MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
16th MARCH 2016 AT THE METHODIST SCHOOLROOMS, MILL STREET , RYHALL

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

01/16 APOLOGIES –None

02/16 DECLARATIONS OF UNREGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS FROM MEMBERS ON MATTERS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A REGISTERED DISCLOSABLE PERCUNIARY INTEREST
There were no DPI 's or requests for dispensations received from members.

03/16 PCSO ELEANOR ALLAM – gave a short overview of the latest police statistics including the crime reports comparisons. Last year there were 19 recordable crimes compared to 12 this year. The problem solving panels are working on burglary from dwellings and 'church watch '. The Police are hosting a 'Property Marking Event' on Saturday 19th March at 11.30 till 1.30 at the Village Hall, Ryhall

04/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes –It was proposed by RR, seconded by SS and agreed that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th January 2016 were correct, and be approved and signed. CP abstained.

05/16 PUBLIC TIME – No comments. Six members of the public in attendance

06/16 Tribute to Mr Ken Popple - former Parish Councillor and Chairman of Ryhall Parish Council
Mr Popple was elected onto the parish council in May 1979 and became chair in 1988 he served in that post until retiring in May 1991. He was also the parish Burial Administrator for many years. Mr Popple, who as Church Warden championed much work for St John's Church, was a popular and respected member of the community. The Chairman paid tribute to all the hours and work Mr Popple had committed to the community over the years.

07/16 GUEST SPEAKER - Cllr David Taylor – representing Stamford First the Stamford Neighbourhood Planning Forum. They are an apolitical community group of 12 members working under the auspices of Stamford Town Council to take responsibility for the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) for the community of Stamford. NHP help towns and parish councils to prepare a plan for their area in close consultation with residents, business and other local organisations. Once adopted NHP's give communities a bigger voice over the type, location, size, pace and design of future development. Decisions are made by South Kesteven District Council, however the Stamford NHP will be a statutory planning document to help shape and influence SKDC.
Cllr Taylor read out the group's 'Vision' and explained their objectives. In Stamford the area covers four wards and SKDC have commissioned a capacity study to ascertain where and how much development could take place including directions for growth. Cllr Taylor pointed out that resisting growth and development is not an option but having a NHP can determined the shape and extent of the growth. In the study this indicated development to the north of Stamford and therefore into the parish of Ryhall and county of Rutland. Stamford First wish to engage with the Parish Council with regard to working together on the potential build on the boundary of Stamford by Borderville . SKDC is working with Rutland County Council regarding the boundary overlap. Questions from the Parish Council included (1) if our parish were to absorb some of the housing allocation for Lincolnshire into Rutland would that impact on our Rutland allocation (2) would housing be limited to the actual boundary or infill deeper nearer to or on the edge of Ryhall (3) how would development on the northern boundary impact on schooling and infrastructure as the route south to Peterborough would be via the town. Noted that there was no such direction for grown on the south side of Stamford
Housing numbers are not yet determined though it is likely to be in the region of 12,000, with the bulk designated to Grantham
It was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss the implications of this initial information exchange in greater depth and to decide if Ryhall should instigate their own NHP dependant on the essential support of the community. The Stamford First Consultation period is March – June 2016 .

08/16 MATTERS ARISING

Old Butcher shop – fly tipping and debris – noted that there has been a slight improvement but agreed to continue to follow up especially as it is in the centre of a conservation area.

Highway Issues including drainage on A6121 - RCC have now carried out a trial hole near the Little Casterton roundabout/ junction and found that the pipe terminates underneath the kerb line. RCC are looking to see if they can divert the existing pipe run and discharge into the ditch beyond the grass verge and footway.

AGENDA ITEMS

9/16 Property Marking Event – Saturday 19th March 2016 at 11.30 at the Village Hall. It was proposed by ES, seconded by NB and agreed to fund the hire of the village hall in support of this event @ £13.00

10/16 Spinney Close Parking - Councillors had been issued with an explanatory detailed note of the meeting with residents held on 2nd February 2016. Mr Neil Tomlinson (NT) from Rutland County Council had attended this meeting. Explanations to the main questions that had arisen at the meeting included *the specific request for individual parking bays for the 10 houses on Spinney Close*- NT highlighted the fact that anyone can park on a public highway *; the request for a Resident permit scheme***-** This policy only applies in towns where there is pressure on resident parking from external drivers; *Hatched area for access to drain/ fire hydrant***-** NT stated that hatching is only used on junctions to prevent congestion and to recommend hatching would require a traffic regulation order which would not be applicable in this instance : *Dropped kerb white line opposite No 1 Spinney Close***:** NT explained that a white ' H 'line was only to prevent people parking over the dropped kerb area. *Request for a cul-de-sac sign* **-** The parish council had been willing to endorse this, however after discussion NT said that there was very little traffic in Spinney Close and the name Close indicated that it was not a through fare. A new sign would cost approximately £150. It was agreed at the Parish Council meeting not to recommend proceeding with any signage.

The overview of the situation at the meeting indicated that generally parking spaces were adequate for residents, and access to gardens/ garages was acceptable for the Coppice Road homes that back on to Spinney Close. There is a limit to proposals the Parish Council could effectively recommend to RCC.
The Parish Council felt that relying on the goodwill of residents to park and gain access to their properties in a neighbourly way was the ideal solution. The parish council made the recommendation to maintain the status quo and not make any formal request to Cabinet (due 19/4/16)

10.2 Spinney Close footpath to Coppice Road – The Clerk has requested an upgrade to this footpath and this had been added to the Spire Close list of maintenance.

11/16 Ryhall Library - Rutland County Council have asked the Parish Council to consider amending the hours to that the library is open until 6pm on Mondays and Thursday instead of having just one late night until 7pm. They gave the visitor numbers taken between 6 -7 pm on Thursdays. (28th January 6 visitors; 4th and 11 February 1 visitor; 18th and 25th February none at all in the last hour.) It was proposed by AG, seconded by CP and agreed that with spring approaching and lighter nights encouraging visitors it would be worthwhile to continue monitoring visitor numbers until the end of June then review at the July Parish Council meeting.

12/16 Allotment Fencing -The Parish Council discussed the type of fencing the Allotment Committee have chosen for the northern boundary to secure the area. It was agreed that any fencing would be on the allotment side of the mature line of trees and hedge and therefore less visible from the roadway. The fence selected is made from galvanised steel and therefore sustainable and will not require yearly maintenance. The Parish Council sought reassurance that the fence would be sympathetic to the area and screened. Members of the Committee present at the meeting assured that if any adverse comment were received from neighbours they would address it. If the colour is not acceptable the Committee agreed to paint it to blend in with the natural environment and screen with vegetation if necessary.
A preliminary guidance request has been submitted to RCC to ascertain if the Parish Council as land owners would need to submit a planning application. Subject to any planning permission being required or any guidance from Rutland County Council, it was proposed by PH, seconded by PKH and agreed to allow the Committee to proceed with this type of fencing. The Parish Council suggested that neighbours be informed of the intention to erect the fence.

13/16 Website - The new parish council website is operational and has been visited regularly. The Clerk thanked Simon Houghton of Rutland web for establishing the website. Visit www.ryhallparishcouncil.co.uk to view all the different sections including the latest information from the parish council. Details on the parish councillors, archived Minutes, planning applications and a gallery of photographs of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe are some of the features.

14/16 Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
14.1- Drainage and tree roots – It was proposed by CP, seconded by NB and agreed unanimously to reimburse Ryhall Academy for essential works to drains adjoining parish council/ RMPF land @ £350.00.
14.2- The failed cherry trees will be replaced by new apple trees and will be monitored by the Ryhall Academy Eco Warriors.

15/16 Christmas Tree Lights –This item deferred to the next meeting. Clerk to gather quotes for new lights and assess the feasibility of the project. A tree surgeon has assessed the tree and determined that it does not require crowning as it is still young.

16/16 Purchase of new bin - Rutland County Council no longer provide waste paper bins to parishes. It was proposed by ES, seconded by SS and agreed to proceed with the purchase, delivery and installation of a new bin for the top of Essendine Hill, at a cost of £ £157.99. RCC would add the bin to the refuse schedule.

17/16 Cemetery Update – Refuse and green waste collections by Cory Environmental. Clerk has confirmed the continuation of the scheme as last year.

18/16 OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. Parish Forum Meeting - 28th January 2016. Noted from AG circulated
Better Care Fund. AG highlighted an initiative that was promoted at the Forum about informing residents/ carers of services and products available and identify those in the community who might benefit most from these services (trackers/ alarms/ pill storage/ home security/ fall prevention etc) Spire Homes are willing to offer a display and demonstration to local communities. It was agreed that AG would progress this initiative with a view to a static display in the village hall or Open House @ the Library.
Highway Inspections: Rutland County Council undertake highway inspections ,Ryhall and Belmesthorpe area is scheduled for May 2016. Parish Representatives are invited to accompany the inspecting officer.

19/16 CORRESPONDENCE - Circulated: by email
12.01.16 Draft Minutes
14.01.16 Spinney Close parking letter draft
14.01.16 RCC Budget Consultation
14.01.16 Allotment Fencing
18.01.16 LEADER Launch 8th Feb
25.01.16 Village News item
03.02.16 Rural Watch Scheme
04.02.16 North Beat Report
04.02.16 Invitation to Police OPCC two events held on 22 & 29 Feb
04.02.16 VAR February Newsletter
07.03.16 Library Update from RCC and user numbers relating to our decision on opening times.
08.02.16 LRALC Feb Newsletter
08.02.16 Spinney Close Note of Meeting held on 2nd February
09.02.16 Parish Forum Notes from AG
15.2.16 Uppingham Grows Project
15.02.16 Info on the Property Marking event
03.03.16 Rural Community Council – Achievement Awards
03.03.16 RCC Adult Social Care Event
03.03.16 Grantfinder – Woodland Trust
07.03.16 Parish Forum link from RCC
07.0.16 From SKDC Stamford Town Council proposal to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan
Other Correspondence
Rutland Travel Survey to all residents
Burnt Oak Developments – landscaping and fencing contractor
Spire Homes – introduction to Andy Wright – Housing Services Team Manager at Spire Homes
From Tower Mint – Commemorative medal for the Queen's 90th Birthday (passed to RMPF Committee)
From RCC Re Integrated Transport Capital Programme – Full details of the scheme were included in the envelope. Additional note - RCC welcome contributions towards any scheme that they may be proposing.
Introduction of Rutland County Council's new safeguarding campaign 2016

To Note

Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Association Membership renewal - £30.00
Rural Community Council – Subscription for annual Membership - £50.00
It was proposed by CP, seconded by DW and agreed to renew membership of the above two Associations
From RCC -review of Medium Term Financial Plan for 2016/17 – (1) end of reimbursement of cemetery deficits (2) Street lighting review. It was agreed to seek further information about the proposed street lighting changes following the final recommendations by Cabinet at RCC which were on 22 February.

20. FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account -14.01.16	Wayleave		5.75
Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams Salary January		610.75	
HM Revenue & Customs			127.67
Lamin & White Admin Fee	30.00	6.00	36.00
Eon Energy Street Lighting	696.87	139.37	836.24
Mr A Gombault costs for Library project			100.99
Copy Environment Dog bin emptying	260.00	52.00	312.00
Mr D Patience (second cheque re-issued)			169.17
Eon Street Light repair	23.47	4.69	28.16
Mrs C Adams February salary			610.75
HM Revenue & Customs			127.87
Rutland Web Design			353.34
Eon Energy Quarterly maintenance	281.34	56.27	337.61
Mrs C Adams Expenses Nov – March 2016 (including £30 for voucher / Xmas Lights)			93.48
Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall			15.00
Ryhall Academy for drainage works			350.00
Hire of Village Hall for Property Marking event			13.00
Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting			
Anglian Water			17.13
DB Jones Plumber for tap repair			96.74

Payments to make from the Burial Account - None

Income received into Burial Account	
From Mr J Flint for Grazing Licence	10.00

Payment of the expenditure as details above, was proposed by CP, seconded by ES and agreed.

External Audit – It was proposed by PH, seconded by SS and agreed Ryhall Parish Council confirm that the council will remain opted-in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit

Accounts as at 16 MARCH 2016

Current Account	4,675.04
High Interest	24,016.17
BPA	157.17
Burial Current	123.49
BPA	43p
High Interest Burial	425.84

20 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

Erection of stone piers and entrance gates , Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR

Listed Building Consent-

Erection of stone piers and entrance gates. Ryhall Hall, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR

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)- Prior Notification for the erection of steel portal framed agricultural building for storage of animal feed. Green Lane Farm, Newstead Road, Belmesthorpe, Rutland. RCC give notice that the proposed works will not require the formal submission of details for approval and the development can proceed as notified.

Appeals & Refusal of Conservation area consent- None

Refusal of Full Planning Permission- & Refusal of Non Material Amendment - None

Withdrawal of planning applications – None

Planning applications observations:

Retrospective application to retain the use of the car wash facility; Rutland Hand Car Wash, Essendine Road, Ryhall

Extension and alternation to existing cottage with new detached garage proposed. Hollyhock Cottage, Church Street, Ryhall

1 No Willow Tree- re-pollard. 1 No Ash Tree- crown lift up to 5 metres and shorted low long limb over grass verge by 4 metres to a suitable growth point to clear driveway. 4 Waterside, Ryhall, Stamford Rutland PE9 4EY

21. Items for future meeting agendas – Ryhall Neighbourhood Plan/ Digital Broadband Upgrade

22. Open Forum – Noted increase in dog fouling in Waterside, Bridge Street and areas of Belmesthorpe. Clerk to add an appeal to dog owners in the village news and website.

23. NEXT MEETING Monday 16th May 2016

It was proposed by CP, seconded by DR and agreed to change the venue of the Parish Council meetings to the Village Hall. NB and PH abstained. It was hoped that the central location, with disabled access, might encourage residents to attend. The Parish Council agreed to trial this venue for the next three meetings. The Methodist Church custodians were thanked for their hospitality over the years.

Future dates for Parish Council meetings are Monday 11th July 2016 and Monday 5th September 2016