



## RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

As part of its Four Year Plan for 2020-24, Ryhall Parish Council is considering certain initiatives to improve / upgrade facilities within the parish. We would like to know what level of support there is for these initiatives, and also whether residents would be agreeable to an increase in the parish precept next April to provide funding for them, in part or in whole, given that reductions in budgets make it unlikely that Rutland County Council (RCC) will be able to foot the bills.

**Please complete the following survey, ticking ONE answer ONLY for each of the questions.**

For analysis purposes only: which village are you a resident of?

Ryhall residents: 107

Belmesthorpe residents: 27

### WHITE BRIDGE, RYHALL (Foundry Road)

The white bridge between Foundry Road and Ryhall village centre is looking tired. A jet wash and repaint are required. RCC has stated it has no funds for this work.

#### Question 1: How important is this project?

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know
Ryhall	26	57	19	4	0
Belmesthorpe	4	15	3	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Question 2: How content are you for the cost to be added to the Parish Precept?

*Indicative cost: £500, equiv. to approx. 80p (1.5p/week) per average Band D property*

	Very content	Quite content	Not very content	Not at all content	Don't Know
Ryhall	35	36	14	16	5
Belmesthorpe	6	9	5	6	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>

### Any comments?

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
No comment offered	81	18	99

### In Favour:

Important asset/must be cared for	6	2	8
Low cost/saves repairs later	2	0	2

### Against:

Financial	9	6	15
Use volunteers	10	1	11
Appearance not important	0	1	1
Needs repair first	1	0	1
Others	0	2	2

### NEW VILLAGE GATEWAYS (Belmesthorpe)

White gateways at the entrances to Belmesthorpe village, similar to the ones into Ryhall on Belmesthorpe Lane and those used by other villages in the area, would add visual appeal and have a traffic calming effect. RCC is unable to fund the project, as recently monitored traffic speeds do not quite reach the level required for their intervention. However, residents are concerned about the speed of some passing vehicles and the village is without footpaths in many places. The village has funds which can be put towards the cost, but the greater part would have to be met by the Parish Council. It is envisaged that gateways would be installed at just two of the entrance points as a first step.

### Question 3: Would you be in favour of this project?

	In favour	Against	No preference	Don't know
Ryhall	25	39	38	3
Belmesthorpe	19	4	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>

### Question 4: How important is this project?

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know
Ryhall	10	16	41	35	4
Belmesthorpe	5	12	5	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4</b>

**Question 5: How content are you for the cost (partial) to be added to the Parish Precept?***Indicative cost: £2300, equiv. to approx. £3.70 (7p/week) per average Band D property*

	Very content	Quite content	Not very content	Not at all content	Don't Know
Ryhall	9	19	21	51	5
Belmesthorpe	9	8	2	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>6</b>

**Any comments?**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
No comment offered	76	17	<b>93</b>

**In Favour:**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
Safer for walkers	3	9	<b>12</b>
Aesthetics/appearance	0	1	<b>1</b>

**In Favour but with provisos:**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
Only if east and west entry points	1	0	<b>1</b>

**Against:**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
Ineffective deterrent to speeding	11	3	<b>14</b>
Financial	7	5	<b>12</b>
No need/ pointless	8	0	<b>8</b>
Aesthetic/unattractive	6	0	<b>6</b>
Better ways to prevent speeding	5	0	<b>5</b>
No speeding/case to be proved	3	0	<b>3</b>
Others	1	0	<b>1</b>

**NEW FOOTPATH (Belmesthorpe Lane)**

A new footpath along Belmesthorpe Lane from the new cemetery to the northern entrance of Belmesthorpe (eastern side) would create a safer walkway between the two villages. Ryhall Parish Council has made an application to RCC, but its consent will be dependent on funding, which cannot be guaranteed, and also a feasibility study.

Question 6: **Would you be in favour of this project?**

	In favour	Against	No preference	Don't know
Ryhall	70	19	17	1
Belmesthorpe	18	5	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>

Question 7: **How important is this project?**

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know
Ryhall	33	34	25	13	2
Belmesthorpe	11	9	2	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

Question 8: **How content would you be for the Parish to make a financial contribution towards the cost of the project?**

	Very content	Quite content	Not very content	Not at all content	Don't Know
Ryhall	26	39	16	22	3
Belmesthorpe	7	7	3	7	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>

Question 9: **How much would you be content for the Parish to contribute?**

Tick **ONE** answer only

Figures in brackets are indicative equivalent costs per average Band D property

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total	Cumul.
Nothing	32	7	<b>39</b>	
Up to £5000 (£8.00)	26	6	<b>32</b>	80
Up to £10,000 (£16.00)	17	4	<b>21</b>	48
Up to £15,000 (£24.00)	10	1	<b>11</b>	27
Up to £20,000 (£32.00)	4	3	<b>7</b>	16
Up to £25,000 (£40.00)	8	1	<b>9</b>	9

## Any comments?

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
No comment offered	69	12	81
<b>In Favour:</b>			
Safer for walkers	5	2	7
Narrower road	2	0	2
Increased traffic	0	1	1
<b>In Favour but with provisos:</b>			
RCC should pay	5	1	6
Others	4	1	5
<b>Against:</b>			
No need/ path already exists	15	4	19
Detrimental to environment/wildlife	8	4	12
Other priorities/non urgent	7	5	12
Practical problems, eg verge loss	4	2	6
More dangerous	2	1	3
Others	4	1	5

## RYHALL LIBRARY

The library is looking very shabby and redecoration of the paintwork and varnish on its exterior are urgently required in order to prevent the need for repair work. RCC has stated it has no funds for this work in the current financial year, and may say the same next year. It is possible this may affect the future of this popular facility.

### Question 10: How important is this project?

	Very important	Quite important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know
Ryhall	37	50	12	4	3
Belmesthorpe	7	16	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

**Question 11: How content are you for the cost to be added to the Parish Precept?**

*Indicative cost: £1200, equiv. to approx. £2.00 (4 p/week) per average Band D property*

	Very content	Quite content	Not very content	Not at all content	Don't Know
Ryhall	32	43	12	14	3
Belmesthorpe	6	12	6	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>

**Any comments?**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
No comment offered	66	14	<b>80</b>

**In Favour:**

Important asset/needs maintenance	12	8	20
Prevent repairs later	4	0	4
Inexpensive	0	1	<b>1</b>

**In Favour but with provisos:**

Single precept only	1	0	1
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**Against:**

Use volunteers	12	1	<b>13</b>
Financial	6	4	<b>10</b>
Unimportant	4	0	<b>4</b>
Others	4	2	<b>6</b>

**Please add any further comments you would like the Parish Council to consider.**

	Ryhall	Belmesthorpe	Total
Number who made comment(s):	49	12	61
Number who did not make comment(s):	58	15	73

**Financial:**

Rates already high enough/little return	5	1	6
Bad timing/ Coronavirus/ tax rises	5	0	5
RCC should pay more	3	2	5
Use volunteers	3	1	4
Inconsistencies/wrong priorities	3	0	3
Ensure precepts rise one year only	3	0	3
Costings appear modest	0	1	1
Developments should be funded by CIL	0	1	1
Stop wasting money	1	0	1
<b>Total Financial:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>

**Road Safety:**

Traffic calming on A6121	4	0	4
Parking issues at library/school corner	3	0	3
Belmesthorpe speeding issues/ no pavements	0	3	3
Traffic calming on Rutland Way	3	0	3
Parking issues in Square/Bridge Street	3	0	3
RMPF gravel for parking/footpath	2	0	2
Footpaths: Ryhall bridge/stone bridge	2	0	2
Lighting: stone bridge (floods)/along river	2	0	2
Hedges intruding over footpaths	1	0	1
Traffic calming in village centre	1	0	1
Traffic calming in Mill Street (off A6121)	1	0	1
Duck signs for Foundry Road	1	0	1
Balk Road dangerous	1	0	1
Cycle path needs attention in places	1	0	1
Infilling of eroded verges encourages speeding	0	1	1
<b>Total Road Safety:</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>

**Aesthetics/Appearance:**

Rubbish on verges (extra bin on A6121)	1	0	1
Cut grass left on pavements	1	0	1
Garages in Spinney Lane dilapidated	1	0	1
Important/affects house prices	0	1	1
Need to protect natural spaces	1	0	1
Erosion of fingerpost triangle in Belmesthorpe	0	1	1
Disgrace/neglected	1	0	1
<b>Total Aesthetics/Appearance:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>

**Miscellaneous:**

Thanks to Parish Council for hard work	3	1	4
Late delivery of survey form	2	0	2
Belmesthorpe white bridge/ top priority	0	1	1
Lack of police presence	1	0	1
Larger Ryhall Parish postbox/not secure	1	0	1
Buy old butcher's shop	1	0	1
Ryhall bridge: jet-washing will damage/ineffective	1	0	1
Lots of other things to be done	1	0	1
Others/general	3	0	3
<b>Total Miscellaneous:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>

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