -The Allotments Committee seek to include a clause in the October 2015/16 Tenancy Agreement regarding a £35 charge as a retainer for new tenants taking on a plot. This retainer would be a deposit to ensure plots are left in a workable state when the tenant left. It was proposed by CP, seconded by NB and agreed to this proposal. SF and AG abstained.

**10. Jubilee Plaque renovation.** It was proposed by RR, seconded by NB and agreed to the sum of £130 plus VAT for the renovation of the Jubilee Plaque under the tree in The Square. It was proposed by DW, seconded by CP and agreed to the sum of £50 maximum for the renovation of the metal work that holds the plaque. Clerk to action

**10.2 Christmas Tree Lights** in The Square. It was proposed by SF, seconded by ES and agreed to ask the resident who supplies the electricity for the lighting of the tree if he would be able to assist us again this year and agreed to the vouchers as gesture of thanks.

### **11 Snow Warden Scheme**

The Parish Council thank Mr Peter Link for his work as Snow Warden over the past three years. There is now a vacancy, please contact the Clerk for full details on the role. Training ,equipment and remuneration included.

### **12. Community Orchard**

Work is due to commence on the planting of six cherry trees on the RMPF in December. It was proposed by CP, seconded by DW and agreed to the sum of £502.37 for the first phase of planting as issued under the community projects funding. Thanks proposed to Mr Glover for his well presented proposals.

### **13. Planning Consultation**

Rutland County Council is consulting with parishes about a proposed change to electronic consultation via email. This would mean paper plans were not routinely sent out for consideration. Ryhall Parish Council strongly opposed this proposal on practical grounds and would prefer to continue with paper copies, whilst agreeing that certain aspects of electronic communication were acceptable. The Parish Council would be happy to receive the weekly notifications, respond electronically and be informed of the outcomes electronically.

It was proposed by PH, seconded by ES and agreed unanimously to request that Ryhall continue with the conventional use of paper copies.

### **14. OTHER MEETINGS** - Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives

DW reported on the recent Parish Forum; his report to be circulated. Of note were the presentations on the fire service, the winter fuel allowance and road maintenance in the county. PH reported that the Village Hall Calendars are now for sale at £5.00 each, and are available from the village shop.

### **15 CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Circulated:**

Built up area ( Highway Code) details on speeding & street lighting

RCC Conduct Committee Minutes

Playing Fields Association Newsletter 16/10/14

Independent Chair appointed for Better Care Together emailed 12/9/14

VAR Community Outlook emailed 9/10/14

LRALC Newsletter September emailed 1./10/14 - October emailed 31/10/14

Leics Community Action Seminar 2/10/14

RCC Presentation on Awareness of the Honours System - 14th October 2014

RCC Survey on Economic Growth emailed 28/10/14

Leics & Rutland Better Care Together update emailed 30/10/14

RCC Parish Forum Minutes 6/11/14

RCC Adoption of Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD) was adopted by Rutland County Council on 13 October 2014. The DPD allocates sites for development and sets out policies for determining planning applications. Emailed 17/10/14

LRALC hopes to run an “Essentials of Transparency” course in the near future which the Clerk intends to attend

### To Action

From Resident re horse manure on footpaths - suggestions as to how to resolve this problems included a note in the Village News and temporary signs on the path by the A6121 to ask for horse-riders consideration. It was proposed by SS, seconded by ES and agreed to produce some small laminated poster style signs.

DW suggested asking the local scout groups to produce promotional posters to highlight awareness; this could be in the form of a competition with a small prize. DW to action.

From Resident re Old Cemetery. The Parish Council noted the Issues with grave-digging, which the Parish Council hope been resolved,

Miles Williamson Noble - Winter Heating Appeal. Details of this appeal on the Notice boards  
Rutland Together - Mapping Key Environmental Work and Identifying opportunities Towards an Environmental Strategy for 2014 -2017 - Questionnaire to complete Emailed 29/10/14. Clerk to complete.

Meeting with NALC and LRALC opportunity - an invitation to parish chairmen, vice chairs and clerks- 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

LRALC - Recruitment of Parish Councillors - the parish councils are asked to consider promotion in advance of the elections in May 2015.

### FINANCE

It was proposed by CP. Seconded by SF and agreed to endorse the following payments,

Income received into Parish Account			
HM Revenue & Customs VAT Return 2013/14			3024.49
Ryhall Allotment Association refund on shed project			172.63
RMPF Annual Rent			10.00

Payments made since last meeting	Nett	VAT	Total
Mrs C Adams September Salary			576.67
HMRC Tax			163.75
Grant Thornton Audit Fees	200.00	40.00	240.00
Mark Edwards Gravelling RMPF Roadway	1,450.00	290.00	1,740.00
Mr D Patience Salary			169.17
Eon Street Lighting	472.38	94.48	566.86
Glendale Grasscutting	357.00	71.40	428.40
Cory Environmental Dog bins	260.00	52.00	312.00
Anglian Water Allotment Tap			91.89
Lamin & White Admin Fees	30.00	6.00	36.00
Ryhall Methodist Church Precept			1,500
H M Revenue Tax			163.75
Mrs C Adams Expenses June - October			128.55
Summit Repair to photocopier	178.76	35.76	214.52
Mrs C Adams October salary			576.67

Payments to be made at meeting:	Nett	VAT
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall		15.00
<b>Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting</b>		
G D Services Removal of soil pile		280.00
Mr D Toone Burial Administrator		760.00
Shaw & Sons Receipt Book		23.82

### **Payments from Burial Account - None**

### **Income received into Burial Account**

C & W Brader	446.00
JA Fenn	58.00
KR Brader	223.00
P H DeHavilland	138.00

**Agree Internal Audit of accounts for accounts 2014/15**

## **16 PLANNING**

### **Full Planning Permission granted**

Mr J Flint, The Farmhouse, Main Street, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs PE9 4JQ

Retention of existing barn as built - originally approved under 2013/0019/NT

Mr K Corby, 25 Castle Rise, Belmesthorpe, Stamford Lincs PE9 4JL

Conversion of existing garage to bedroom and ensuite bathroom. Construction of new garage and conservatory.

Mr B Duff, Willows, Waterside, RYhall PE9 4EY

Demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage with study over.

### **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

### **Withdrawal of planning application - None**

#### **Planning applications under consideration**

Erection of canopy at the back of Ryhall Childcare Centre

Ryhall Church of England Primary School, Church Street, Ryhall 2014/0758/FUL

Retention of an open wooden rail fence prior to the sale of Bridge House together with an area of land. The fence dividing the remaining land being retained by the owner

Bridge House, Mill Street, Ryhall Stamford Rutland PE9 4HF 2014/0919/FUL

SKDC Application by Burghley Preservation Trust Section 73 application to vary conditions relating to application S13/1824. Land to the west of Ryhall Road, Stamford

Proposed extension to side, pitched roof over garage and front in place of existing flat roof.

6 Lea View, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HZ

## **17. Other Business**

Village organisations and events. It was observed that better coordination of events held in the villages might be desirable so as not to overlap with various fundraisers.

Maintenance of benches and fences. Agreed that it would be beneficial to maintain annually. Clerk to seek quotes to be agreed at the next meeting.

Hedgecutting, on allotments and elsewhere; Clerk to action. Trees in old cemetery now trimmed.

County Councillor Chris Parson, now standing as an Independent candidate for the forthcoming elections

## **18. NEXT MEETING- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church Schoolrooms.**

This will be the precept setting meeting where precept grant requests will be considered. Any applications to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.