RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on
Wednesday 11th.March 2015
In the Methodist Church Schoolrooms, Ryhall.

PRESENT

Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH)	Mrs E Sismore (ES)	Mr R Rushby (RR)
Mr D Wilby (DW)	Mr A Gombault (AG)	Mr S Fenn (SF)
Mrs S Smith (SS)	Mr N Bellairs (NB)	Mr. C Parsons (CP)
Mr. J Whowell (JW)	Mr D Patience, Acting Clerk (DP)	

Four members of the public in attendance

1. APOLOGIES

Mrs. C Adams (Clerk)

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
CP – Playing Fields
AG - Belmesthorpe NHW
SF – Allotments
RR – Neighbourhood Watch
DW – 4 year plan, Playing Fields
NB – Playing Fields, Parkfield Road, Village Hall
JW – Energy Action Rutland, CAMRA
SS – Parkfield Road

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by CP, seconded by ES and agreed, with SF abstaining, that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th. January 2015 were a true record.

4. PUBLIC TIME

Deferred to end of meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Vicarage Lane: No further progress to report.
Cyclepath: This has now been completed, although there is some making good still to be done.
Bike Rack Installation: Almost complete – metalwork has been put in place.
Jubilee Plaque: Reinstated, thanks to SF.

6. NETWORK RAIL

Following the presentation at the APM on behalf of Network Rail by Adrian Hames, the council discussed the specific proposals for the Greatford crossing. JW expressed strong reservations

regarding the potential impact on local agriculture, economy and tourism. SS suggested that emergency access and recreation (cycling, walking, horse riding, etc.) would also suffer. JW proposed, CP seconded, that Chairman/Clerk should write to express council's view that it cannot support the proposals as submitted unless these issues have been properly addressed. AG felt that it was difficult for the council to speak on behalf of farmers, cyclists, etc. The motion was carried with all in favour, with SF abstaining.

7. 4 YEAR PLAN

DW reported that the plan was ongoing, and that he had attended a recent Neighbourhood Planning meeting at Uppingham. The council need to produce the bones of a neighbourhood plan using the existing 4 year plan and present to RCC. The Chairman suggested that this should be done after the May meeting. Councillors reported that they had not seen the neighbourhood plan documentation, and DW promised to email to all.

7.1 Library: AG called for more volunteers to man extra hours. At least 20 were needed to man an extra 2 hour session each week, currently 10 have come forward. JW wanted to check that all options had been covered with regard to additional use by medical practitioners. He agreed to contact various practices in the area to see if there was interest and liaise with AG.

7.2 Website: JW had been unable to pursue at present, but will report to next meeting.

7.3 Neighbourhood Watch: AG had attended two meetings in Ryhall, with a small group now formed, an acting committee established, and a public meeting has been advertised in the Village News. 10/12 street representatives have signed up, 30/40 are needed in all. Hopefully these can be recruited at public meeting.

8. FLAGPOLE

NB reported that he was investigating a new flag to represent the parish. JW questioned the validity of some of the flags being raised, but was assured that flying celebratory flags had been mentioned in the remit for the flagpole. He suggested that a notice should be posted giving the reason for why flags were flying on particular days.

9. BRIDLEWAYS IN PARISH

The proposal from RCC to create a bridleway alongside footpath E181, south of Ryhall at the Parkfield Road end, concerned councillors. They felt that horse riders accessing the bridleway across the green area could have a detrimental impact on the grass and overall appearance. They agreed that the Clerk should write to RCC withdrawing support for this particular upgrade and recommend that it be dropped.

10. RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELD

10.1 Pavilion improvements had been made, these were ongoing.

10.2 Community Orchard is now complete. The harvestable hedge proposal is ongoing.

10.3 Drainage: The Diocese & school were responsible for this. There are difficulties in relation to the latter on account of its academy status.

11 ALLOTMENTS

11.1 Insurance: The new association will need to take out its own public liability insurance and NSAALG membership. On proposal of CP, seconded JW, all agreed that parish council should pay these costs this year, a total of £178.16. In future years the Association will meet these itself.

11.2 Allotment Association Agreement. It was agreed that this document should be signed.

12 **MAINTENANCE OF BENCHES & FENCE IN CEMETERY**

(1) Benches: Two quotes had been received for refurbishing 3 benches, quote A £120, quote B £152. CP proposed, seconded JW, all agreed, with AG abstaining, that quote A be accepted. Two further quotes, for 5 benches, quote A £190, quote B £260. CP proposed, SS seconding, all agreed, with AG abstaining, that quote A be accepted.

(2) Fencing/Gates: Only one quote received so far, SF proposed, SS seconding, all agreed, with AG abstaining, that should quote A when received be commensurate with bench quotes A, this should be accepted.

13 **GRASS CUTTING IN PARISH AND CEMETERY**

Urban Highways grass cutting was now under Parish Council control. Assurances had been received from RCC that, if necessary, it can revert to county Council control if necessary.
It was agreed, on proposal of SF, seconded NB, all in favour, that the renewal quote for the cemetery grass cutting should be accepted.

14 **INSURANCE RENEWAL**

The Clerk had discussions with Came & Co, and had established that the pavilion could be linked within the parish insurance for an additional premium of £524.17, with discounts if a 3 year agreement were entered into. The current pavilion insurance renewal quote with AON amounted to £909. Any claim on the pavilion would affect the whole of the insurance. SF proposed, DW seconding, all in favour, that the pavilion be included within the parish insurance on renewal in June, and agreed the additional premium of £86 covering the period from expiry of the AON policy at the end of March.

15 **SPEED SIGNS IN BELMESTHORPE**

A proposal received from Mr. B.Whyles concerning the re-siting of the 30mph limit signs on the approach to Belmesthorpe was discussed. The signs are not entirely visible in their present position, and the suggestion is that they should be moved to near the existing village sign, which would give traffic sight of them some 80-100 yards sooner. CP proposed, SS seconding, that the PC should support this proposal and write to RCC Highways. AG felt that the local residents should be consulted for their views first. His amendment to that effect did not get a seconder. Mr Whyles's recommendation took a vote with 8 members in favour, 1 against.

16 OTHER MEETINGS

1. Parish Council Forum meeting attended by DW,
2. County Council meeting attended by CP: Council Tax increase nil this year, overall increase of 0.3% after fire/police precept increase.
3. Rutland Neighbourhood Watch meeting in Oakham attended by AG.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

EM proposed, CP seconding, that correspondence/Finance be accepted en bloc. All in favour. :

Circulated: by email

20/1/15 Rural Community Council Awards
21/1/15 & 6/2/15 VAR Community News
5/2/15 Rutland NHW event (AG)
6/2/15 RCC 2015 Elections – Prospective Candidates event on 24th Feb
9/2/15 RCC Conduct Committee 15 Feb Review of member Code of Conduct
6/2/15 Big Energy Saving Network Rutland – declined offer of a visit
18/2/15 Rutland Draft Infrastructure Levy- Draft Charging Schedule Consultation response by 27 March
24/2/14 RMPF MInutes

To Note

- Ryhall Parish Council for the Sport, Leisure and Community Facilities Grant and Loan scheme- submitted on 29/1/15. Notification due 20th March 2015
- Response to Youth Housing Project Coordinator – Julia Thomas – for a scoping exercise on Youth Provision in Rutland to present to the Child Scrutiny Panel at Rutland County Council 19/2/15
- Rutland Environmental Questionnaire (C Howat) completed 2/2/15 The aim of the Mapping exercise is to produce a comprehensive overview within Rutland of the work undertaken by National Government and its agencies, Rutland County Council, Parish Councils and meetings, land owners, the third sector and societies and private individuals.
- Parish Mapping completed 30/1/15 RCC receive map requests from Parish Councils and operate under a Public Sector Mapping Agreement or 'PSMA' with Ordnance Survey, which poses restrictions on the types of mapping data they can make available to non PSMA members. Parish Council asked to register as a member of the Public Sector Mapping Agreement,(otherwise would be restricted in the quality and format of mapping data)

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From Ryhall United Football Club – half costs of removal of portacabin			204.67
Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams January Salary			576.67
HM Revenue & Customs			163.75
Eon Repair	31.27	6.25	37.52
Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Booklets			130.13
Ryhall Allotment Association Mini digger			450.00
Mrs C Adams Expenses			212.00
Mrs C Adams February salary			576.67
HM Revenue & Customs Tax for Feb			163.75
Eon Street Lighting maintenance	281.34	56.27	337.61
Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall			15.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting - None

Income received into Burial Account

3/3/15 For C Rippin Exclusive rights grave	226.00
3/3/15 For M G Fletcher Admin fee for Int. purchased grave	56.00

Internal Audit of accounts- Thanks to AG for inspecting the accounts prior to audit at Lamin & White and external Audit by Grant Thornton

18 **PLANNING**

Full Planning Permission granted
Fell 1 no Hornbeam tree, Crown Raise 1 No. beech Tree and Crown reduce 1 No. Beech Tree- Old Manor farm, Foundry Road, Ryhall
Installation of private treatment plant – Gwash Valley Farm, Great Casterton Road, Ryhall
Erection of extension**:** Mona House, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL

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

Refusal of Full Planning Permission
Proposed 2 storey rear extension and replacement of existing garage
4 New Road, Ryhall Stamford Lincs PE9 4HL
Refusal of Non Material Amendment
Carry up tiled pitched roof to form traditional ridge in lieu of small flat roof
Brelades, New Road, Ryhall PE9 4Hl

Withdrawal of planning application – None
Planning applications under consideration
Reduce Crown, tidy new growth and removed deadwood of 1 No Lime Tree**:** Mill Farm house, Mill Street, Ryhall PE9 4HF
Fell 8 No Sycamore trees, 11 No Ash Trees, 1 No spruce tree , 1 No Walnut tree, 1 No Birch tree. South View, Mill Street, Ryhall
Erection of grains tore 30m x 16 m: Land to the west of Newstead Lane, Belmesthorpe.
Alternations and renovations: No 2 Bridge Street, Ryhall
Crown reduce 1 No Mulberry tree by 3 M - The Vicarage, Church Street, Ryhall
Rear extension to existing dwelling – 4 New Road Ryhall – second application

19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Streetlight: SF reported that the first tall lamp on A6121 (un-numbered) was not operating. Clerk to report to Highways
Defibrillator: PH suggested that the school, Francis Court, sports clubs and local businesses and other organisations should be made aware of the location of the defibrillator.
Parkfield Road pavement re-surfacing: SS reported that when this work was done recently, the entrances to four separate properties had been omitted. Residents had complained to Rutland County Council Highways, who stated that “they had run out of money”. CP agreed to take the matter up with Highways.
Playing Field Big Gate: RR reported that, on proceeding through the big gate, there was no wheelchair access through inner gate. It was felt that this could not be remedied.

Leics. & Rutland Police Presentation: AG had attended this, which detailed the re-structuring of the force's resources. The new model meant that the North Rutland team of Appleton, Houghton & Allam would now be entirely dedicated to neighbourhood policing, without their 50% involvement in crime as hitherto. This means that we shall see more of them.

20 ELECTION 7TH. MAY 2015

PH reported that SF would be standing down from election because of his re-location, but hoped to see remaining councillors standing for re-election. Nomination papers should be available from 23rd. April.

21 PUBLIC TIME

Andy Capper advised that the Playing Fields AGM would be held at end of April and he, as chair, along with other officers would be stepping down leaving just a few committee members. He felt that more Parish Council representation was needed on the committee. PH asked if the AGM could be deferred until after the next Parish Council meeting, when the matter could be discussed more fully.

22 PRESENTATION TO SIMON FENN

PH, on behalf of the Parish Council, presented Simon Fenn with a clock to mark his retirement from the Parish Council after 23 years of service. He thanked him for his devoted service over this period, endorsed by all councillors.

23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 20TH. May 2015, 7.00pm at the Methodist Church, Ryhall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm