

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 15th February 2021 AT 7.00 pm
Due to Covid 19 this meeting was conducted by Zoom

PRESENT, Mr D Amies (DA) - Chairman , Mr J Gresty (JG) Mrs E Sismore (ES)
Mr D Wilby (DW) Mr A Gombault (AG) Mr A Nebel (AN) Mrs S Markwell-Cook (SMC)
Mrs S Smith (SS) Mrs D Rolfe (DR) Mr N Bellairs (NB)
County Councillor R Coleman was also in attendance

01/21 APOLOGIES - DW had stated he would be joining late due to clash of meetings

02/21 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

03/21 PUBLIC TIME - No members of the public joined the meeting via audio link to participate in public time.

04/20 MINUTES. Subject to an amendment (below) it was proposed by NB , seconded by DR and agreed that the draft of the Minutes of the Meeting held virtually on Monday 18th January 2020 were correct. The amendment was Item 08/21 New Footpath Belmesthopre Lane - *JG suggested a working party to monitor speeds to create data.* This working party was suggested for the project to create safer pedestrian access along the lane not a speed survey . This amendment was noted and the Minutes duly approved. They were signed on the zoom screen by DA

05/21 Matters Arising

Update on the street light relocation on Foundry Road
Further to an email of 29/01/21 there has been no further correspondence with RCC regarding the replacement of this light. RCC state that from a highways perspective, this light is none essential. They have no agreement with the property owner to reinstate the light on the barn wal. If the PC consider they would like a new light opposite on the grass verge, RCC will need to employ an engineer to draw this up which will be at the cost to the parish council. The possibility of installing the light on the current telegraph pole could be further investigated. Cllr Coleman will investigate the legalities of highways street lighting requirements.

AGENDA ITEMS

06/21 COVID SITUATION -

Cllr Coleman gave an overview of the current Covid statistics in the County, including the recent increase in cases in the HMP Stocken which had caused Rutland's figures to spike. Overall locally the cases are low. AG highlighted an App which gives the figures for Ketton, Ryhall and Luffenham.

Cllr Coleman also reported on other Rutland county issues including the HIF funding for St Georges Barracks and council tax proposed figures based on funding Rutland's Adult Social Care.

07/21 PARISH SURVEY

Library refurbishment. At the January meeting, it was agreed to proceed with this project subject to agreement with RCC. AG will contact the relevant Rutland County Council (RCC) officer to seek their approval to commence and if any funding contribution may be forthcoming.

Following this decision, the clerk will obtain further quotes.

White Bridge - clean and repaint project. It was agreed to inform RCC of the intention to progress as agreed at the January meeting. It was further agreed to obtain quotes from competent, suitably qualified and insured contractors in line with the RCC specifications. Clerk to seek the assistance of a Councillor to formulate the exact specification for the quotations .Clerk to contact the resident who had offered a donation.

08/21 HIGHWAYS

Speed Survey - related to the Safer Pedestrian Access along Belmesthorpe Lane .

DR suggested a traffic survey should be undertaken along Belmesthorpe Lane to ascertain the levels of traffic and the footfall in the summer months . SS and SMC offered to join the working party led by DR and AG .AG stated that expert professional advice would then be needed on both the Safer Pedestrian Access project and any speed slowing initiative in Belmesthorpe to ascertain what could be achieved . He suggested a traffic survey conducted within the village some years ago could be revisited for more accurate data. Cllr Coleman stated that the 2019 data from the black box speed review could be requested and if necessary seek another black box survey .Finally, the Community Speedwatch campaign could be reinstated to gain the data on traffic flow and actual speeds of vehicles, not just in Belmesthorpe Lane or Belmesthrpe Village but also in other targeted areas around the parish. Ryhall and Essendine were originally selected by RCC for a joint speed watch scheme for May 2020 (agenda item 11/20 March 9th 2020) which was postponed due to Covid 19. Both parishes await confirmation as to when this can be reconvened at some point this year.Further steps could be to launch a survey through Survey Monkey

Action: DR and AG to lead on the joint initiative of the Safer Pedestrian Access project and speeding overview of both Ryhall and Belmesthorpe.

A6121 resurface, roundabouts, gate installations

The quality of the tarmac work undertaken to date was questioned. The work was undertaken in extreme cold temperatures and the standard of the finish was discussed. The parish council agreed to submit the comments raised about the quality of the tarmac and seek clarity as to why a dropped kerb was installed at the egg hut. Further comment to be submitted to ask if RCC intend to in-fill the gap between the new road surfaces and the grass verges around the village. There are some substantial gaps on the road from Belmesthorpe towards and over the white bridge to the A6121. Concern that if these gaps are not filled in, then traffic will very quickly break down the edges of the new surfacing, causing expensive restoration work.

DW joined the meeting at this juncture

Drains and flooding issues

Three areas of flooding and potentially blocked drains have been identified and reported to RCC. Foundry Road, near Manor Close ; both entrances on the East and West of Belmesthorpe. Noted a large pothole now appeared at the East approach. Clerk to add this to the pothole report.

Signage

Request from a resident for a sign to alert drivers to the village ducks on Foundry Road.NB noted the resolution some years ago to support the reduction of highways signage , however that was for larger prominent signs. It was agreed to seek the costs of a sign for a decision at the next meeting.

AG will also update the parish council at the April meeting on all the additional parishioners' comments from the Parish Survey in November.

09/21 CEMETERY

Cemetery extension - AN had produced and circulated a comprehensive draft of an on-line survey for consideration by the Council. Subject to some amendments it was approved in principle.

Note that the original figure of 5 plots remaining in the current cemetery - (agenda item 08/20 November 23rd 2020) - has been revised to 16 plots remaining which reduces the urgency for immediate action .

However, whilst fully endorsing the principle of the survey, two councillors queried the timing of launching of it now given the winter Covid 19 situation and sensitivity of questions about burial . With regard to the process of consulting the parish, it was noted that the parcel of land was purchased as a contingency in 2012 and ringfenced.

This consultation would be to inform residents who were not aware of the history and update on the current status of the cemetery. It would also be to ascertain if villagers now wished to support the formation of an extension of a burial ground which would need to be funded initially with a sum allocated in the budget and going forward possibly through a loan .

Councillors agreed that given the current sensitive Covid 19 situation, and the current stock of available plots, it would be best to defer the launch of the survey until later.

Note the current Burial statistics compiled by D Toone 10 February 2021

7 original areas each with 32 plots 224 plots

Minus 16 unconsecrated plots 208 plots

Minus 32 now in the Garden of Remembrance (Cremated area) 176 plots

Minus 100 occupied 76 plots

Minus 60 plots with Exclusive Rights of Purchase

16 plots remaining which will not be granted status of Exclusive Rights but will remain for immediate use in next three years

Repairs to the new cemetery front fence - next agenda

Black bin charges - Note RCC increase rate to £12 for 20/21 - and period of charging from 6th April 2020 to 29th March 2021 .Therefore the invoice is for £312 plus VAT (£62.40)

Note the War Graves Commission Plaque now installed at entrance to Old Cemetery
Permission & location agreed 9/3/20

10/21 FINANCE

Internal Audit.It was proposed by ES, seconded by DR and agreed to approve the appointment of internal auditor for year end 31/3/21- Hills Accountants

Financial Risk Management Review- Circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by DW, seconded by DA and agreed to endorse .This will be available on the website under the Finance Section.

Parish Council Computer

The Clerk has purchased a new desktop computer with her own funds. It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to fund the professional in house transfer of all Parish Council data- 58.33 plus VAT = 70.00

Any site visit for additional work (which may not be necessary and would be subject to Covid restrictions) would be a further cost of 65.83 plus VAT = 79.00

Income received into current account – Wayleave	5.75
Income received into Burial account since last meeting	None

Balances as at 31st January 2021 as per bank statements

Community current Account 1 (Includes ring fenced CIL money £1,790 & Extra VAT refund 6,660)	33,586.43
High Interest	14,139.15
Burial Current	2,368.29
Community Account 2 for Under Five project	4,978.53

Payments made since last meeting from Burial account

Anglian Water tap	13.36
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Payments agreed at the last meeting 18/01/21

	Nett	VAT	Total
29.01.21 Barker Signs	48.00	9.60	57.60
29.01.21 Biffa Dog waste bin (Oct – Dec)	325.00	65.00	390.00
29.01.21 RCC Lighting Recharge			109.47
29.01.21 RCC Lighting Recharge			1,448.64
29.01.21 Mrs C Adams Jan salary			862.03
29.01.21 H M Revenue Tax for Jan			247.24
29.01.21 BJ Print leaflets			58.00
29.01.21 J Gresty - Land Registry search amendment (note not £9)			6.00

Payments in current payment cycle to agree

Rutweb for website accessibility			300.00
C Adams Expenses (November to 3 rd Feb 2021)			157.95
Royal British Legion – 10 lamp post poppies (agreed 18 th November 2019 for summer delivery)			30.00
Bytham Trees RMPF boundary trees	500	100	600.00
LRALC Delegate fees x 3			120.00

From Burial Account

RCC Black Bin collection fee	312.00	62.40	374.40
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The payment of the accounts detailed above was proposed by DR, seconded by NB and agreed

AN joined the meeting at this juncture

11/21 ALLOTMENTS

Hedge cutting - St Tibba - NB to undertake a site visit to ascertain the need for cutting both sides of the hedge this year. A zoom meeting with the new committee needs to be arranged.

Quote for works to the cherry tree on site - next agenda

Note that the planning permission sought for the felling of two trees on the allotment boundary was still pending.

12/21 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS

JG reported that the RMPF Association will reconvene with a meeting by zoom on 23rd February and will report back to the Parish Council
Quarterly Inspections will be discussed at this meeting

13/21 LAND REGISTRY

DA will check the current deeds of ownership of parish land to ensure all relevant land is registered .There will be fees to register and this will be a future agenda item.

14/21 OTHER MEETINGS -_Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives.

Parish Forum 8th Feb - SS reported on the recent Forum. Dr Sarah Furness - The Lord Lieutenant of Rutland was the guest speaker on the launch of the new website and leaflet of *Dying Matters in Rutland*

This was very informative & presented sensitively and she highlighted the very helpful leaflet. SS suggested displaying the poster and obtaining more leaflets

Planning issues were also raised discussing Neighbourhood Plans and the planning system.

Full Forum Minutes will be circulated to the Parish Council in due course.

LRALC Councillor Training

Three Councillors attended a zoom course which was deemed extremely useful covering a variety of topics. Some less positive comments were noted on the structure of the meeting and the non anonymous feedback form. The *Local Council Explained* Councillor handbook was highlighted as a valuable resource. Council may consider purchasing a few more.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

RCC weekly roundup Communication

20.01.21 Draft Minutes

22.01.21 Missed bin collections

27.01.21 LRALC training

27.01.21 LLR CCG online AGM

27.01.21 RCC Views on Rutland Draft Budget

27.01.21 Resident phone call report of tractors and long wheel based trailers crossing the White Bridge

Belmesthorpe and request for some signage' take care over bridge ' – it was agreed to seek the opinion of RCC Highways

29.01.21 Foundry Road light update

29.01.21 LRALC Roundrobin - note S137 increase, membership fee increase by £10, new training sessions

29.01.21 A6121 Carriageway re-surface

01.02.21 Webcare report

03.02.21 Consultation on draft Design Guidelines for Rutland and South Kesteven

(Planning Committee to compile a response by 12 March)

04.02.21 LRALC Thursday round robin – free elm trees

05.02.21 Rutland North Beat

05.02.21 RCC Notification of submission of Rutland Local Plan for examination

08.02.21 Rutland & Stamford Sound Community Radio – zoom invitation to update on progress

Invitation to Cllr Walters to attend a meeting to discuss primary and secondary healthcare in Rutland and Stamford was agreed last meeting.

16 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission- None

Listed Building Consent granted - None

Outline Planning Permission & Retrospective Applications - None

Refusal of Planning Permission & Listed Building Consent - None

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed Use or Development - None

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Development within the curtilage of a dwelling house) or (Agricultural and Forestry Development) - None

Planning applications observations:

App Ref: 2021/0025 /FUL

Address: 2 Meadow Lane, Ryhall PE9 4EP

Proposal : Side extension to form utility and study and first floor side and rear extensions to form bedroom 1, 4, 5

Application for Tree works : works to trees subject to a TPO and / or Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

App Ref : 2021/0058/CAT

Address: Holyhock Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR

Proposal: 1 No cedar tree- Fell 1 No semi mature ash tree - fell 2 No small holly trees

17/21 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA Willow Tree outside the school - quotes for work to be undertaken in 2021

18/21 NEXT MEETINGS -

The Parish Council next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 22nd March 2021 at 7.00pm . This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting

This will also be a virtual meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions