RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting held on
Wednesday 14th January 2015
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 D Wilby (DW)	Mr N Bellairs (NB)

Two members of the public in attendance

1.APOLOGIES

Mr. J Whowell (JW) Mr S Fenn (SF) Mr Chris Parsons (CP) Mrs Stella Smith (SS)

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 – NHW
RR – Neighbourhood Watch
DW – Four year plan
NB – Parkfield Road, Village Hall,

3.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by ES seconded by RR and agreed that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 November 2014 were a true record

4.PUBLIC TIME – No items raised

5.MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Vicarage Lane – the Diocesan Office is taking action regarding the kerbing and tarmac.

5.2 Bridge on footpath E173- the fabricated bridge is now in place. Thanks have been expressed to Rutland County Council

5.2 Cyclepath – under construction. A resident has expressed concern about the need to illuminate or put signage around the works near Coppice Road. This would help pedestrians who alight from buses on the opposite die of the A6121 and have to cross the road. Clerk to contact Rutland County Council to ask for action

5.3 Bike Rack Installation – under construction

5.4 Snow Warden Scheme Snow Warden- Thanks expressed to Mr G Roberts who has taken on the role for the parish

5.5 Planning Consultation – The Parish Councils' response had been submitted to RCC

5.6 Defibrillator Open Evening The event to commission the new defibrillator on Thursday 11 December 2014 was very successful with 30 people attending. Further two hour courses are available to groups of twelve if enough interest is generated. The Parish Council thank the EMAS for the presentation

5.7 Speed Review In Belmesthorpe

AG report on speeding activity, endorsed by the Police, has been submitted to Highways at Rutland County Council and to the Parish Councillors. AG's recommendation was to introduce a 40mph speed limit from the village to Cobbs Nook, the parish boundary. It is currently 60mph.It was proposed by AG , seconded by DW and agreed unanimously to write to RCC to support the findings of the summary and request the 40mph speed limit.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Grass cutting in Parishes

RCC have offered the opportunity for parishes to take over the responsibility for grass cutting in the parishes. To date six parishes have done this, some for many years. Rutland County Council make a contribution based on ten urban cuts per year on a two to three week basis . Rural cuts of three per year will still be undertaken by Rutland County Council. The Clerk has investigated this proposal with the grass cutting contractor Glendale who currently cut the playing fields and the new cemetery on behalf of the Parish Council. The quote was to cut all the grassed areas highlighted on the mapped and inspected areas in the parishes of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe using a cylinder cutting machine, including strimming all obstacles blowing all arisings off the footpaths and removing any small amounts of litter from site.

To cut on 14 -16 cuts a year basis during the period of March to October on a two- three weekly basis during the growing season leaving the grass cutting on site; For the sum of £351 plus VAT per cut per occasion. On the basis of 14 cuts, thus improving the number of cuts, this would work out as cost effective with the Parish Council in control of the operation. Subject to reassurances from Rutland County Council that the funding reimbursement would be in perpetuity, it was proposed by PH seconded by ES and agreed unanimously to proceed with the Glendale quotation as from 1st April 2015.

7. Four Year Plan & Neighbourhood Plan

DW has circulated the four year plan draft to Councillors and would welcome comment / amendment and feedback electronically. Agreed to finalise the document at the March Meeting. Once endorsed, then a decision will be made about a public meeting/ launch. The revised document will then be forwarded to Rutland County Council, copies held by the Clerk, in the Library and on the website.

The Clerk explained the Neighbourhood Plan scheme. Rutland County Council has asked if Ryhall is intending to prepare a NHP so it can link in with the Councils future Local Plan Review. Rutland County Council give priority to NHP prepared by the Local Service Centre villages, of which Ryhall is one and need to know intentions by 30th January 2015.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led , (not just parish council led,)framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area.
A neighbourhood plan is about the use and development of land and may contain a vision, aims, planning policies proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.
It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only.
A Neighbourhood Plan will be part of the statutory development plan for the area, if successful at referendum. This statutory status gives Neighbourhood Plans far more weight than some other local documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

Producing a Neighbourhood Plan has advantages over other kinds of plan (such as parish or community plans) because it enables communities to take the lead in their own neighbourhoods in producing part of the statutory development plan for Rutland.

Whilst the Rutland Local Plan covers the whole county, a Neighbourhood Plan would be focused on the needs of the parish and would allow the local community to specify in more detail what they expect from development.

For example, it could contain more detail on things like design, affordable housing, and preferred sites/locations for housing and other development. This is about guiding and shaping development, not undermining the delivery of development in that area.The plan could also guide the provision of infrastructure, for example, setting out priorities for new development such as improving pedestrian links, upgrading paths and open space.

It was proposed by ES Seconded by DW and agreed unanimously to take up the opportunity of producing a NHP with the proviso that if it proved too intensive a workload then we would revert to the Four Year Plan as the parish definitive document.

7.1 Library

A special folder containing a report on the results of the Village Questionnaire relating to Ryhall Library is now available for public inspection in the library. Appendix 5 is now added to the original copy, and amendment to Appendix 2 number of children in the village corrected to the figure of 315. AG pointed out it was sample representative of the population including young people. It is proposed to form a small working party which will act upon the recommendations in the report over the coming year and AG asked for assistance forming this subcommittee/ group.

It is hoped to extend the library's present opening hours through use of a team of local volunteers. In the village questionnaire a significant number of residents expressed willingness to serve on such a team. The Parish Council would like to hear from villagers again as many omitted to give their contact details. Rutland County Council is to install at their expense an automatic machine in March/ April for use under volunteer supervision. Extended opening hours would incur heating and lighting costs which AG estimates at approximately £3,000 per year.

From April 2015, there will be new computers, new software, and the self service option. Other uses of the building are being considered such as a small surgery, physiotherapy, chiropodist and a meeting centre serving tea/ coffee, although AG highlighted the need not to supplant other coffee/ fundraising events.

7.2 Website
Agreed to review costs and effectiveness of various options and packages for the next meeting

7.3 Neighbourhood Watch
AG has met with the Police and the Rutland NHW and a meeting is planned for late January with volunteers who expressed a willingness to be a street representative. In previous times there were 30 village street reps so it was hoped to regain the same numbers. Item appealing for volunteers to be submitted for the next Village News

8. Allotments Update and request for funding
The Allotment Association have requested the sum of £450 to overhaul an allotment ready to divide into two plots for new allotment holders. This includes the hire of mini digger and operator for two days, insurance fuel and VAT, collection and delivery of digger
To prevent plots non cultivation of plots occurring again, two committee members are now responsible for site induction and monitoring of plot conditions. It was proposed by DW, seconded by RR and agreed to assist the Association with this request. To clarify future responsibilities between the Parish Council and the Allotment Association an official agreement has been drawn up based on the National Allotment Society draft, which will be agreed and signed by both parties at their next respective meetings.
The Allotment Association asked the Parish council to note**:** Funded by the Association and Plot holders

(1) All the hedges have been cut to a height of 5 foot, where the owner agrees and where they have not, the hedges have been cut back to maintain the 3 foot path around the site.
(2) Ramped concrete access has now been installed at the St Tibba entrance for improved access
(3) Three more water points will be installed by April to reduce the carry distance for water cans
(4) The manure access area will be gravelled this year to improve vehicle access.

9. Agree Precept for 2015/16
The precept requests were considered.
Ryhall Library £2,500 to retain the Saturday opening hours - Agreed unanimously.
Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields requested £2,000 to build a Trim Trail. The Parish Council supports this initiative and have themselves submitted an application for £4,000 to the RCC Sport Leisure and Community Facilities Grant and Loan Scheme for such a project. Part match funding might be required in which case the £2,000 would be used for that. The outcome of the grant application will not be known until April. It was proposed by

DW, seconded by ES and agreed to a ring fenced precept sum of £2,000 for the Trim Trail project to be used either a single sum if the grant not approved or as the match funding if the grant is approved.
Ryhall St John's Church requested a contribution towards the solar panel project. although at present no ballpark figure is available. Discussion on investing in the building as a parish amenity led to the agreement that the Church should be considered in the Four year Plan. It was proposed by PH, seconded by DW and agreed to the sum of £2,500 allocated to the solar panel heating project subject to estimates. At the vote 4 in agreement; AG abstained.

Not included as precept grants but to be allocated from reserves from April 2015
Ryhall Neighbourhood Watch- £200 for re launch costs, printing, publicity and photocopying including quantities of the national NHW Stay Safe Booklet to distribute to all households.
Belmesthorpe NHW- £100 for Quarterly newsletter costs, lunch club menu cards and Stay Safe Booklets
It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed to the above expenditure.

The Clerk has produced the budget and running costs of the parish council on a yearly basis: taking into consideration increased costs, improvements to the villages via the Four Year plan and potential costs of implementation of a Neighbourhood Plan, it was proposed by ES, seconded by DW and agreed unanimously to request a precept grant of £29,150 as last year and held at this figure since 2009/10. This allows the Parish Council to have contingency funding from the reserves.

10. Street Lighting
Following a review of street lighting undertaken by AG in Belmesthorpe, he reiterated his view on the need for consideration of a light on Main Street at the east end of the village.
However, it was noted that 'There is no duty to illuminate the highway, therefore additional lighting would be for amenity value, which is a decision that Parishes would have to make, and fund' Councillors decided to take no action at this stage.

11. Ryhall Meadows Playing Fields
11.1Portacabin removal – refund for works undertaken had been received from the Football Club (£204.67)
11.2Pavilion Issues – Internal alterations to improve the Pavilion are being undertaken by the RMPF Committee. The issue of disabled toilet access is still under review.
11.3 Community Orchard- The first phase of planting the six cherry trees is scheduled for 6th February. Costs are: £55.95 x six trees = £335.66 Compost. Bone meal = £166.71 Total 502.37. Funds for this have been paid to and held in the RMPF account from the Community Funding projects. The remaining funds have been ring fenced for the second phase which will be to install a harvestable hedge on the playing fields. The proposal for the hedge will be put to the Parish Council at the March meeting.

12. Ryhall School – Drainage / Tree works – ongoing - Clerk to report progress at the next meeting

13. Bridlepaths in the parish
Rutland County Council has written to the Parish Council seeking the endorsement for the upgrade of two bridleways;

(1) *Creation of a behind hedge public bridleway along the B1176. This will provide a link with the public bridleway E169*. The Parish Council are in support of this proposal, provided there are no financial costs to Ryhall as it is in the parish of Essendine

(2) *Upgrade of public footpath E181 to a public bridleway creating a safer route south of Ryhall*.
The Clerk had responded to Roger Linford, Leics and Rutland Bridleway Association who made the initial contact, but may have given an ambiguous response due to confusion about the route. Whilst the Parish Council supports prioritising bridleways in the parish as we have numerous horses riding out each day, an upgrade of this particular footpath causes reservations. Crossing Parkfield Road green could be a problem as it is public community space and children play regularly on this green so the route would need to keep children away from horses. There was also concern that the grass would be churned by horses regularly gaining access across the field. It was agreed to seek clarification from Rutland County Council about the landowner's permissions and the potential problem of mud on the road by the white bridge where the bridleway would alight. The Parish Council agreed that the local community should be consulted about this proposal and would like more details of this proposal and any alternatives

14. **Maintenance of Benches and Fence in the new cemetery** – deferred to next meeting.

15. OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives

Village Hall Committee - PH reported the deaths of two former stalwarts of the Committee; Hilda Heughan who represented the WI ,and ex chair Sandy Collins

Network Rail – East Coast Main Line Level Crossing Closure Feasibility Study – Community Consultation. AG to represent Ryhall Parish Council, at the public exhibition relating to the level crossing closures from Tallington to Greatford. 21st or 31st January 2015.

16 CORRESPONDENCE & FINANCE

Circulated:

RCC Temporary Road closure – emailed 21/11/14
Leics & Rutland Police – 9th December event , Enderby new Operational Policing Model emailed 26/11/14
Police presentation PDF emailed 16/12/14
RCC Bulletin and Leics CC Strategy Workshops emailed 24/11/14 & 22/12/14
Rutland County Council – Review of Poling Districts – on Notice boards
Rutland County Council Minutes of Conduct Committee
Leics Fire and Rescue Service – Integrated risk management consultation
From First Contact Referral Scheme emailed 25/11/14 – offering short presentation
Invitation to East Midlands Clinical Strategic Network Event – Dec 2nd
From AG to all = Pothole Document 28/11/14
Environmental Consultation emailed 28/11/14
From RCC Consultation on draft Supplementary planning documents – 29/12/14
National Grid – Delivery of electricity transformer 9th January

To Note

Letters of thanks – Methodist church & St John's Church for precept grants for 2014/15

It was proposed by ES, seconded by NB and agreed to accept the following accounts:

Finance

Income received into Parish Account	
Western Power Wayleave	5.75
From Burial Account to RPC Community Account	
For D Toone Tax	506.40
For RCC Refuse collections	413.00
For Precision Driveway	520.00

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mr P Huddleston Chairman's Expenses			33.50
Eon Repair	23.47	4.69	28.16
Orchard Project (paid to RMPF)			502.57
HM Revenue Tax for DT and CA (163.75)			753.42
Mrs C Adams November Salary			576.67
E-On Maintenance	281.34	56.27	337.61
Glendale Grass-cutting	30.00	6.00	36.00
Ryhall Church PCC Precept			2,000.00
Mr D Lee- Painting Jubilee sign post			49.97
Steve Rudkin Electrics Testing Xmas Lights	50.00	10.00	60.00
Barker Signs Refurbish Jubilee Plaque	130.00	26.00	156.00

Lamin & White Admin fee	30.00	6.00	36.00
Cory Environmental Debris removal reissued Chq	99.34	19.87	119.21
HM Revenue Tax for CA			163.75
Mrs C Adams December Salary			576.67
Glendale Hedgecutting Turnpike and Allotments	195.96	39.16	234.96

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall			15.00
E-On Street Lighting	472.38	94.48	566.86
Cory Environmental Dog Bins emptying	260.00	52.00	312.00
Eon Light repairs	54.74	10.95	65.69
Allotment Association for mini digger			450.00

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting

Anglian Water	15.52
To Ryhall PC for D Toone/ RCC Refuse / Precision Driveways	1,439.40

Income received into Burial Account - None

17 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

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 Appication by Burghley Preservation Trust Section 73 application to vary conditions relating t o application S13/1824. Borderville Sports Centre 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

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
Mr O Vimovsky, Bearscroft Farm, London Road, Godmanchester PE29 2LQ for Fell 1 No Atlas Cedar Tree at Brelades, New Road, Ryhall, Stamford Lincs PE9 4HL

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
Appeals –

Withdrawal of planning application – None
Planning applications under consideration
Fell 1 no Hornbeam tree, Crown Raise 1 No. beech Tree and Crown reduce 1 No. Beech Tree-
Old Manor farm, Foundry Road, Ryhall
Two storey extension and replacement of existing garage - 4 New Road, Ryhall PE9 4HL
Installation of private treatment plant – Gwash Valley Farm, Great Casterton Road, Ryhall

18. Other Business & Items for future meeting agenda

Gala Committee Fundraiser Jumble sale on 24th January at the Village Hall

Flagpole – NB to research the design and costs of producing a Ryhall Flag which could be used on a regular basis on the flagpole. His proposals to be submitted to the Flagpole Committee for their comment and consideration before submission to the Parish Council at the March Meeting

May 7 Elections and Parish Councillor Vacancies

Elections for parish and town councils take place on **Thursday May 7th 2015.** There will be two vacancies on the parish council serving Ryhall and Belmesthorpe and we would be pleased to hear from any parishioner interested in joining us.

Parish councillors are volunteers who know their villages and can represent the views of the local community to other local authorities and public service providers.

Parish Councils are consulted on planning applications and other issues such as roads, and have a wide range of powers covering allotments, street lighting, footpaths, leisure facilities and cemeteries.

19. NEXT MEETING- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 7pm at the Methodist Church, followed by an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council