MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 11th JULY 2016 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

PRESENT Mr P Huddleston (Chairman) (PH),Mrs E Sismore (ES), Mr P Harris (PKH), Mr A Gombault (AG) Mrs S Smith (SS), Mr R Rushby (RR) Mr N Bellairs (NB)

01/16 APOLOGIES Mr C Parsons (CP) Mr D Wilby (DW) Mrs D Rolfe (DR)
Also apologies from Laurie Appleton, Leicestershire Constabulary

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 PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

03/16 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Minutes –It was proposed by ES, seconded by RR and agreed that the **Minutes** of the extra ordinary meeting held on 10th May and the ordinary meeting held on **16th May 2016** were correct, and be approved and signed. NB abstained.

04/16 PUBLIC TIME
Four members of the public – decided to hold public time at the end of the meeting.

05/16 MATTERS ARISING
The Old Butcher's shop – Ryhall
Rutland County Council confirm that the permitted use of the site is A1 retail sales and the use of the land for the storage of building materials is not permitted. They have been in contact with the owner of the container and the vehicle and have advised that they are to be removed from the land.
Lime Trees at the Churchyard – the first tree has been removed and the remaining ones will be monitored by RCC in the Autumn.

AGENDA ITEMS
06/16 RUTLAND LOCAL PLAN 2015- 2036 RESPONSES- Summary of sites submitted the call for sites and issues and Options Consultation
The individual site submissions are available for inspection on request at the County Council Offices in Oakham. Rutland County Council is assessing all the submissions in Rutland and will publish the details of preferred sites in late September. Consultations will then take place. Until the actual preferred sites are published the Parish Council is unable to make any response, and although it was noted that some members of the public might wish to make individual representations. Ryhall Parish Council Planning Committee is aware of this and has been tasked to be prepared to act and comment should the need arise in the Autumn. If necessary the Parish Council would host a public consultation/ extra ordinary meeting once the sites are published.

07/16 LIBRARY OPENING HOURS REVIEW
Rutland County Council consulted the Parish Council about a change to the library hours. It was proposed to close at 6pm on Monday and Thursdays as opposed to 5pm and 7pm currently. After monitoring the attendance numbers over the last six months, it was proposed by AG, seconded by RR and agreed it would seem sensible to harmonise the hours to close at 6pm on both days. Saturday morning opening times remain unaltered. Rutland County Council will inform of the start date of the new closing time and it will be published in the Village News.

08/16 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FOR RYHALL

Parishioners have been asked to contact the Clerk to register an interest if they want to become involved and work alongside the parish council set up a Neighbourhood Plan. Two members of the community have expressed an interest but a team of community representatives to take this forward is needed. It was agreed to take the initial step of designation of the parish boundary and attend other village open evenings to assess the format of an open evening. The Clerk will circulate booklets and literature on NHP to the Councillors for further information. Any public meeting would be held in early October.

09/16 STREET LIGHTING IN THE PARISHES OF RUTLAND

Following a meeting on March 15th 2016, Rutland County Council Cabinet approved that the Council upgraded all suitable stock to LED units, recover energy costs for community lighting from town and parish councils/meetings and inspect and maintain all lighting stock throughout the County.

RCC will be undertaking upgrades to all suitable streetlights over the next six months.

Once the upgrades to these lights have been completed, RCC will commence full responsibility for the maintenance of all lighting within this Parish. These upgrades should be completed by the end of November 2016.

The Parish will be re-charged the cost of Community lighting, commencing in the financial year 2017/18. This rate will be subject to change dependent on current energy prices. The energy price used for the calculation will be communicated prior to invoicing.

Ryhall's parish charge for 2017/18 will be £1045.36 based on current energy rates of £0.096317/kwh which would be invoiced in January 2018, and subsequent Januarys' thereafter.

Rutland County Council sought the agreement of all Rutland parishes to this proposal, to streamline the lighting in the whole of the county. Ryhall Parish Council has long pressed for the lighting to be taken under the remit of the County ; currently 87 lights are under the remit of the parish council.
It was proposed by NB, seconded by ES and agreed unanimously to accept RCC's proposal.
Clerk to confirm that once under RCC remit they would cover the insurance of all the lighting columns.
Noted the Eon have already announced an impending price increase in electricity as from 1st July 2016.
As an addendum, a resident has requested that the light behind his property be replaced by a short lighted bollard below fence height. It was agreed to ascertain the costs and feasibility of this.

10/16 DIGITAL BROADBAND UPDATE

AG reported on the survey he had led in Belmesthorpe. A sample of village residents from homes spread evenly around the village was asked to record their download and upload speeds on up to six separate occasions during the period end-January to early March.
AG concluded that Broadband speeds in Belmesthorpe appear to suffer from the poor-conductivity aluminium wire which carries broadband signals from the A6121 fibre cabinet. There is also little evidence of homes achieving the speeds which their ISPs have promised them which Rutland CC regard as the minimum acceptable.
The results suggest there is a case for intervention by the Digital Broadband team to upgrade the village's broadband provision. Rutland County Council has identified two areas as receiving lower than 15 Mbps speeds and therefore qualifying for their support. However, the rest of the village was not viewed as a priority and residents in Belmesthorpe would need to pursue other avenues to secure an uplift in broadband speeds. It was suggested that colleagues could conduct a similar survey of speeds in Ryhall and may wish to make representations to BT.

11/16 HIGHWAY MATTERS

(1) Update on Maintenance Inspection 24/5/16

(2) Drainage on A6121 – although a significant improvement since the drainage work was conducted it was felt that the drain was not located in the correct place and still subject to some degree of flooding . Under review

(3) Speeding Limits in Belmesthorpe - For information RCC been requested to carry out a speed survey before Cabinet on the 19th July

((4) Repainting Finger posts – ongoing

(5) Notices of proposed Temporary Traffic Restrictions on the A6121 Essendine Road, coming into force on the 11 July 2016, for carriageway resurfacing - date to be advised.

Weeds in Roadways - Comments have been received about the weeds in roadways in the village of Ryhall, the Clerk has already reported this to Rutland County Council and will continue to chase for action.

12/16 HEDGECUTTING QUOTES

It was proposed by NB ,seconded by SS and agreed to accept the following quotes for Glendale Grounds Management Ltd. Hedges to be cut as soon as possible after the end of the nesting season. **Turnpike Corner-** Cut top and side of hedgerow along roadside for the sum of £79.29 + VAT per occasion **A161 Allotment Hedge** Trim back allotment hedge on A6121 - for the sum of £73.84 + VAT per occasion Also agreed to ask Rutland County Council to cut back the Spinney hedge along the A6121.

GRASSCUTTING QUOTES

It was proposed by AG, seconded by ES and agreed to the following additional quote for Belmesthorpe village @ £81.28 plus VAT per cut per occasion

Following a site visit it was agreed that the banked areas with no kerbs required the use of strimmers for a satisfactory cut not just the general mowers which are fine for flat areas.

It was agreed to specify one a cut per month and review in September. At the vote all in favour, one against (PKH)

It was noted that grass cutting had been more frequent this season due to the excessive rain. Councillors had received various comments from parishioners and they are noted. However, using Glendale as contractors does mean direct contact to try to resolve issues quickly.

13/16 SMART PHONE APP PROPOSAL

AG circulated a proposal for the purchase of a mobile phone app at an initial set up cost of £199 plus VAT and £18 maintenance. This would complement rather than replace the existing website the two having difference capabilities .Councillors to download the sample apps and look at the product which AG believed would offer a means of significantly increasing communication between the Parish Coucnl and residents. The parish council will consider at the next meeting.

14/16TREE IN THE SQUARE

It was proposed by PH, seconded by NB and agreed to gather three quotes for pollarding the tree to reduce height and encourage lower branch growth. This would involve removing the Christmas lights and replacing them. (Notification of works to trees would be required) Costs to be agreed a t the September meeting.

15/16 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS

Report from APM – circulated to Councillors

Purchase of new play equipment – It was proposed by ES, seconded by AG and agreed to allocate the £2,000 that was ring fenced towards a trim trails to be spent on alternative play equipment in accordance with a request from the RMPRF Chairman and committee. This will still benefit the community but it is a change of priority. At the vote all in favour, one abstention (NB).

Charity Duathon -Pelargos Foundation – September 2016 –Due to an unfortunate clash of dates with a local school fundraiser this charity event in and around Ryhall has been cancelled.

16/16 RIVERBANK NETTLE REMOVAL- Belmesthorpe by the seat
AG has secured a licence for spraying the nettles from the Environment Agency. Mr Flint has offered to supply the spray , removed nettles, and replace with top soil for £100. AG will then re- sow the area with grass seed to be purchased separately. It was proposed by AG, seconded by RR and agreed to accept with thanks. RR said the seat was popular with villagers and the work would enhance the site. At the vote all in favour ,one abstention (PH)

17/16 OTHER MEETINGS – Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. Parish Forum Meeting on 18th July will be attended by AG.

18/16 PURCAHSE OF DEFIBRILLATOR FOR BELMESTHORPE
Following a NHW meeting, residents of Belmesthorpe have requested that Ryhall Parish Council match funded 50% of a defibrillator. This would be placed at an appropriate central location either the Blue Bell public house or by the village notice board. AG said that this would also benefit residents of Ryhall particularly those living on the eastern side of the River Gwash.
A quote for £1,000 had been obtained therefore Ryhall PC 's share would be £500
However, it was highlighted by NB that as the defibrillator would be located outside it would require a cabinet. Cabinets cost approximately£ 995 plus VAT. It was proposed by SS seconded by NB and agreed unanimously to allocate £1000 for the 50% share of costs .

19/16REPLACEMENT CABINET FOR DEFRIBLLATOR IN RYHALL
This is currently out of commission as it requires a new cabinet due to an incident with emergency access required by the Police who did not have the correct access code. NB to source a replacement cabinet and seek information for another cabinet for Belmesthorpe. As this is time sensitive, and to expedite the process , the Parish Council agreed to fund the replacement cabinet to get the Ryhall machine back on line as soon as possible. Agreed to the sum of up to £1,000 and seek reimbursement from the Police. Clerk to check the insurance policy. It was further agreed to fund the cost of the replacement battery and a second set of defibrillator pads (estimated @ £300)

20/16 CORRESPONDENCE
Circulated: by email
23.05.16 Draft Minutes
23.05.16 Message from RAF Wittering about flying hours
26.05.16 Highways Report from DR
31.05.16 Rutland Local Plan Review call for sites update by CA
31.05.16 Adoption of Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan
06.06.16 RCC Home to School Transport consultation and policy
15.06.16 East Leics and Rutland Clinical commissioning Group save the date for September
20.06.16 RCC LED Lighting Upgrades
21.06.16 RCC Corporate Plan
27.06.16 Stakeholder letter from Police & Crime Commissioner of Leicestershire
04.07.16 North Beat Report
05.07.16 South Kesteven Sites & Settlements Consultation
Other Correspondence
From EON increase in electricity prices from 1st July
From Cory Environmental – sold business to Biffa Waste Services
From Rutland CAB Request for donation (last year £50) It was proposed by AG , seconded by NB and agreed to donate the same amount this year - £50.

From Rural Community Council – Good Neighbour Scheme- agreed to invite a representative to the next PC meeting.

21/16 FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From Customs and Excise for VAT			3,492.62

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
Mrs C Adams Salary May			607.15
HM Revenue & Customs March			131.47
Glendale Grass cutting	1,046.22	209.24	1,255.46
Eon Street lighting electricity	281.34	56.27	337.61
Mrs C Adams Expenses March to July			163.38
A1 Fencing for Allotments			4,121.68

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			13.00
E-on Electricity	689.56	137.91	827.47
Lamin & White Admin Fee	33.00	6.60	39.60
Mrs C Adams June Salary			607.35
HM Revenue and Customs June			131.27
Glendale Grasscutting	886.16	177.23	1063.62

Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting - None

Payments to make from the Burial Account –			
Anglian Water			16.13
Glendale Grasscutting	59.36	11.87	71.23

Income received into Burial Account

MG Fletcher Memorial Headstone	56.00
S Spencer Memorial	69.00
K Brader Memorial	69.00

Payment of the expenditure as detailed above was proposed by PH , seconded by NB and agreed.

Note about Burial Account:. To close the Burial High Interest account and BPA and transfer all balances of £425.89 and 0.43p to the burial current account.

Accounts as at 5 July 2016

Current Account	19,510.81
High Interest	24,022.15
BPA	157.21
Burial Current	321.28
BPA Burial	43p
High Interest Burial	425.94

Yet to pay: Methodist precept 500 ; Ryhall NHW precept 300; Ryhall Village Hall precept 2,500

22/16 PLANNING

Full Planning Permission granted

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

Determination as to whether the prior approval of details is required (Agricultural and Forestry development)-

Appeals & Refusal of Conservation area consent- None

Refusal of Full Planning Permission-
Change of use of B8 storage warehouse to C3 dwelling house- Grange farm, Newstead Lane, Belmethorpe PE9 4JJ

Withdrawal of planning applications – None
Planning applications observations:
Remove Walnut tree to ground level; 3 x Beech Trees remove to ground level. Longcroft, Waterside , Ryhall PE9 4EY
Reduce height of silver birch by 5m of main trunk. 3 Foresters Cottages, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HP
Two storey extension side and rear with detached garage and new bay window to front; 1 Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE9 4HD

Retention of temporary building Ryhall Church of England Primary School, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR

23/16 PUBLIC TIME
Flooding on the Square – Clerk to ask RCC to site visit and resolve
Weed removal and Road sweeper visits – comment noted that if RCC offered prior notification then residents could move their cars to allow full access.

24/16 OTHER BUSINESS
Foliage near the White Bridge – Belmesthorpe – action needed to remove overgrown foliage which is obscuring visibility
Flies in the village- seems to be very random but will be monitored by Councillors
Pavements in Belmesthorpe – repair need undertaking – Clerk to report to Highways
Ash Trees – AG commented on recent press articles on ash tree die back and requested advice from the Forestry Officer at RCC.
Beaver's Proficiency Awards – if anyone has ideas about how Beaver's can earn merit awards for completing tasks proficiently please contact Paul Huddleston

25/16 <u>NEXT MEETING Monday September 5th 2016</u>