MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RYHALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 17th July 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, RYHALL

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

01/17 APOLOGIES - None

02/17 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

03/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
It was proposed by CP, seconded by ES and agreed that the **Minutes** of the Meeting held on 15th May 2017 were correct, and be approved and signed.

04/17 PUBLIC TIME - three members of the public attended- agreed to hold public time at the end of the meeting

05/17 MATTERS ARISING
Old Cemetery – Clerk has requested Rutland County Council undertake remedial works to stone wall frontage and side
New Cemetery Benches and fence posts – bench slats replaced and fence posts in situ to define boundary in field behind the cemetery
White Bridge – thanks expressed to the Councillors who undertook the cleaning of the bridge
Church Clock Guardian- Former Councillor Mr Simon Fenn wishes to remain as Guardian in perpetuity
Trees on Parkfield Road Green – due to canker and other diseases two trees were removed by Rutland County Council . They will be replaced in the autumn. Noted that Indian Horse Chestnut trees are more resistant to canker.

AGENDA ITEMS
06/17 SITE ALLOCATIONS / COMMUNITY EXHIBITION / ROADSHOW
The Rutland County Council Draft Local Plan detailing provisional site allocations for housing development , including Ryhall , is now out for Consultation which gives residents the opportunity to out forward their comments.
In the call for sites, nine areas in our parish were submitted by various individuals and groups

Following assessments by county planners, Rutland County Council put two of these sites on their preferred list. They are RYH/04, the River Gwash Trout Farm, for 14 dwellings and RYH/06/A which is described as land behind Meadow Lane. This is for 82 dwellings.

Rutland County Council is holding a series of public exhibitions and community roadshows throughout the county.
Public Exhibition - **Ryhall Library: 10th - 17th August 2017 – This is a static display for viewing**

Community Roadshow - **Ryhall Library: 17th August 2017 (2pm-6pm)- This is the opportunity to talk to Representatives**

Ryhall Parish Council will also formulate a response to the Plan.

07/17 STREET LIGHT –behind St John's Close -The matter is now closed and no further action will be taken

08/17 GRASS CUTTING FORMAL AGREEMENT. The Clerk has not received the written contract from Rutland County Council as discussed and agreed in October 2016.County Councillor DW was asked to expedite. Payment for the 2017 season has been received.
HEDGECUTTING – the Clerk confirmed that a formal request for all hedge cutting in the parish has been submitted to Glendale and Rutland County Council to ensure early cuts as soon as the nesting season is over.

09/17 WILLOW TREE ON SCHOOL BOUNDARY – Request received from Ryhall Academy to pollard or remove the willow tree on the boundary of the school grounds. A quote for £400 plus VAT has been obtained. It was proposed by CP, seconded by NB and agreed in principle to fund this essential work. The Parish Council requests the pollarding option to retain a much valued tree and seek to have the works completed earlier than the suggested date of next January / February 2018.

10/17 OPEN HOUSE @RYHALL LIBRARY – Review of the first two years – AG presented a report on the success of the Open House sessions, thanking the valued input of the committed volunteers and emphasising the importance of using the venue to its maximum capacity. The Parish Council thanked AG for his leadership on this project to re-energise the Library . Copies of the report will be circulated to Councillors for any further comment. AG to submit a précis of his report to the Village News

11/17 PARISH PLAN
A productive inaugural meeting of the Committee has produced a draft of a questionnaire to send to all households in the parish. It is being finalized and will be delivered in early September. It was proposed by PH, seconded by NB and agreed to a ballpark figure of up to £500 for printing and associated costs based on a quote obtained by the clerk. Collection points will be the Library, Village Shop and the Blue Bell Public House in Belmesthorpe. AG was asked if he could seek a representative from Belmesthorpe to join the Committee.
It has been agreed to host a photographic/ map stand alone display to promote the parish plan on Gala Day.

12/17 HIGHWAYS issues and Walk
DR reported on the action following the Highways Walk 17 May 2017.
1. The potholes that have been reported were not deemed deep enough, they have to be between 50mm and 75mm to be classed at category 2 (must be repaired within 3 months) However, the pot hole at the New Road/ Lea View junction will now be repaired.
2. Footpaths- St John's Close footpath has been resurfaced but due to subsequent surface issues, Highways will be asked to re-inspect it. The footpath from the Library to Francis Court is scheduled for an upgrade with new surface dressing. The footpath opposite the White Bridge on Mill Street requires an assessment by the Rutland Disability Access group before a works order can be prepared.
3. Noted that edging should have been undertaken before the road was resurfaced in Belmesthorpe. Noted that a trial of road surfacing will be considered for the St John's Close turn around / school drop off area.
4. Fingerposts – Rutland County Council do not have budget available to refresh signage for aesthetic purposes. The Parish Council may consider undertaking repainting them (volunteer basis by a working party) provided that a risk assessment is undertaken.

5. St Eabba's Close/ A6121 Following a request for speed reduction signs outside St Eabba's Close, Rutland County Council have responded. It was proposed by PH, seconded by CP and agreed to endorse all the proposals below:

- Subject to available budget ,Rutland County Council propose providing a new village nameplate with incorporated 30mph sign on a yellow backing board and moving it and the current speed restriction signs out to just beyond the car wash site.

- There is a 30mph repeater sign on the footway side 50 metres from the last streetlight but this is buried in the hedge. RCC propose to move that to the opposite side of the carriageway to make it more visible to drivers travelling uphill, and also mark a 30mph roundel on the carriageway surface at this point.

- Another set of repeater signs on the footway side where the current speed restriction signs are could be installed this too could be supported by a roundel on the surface for vehicles travelling into the village.

- Budget permitting Rutland County Council could mark a gateway feature with roundels on a coloured patch and shark teeth markings at the village entry.

13/17 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SCHEME
The Parish Council is hosting a table top event on Monday 31st July 2017 at 2- 5pm in the Library. The session is to run through an action check list and demonstrate that the resilience plan would work in an emergency. This will then qualify the parish for funding to purchase emergency equipment. DW will lead, in conjunction with Andrew Murr, Leicestershire's Senior Resilience Officer.

14/17 CODE OF CONDUCT Copies had been circulated for a review and observations. Councillors were satisfied with the document in its current format and its contents were noted. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations will be reviewed at the September meeting**.**

15/17 RYHALL MEADOWS PLAYING FIELDS - following the recent acquisition and expense of re-gravelling it was agreed to retain the status quo, with regard to the use of the roadway. The gate needs to be kept closed at all times as only users of the playing fields are permitted to use/ park on the gravel roadway. Play equipment repairs are ongoing. The Parish Council requires a copy of mr K Altham's renewed insurance policy for his maintenance work

16/17 WINTER MAINTENANCE – Rutland County Council seek comment from the Parish Council to prepare for winter highways maintenance. The Parish Council will reiterate their request for the reinstatement of the gritting route through the village – New Road, The Square, Church Street, Rutland Way. Request for a new grit bin half way up New Road hill by the phone box to be considered after gritting route confirmed. Replacement bin to be requested for the bottom of Castle Rise as the old Rutland County Council yellow bin is severely split. If Rutland County Council will not fund a replacement it was proposed by SS seconded by ES and agreed that the Parish Council would fund a new one.

17/17 ALLOTMENTS Inspection report and consider works to trees on boundary. The report had been circulated to the Parish Council. It was agreed to action works to the two high priority items. Tree Number 257(fell elm) and Tree Number 258(remove very large deadwood at the top of a beech tree) and one low risk item Tree Number 265 (remove deadwood of beech) Clerk to obtain quote for the works. It was proposed by PH, seconded by NB and agreed to a budget ball park figure of £500. To review on next agenda.

18/17 <u>OTHER MEETINGS –</u> Reports from Councillors on meetings they have attended as parish council representatives. PH reported on the successful village hall event to salute Mrs Betty Edwards

for her 44 years of dedication to the village hall committee. She has been appointed honorary life President.

19/17 CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated: by email

17.05.17 Draft Minutes
05.06.17 Cottesmore Recycling Centre update
05.06.17 North Beat Report
07.06.17 Rutweb Monthly website report
08.06.17 LRALC Rutland Branch AGM Minutes
08.06.17 Village News for July
15.06.17 Oakham Town Centre Improvement consultation
16.06.17 Parish Forum questions & responses to the planning committee
19.06.17 Parish Plan notes of the inaugural meeting held on 15.6.17
26.06.17 LRALC Newsletter
03.07.17 Rutweb care report
03.07.17 North Beat report
03.07.17 Parish Forum agenda
10.07.17 LRALC Training courses – highlighted to Councillors

General

Lincs Rural Housing Association Brochure
Leics & Rutland Playing Fields Association AGM documents to DW and RMPF
Cemetery Fees to David Toone
Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau – Notification of the appointment of Mr Simon Mutsaars, new CEO. The Bureau offered to attend a PC meeting to outline services. It was decided to decline at present although the PC is supportive of the CAB.
Anglian Water – From 1st October 2016, the company have taken over the responsibility of all private pumping stations and wish to notify any local residents who may have one, if so they are urged to contact Anglian Water direct
From Seafarers UK – regarding flying the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day. Details to be passed to the Flag Committee
From Rutland CAMRA Branch – register local pubs as Assets of the Community –the Parish Council had requested more information from the CAMRA Chairman buth ad failed to get a response - Clerk to contact again.

FINANCE

Income received into Parish Account

From RCC for Grass cutting for season 2017/18		9.492.24
VAT refund submitted to HM Revenue for 2016/17	(yet to receive)	3,691.33

Payments made since last meeting	**Nett**	**VAT**	**Total**
16/05.17 S Whittle for installation of Defibrillator			95.00
25/05/17 Rutland County Council Library precept donation			2,500.00
25/5//17 Mrs C Adams Salary for May			851.39
25/05/17 HM Revenue & Customs tax for May			282.86
26/05/17 Biffa Waste Dog bins to June to Sept	260.00	52.00	312.00
08/06/17 The Grasscutter Cemetery and Churchyard for May			346.08
08/06/17 Glendale Grass cutting for May	1,015.80	203.16	1,218.96
08/06/17 Mr K Altham White Bridge clean			30.00
15/06/17 Ryhall Methodist Church Hire of Hall for parish plan			15.00
20/06/17 Mrs C Adams Expenses March to June			126.94
03/07/17 The Grasscutter			173.04
03/07/17 Mrs C Adams **Sa**lary for June			851.39
03/07/17 HM Revenue & Customs Tax for June			282.86
03/07/17 Lamin & White Admin Fees	39.00	7.80	46.80

Payments to be made at meeting:	**Nett**	**VAT**	**TOTAL**
Ryhall Village Hall Hire			15.00
Glendale Grass cutting for June	1,015.80	203.16	1,218.96
Payments made from Burial Accounts since last meeting			
Mr K Altham Works to Cemetery fence and benches			259.08
Anglian Water Burial tap			19.00
Payments to make from the Burial Account – None			

Income received into Burial Account

25/05/17 H Palmer	69.00
25/05/17 E Pattinson	69.00
25/05/17 D Nobbs	69.00
25/05/17 D Moat	235.00
25/05/17 R Moat	235.00
01/06/17 K Moat	470.00
10/07/17 M & P Darline	75.00

Accounts as at 17/07/17

Current Account	25,662.02
High Interest	24,028.13
Burial Current	1,044.25

Payments of the expenditure as detailed above was proposed by ES, seconded by CP and agreed.

20/17 <u>PLANNING</u>

Full Planning Permission Granted Proposed detached dwelling with garage and parking on land to the rear of Homestead, Church Street, Ryhall PE9 4HR **FUL/ 0259/FUL**

Extend existing free range shed and free range hen shed . Land off Little Casterton Road, Ryhall **2017/0315/FUL and 2017/0317/MAJ**

Two storey extension , single storey rear extension, porch to principle elevation and internal alternations. Alternations to existing garage roof construction. Re-position of boundary wall. 2 Beech Drive Ryhall PE9 4EW **2017/0350/FUL**

Development of 7 Dwellings Land off Belmesthorpe Lane, Ryhall Rutland **2016/1143/FUL**

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-
Refusal of Full Planning Permission- & Refusal of Non Material Amendment
Refusal of Notice of Prior Approval
Demolition of existing property to build new residential property- Elderflower Cottage, Belmesthorpe Lane, Ryhall PE9 4JF **2016/1196/FUL**

Withdrawal of planning applications – None

Planning applications observations:
1 Hawthorn, 1 willow reduce height by 3M , reduce 2 laterals by 2.5M including foliage growing onto cypress. 1 No Ash remove lover branches over neighbours garden- Hemgate House, New Road PE9 4HL **2017/0455/CAT**

Proposed rear extension and replacement ancillary garage/ storage building. Bridge House, Mill Street, Ryhall PE9 4HF **FUL/0520/LBA 2017/0519/FUL**

External improvements to main house to include new windows, doors, render, roof tiles, soffits together with replacement sun lounge, garage and stores. 20 Lea View Ryhall PE9 4HZ **FUL/0569/FUL**

Single storey garden room extension – The Bungalow, Turnpike Road, Ryhall PE94HD **2017/0633/FUL**

Change of use from grass field to garden at rear of Shield Cottage, Main Street, Belmesthorpe, PE9 4JQ **2017/0622/FUL**

21/17 PUBLIC TIME
Concern expressed about the state of the grass verge by the newly erected egg house on the A6121.
Footpath/ Cyclepath – overgrown hedge encroaching onto pathway on the Essendine Hill
Clerk to report both issues to Rutland County Council

22/17 OTHER BUSINESS
Notice board – St John's Close - vegetation needs cutting back to afford easier access
Anglian Water – repair required to a water meter cover located on Vicarage Lane
Excessive speeding on Newstead Lane - noted
Reports of refuse vehicles damaging the road surface on the Parkfield garages area. As this is private land it was suggested that residents to write to RCC requesting action
Neighbourhood Watch- DR reported that committee membership is low and appealed for new members to spread the workload. It is hoped that the President will be able to continue in her role as she is very valued. The Speed Watch Campaign which was approved has now been withdrawn due the financial constraints of the Road Safety Partnership. As an alternative, the Committee is considering the purchase of a speed sign (cost £200 - £300) which attaches to lampposts and is transferrable. It would be located within the village. The Committee is investigating all the options, they wish to alert the parish of this idea and seek the endorsement of the parish council.

23/17 - Next meeting - Monday September 18th 2017 at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Ryhall. It was agreed to nominate future meetings dates for Nov, January and March to allow for Councillors to plan ahead.